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<u>Parish Finance</u>		
P/Giving	17 December	\$1,423.20
D/Debit	(November)	\$1,710.00

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest : Fr Jeronimo Flamenco Castillo

www.petertheapostle.org
Facebook: St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church—Bedford/Inglewood

Weekday Mass	Tuesday - Friday 9:00am
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Weekend Masses	Saturday 6:00pm
	Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

Parish Office (Administration)

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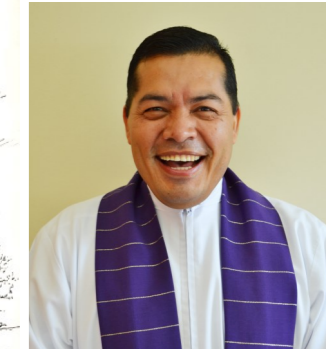
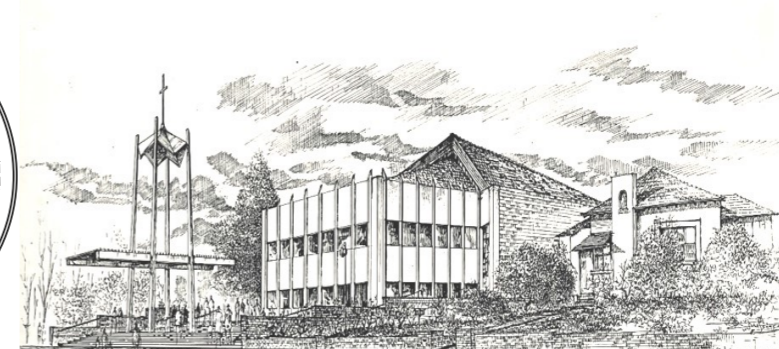
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4th Sunday ADVENT
(Christmas Eve) Year B 2023



Our Motto : Believe, Be Seen, Become

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE..... from *Fr Jeronimo Flamenco* (Parish Priest)....

Advent is a time of waiting. In the silence of Advent we awaken to something deeper in our daily life. This awakening invites us to a transformation and this transformation, through the Spirit motivates us to share with others what is awakening in our life.

In Advent we come to realise that Jesus was born once in a manger, however he is being reborn each day in our lives. So this is a time to listen deeply to where Jesus is coming into our life each day through our awareness and our encounters with others. He is a generous God who desires each day to share his life with us. Can I stop in silence and awareness to experience this gift? God, Holy Spirit give me the grace and the trust to believe that you would love me so much that you would seek to be in my life and be the motivation for all that I am called to be and do?

Christmas is our "Yes" and celebration of the many times during the year that we have continued to experience the new awakenings of Jesus in my life! The gift of presents is a symbol to others that we are prepared to share the gifts that God has given to us!

The Wise Men when they came to visit the newborn Jesus surrender what they thought were their gifts. In return having experienced this encounter with the source of life, not only did they go home a different way, they also went home differently. They were transformed by the experience. And so will we be!

Advent and Christmas both invite us to wait and awaken, then encounter, and be invited to transformation. This is the grace of this season.



At encounter with the Sacred One frees me to walk new paths.
They went home differently.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL...

**WISHING YOU & FAMILY A WONDERFUL
& SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON...**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve

Outdoor Mass 6pm at School Grounds
Carols starts 5.30pm

Vigil Mass 9pm at Church
Carols starts 8.45pm

Midnight Mass (25th Dec 00:00) 12am at Church
Carols starts (24th Dec) 11.30pm

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

Morning ONLY 9am at Church
Carols starts 8.45am

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Outdoor Mass 6pm

Reading 1 Isaiah 62 : 1 - 5
Reading 2 Acts 13 : 16 - 17, 22 - 25
Gospel Matt 1 : 18 - 25 (Shorter Form)

Vigil Mass 9pm

Reading 1 Isaiah 62 : 1 - 5
Reading 2 Acts 13 : 16 - 17, 22 - 25
Gospel Matt 1 : 18 - 25 (Shorter Form)

Midnight Mass 00:00 (12am)

Reading 1 Isaiah 9 : 1 - 7
Reading 2 Titus 2 : 11 - 14
Gospel Luke 2 : 1 - 14



READINGS 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass & Sunday 9.30am

A Reading from the second book of Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

Baptism Preparation Session

If you wish to have your child baptised in our parish, it is a requirement that parents and godparents attend a preparation session **prior to baptism**. Next session for 2024 are as follows : 11 Feb, 14 April, 16 June. Please email our parish office for more details: admin@stpetersbedford.au.

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH OFFICE—HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Our Office will close from 1pm on 22nd Dec 2023 to 3rd Jan 2024. The office will resume at 9am on Thursday 4th Jan 2024. God Bless...

BAPTISM

Please Note : Our Baptism will resume back on Sunday 14th January 2024. If you wish to have your child baptised in our parish, please email our parish office : admin@stpetersbedford.au. Thank you and God Bless..



READINGS on CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th December 2023 — 9.00am



A Reading from the prophet Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

R: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Shorter form John 1:1-5. 9-14

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ