

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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19th December 2021

## First Reading

Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will ex-  
tend his power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

## Second Reading

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law  
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices,  
the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and  
you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am!  
I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort  
to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be  
made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all  
by Jesus Christ.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the  
mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in  
the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house  
and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard  
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth  
was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and  
said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed  
is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a  
visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your  
greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for  
joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise  
made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



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# IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

## PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

**Parish Office: Iona - 0456000990 Kooweerup - 59971510**

**Parish Website: [www.imkcatholicparishes.com.au](http://www.imkcatholicparishes.com.au)**

### Parish Team

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**Bec Kollaris (Principal)**

**St John the Baptist Primary School, 5997 1653**

**Chris Dortmans (Principal)**

### Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

**Anne Nunn (KWR) Marlene Dalziel (Lang Lang)**

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Monday 20/12	Kooweerup	8.00am
Tuesday 21/12	Iona	9.30 am
Wednesday 22/12	Iona	9.30 am
Thursday 23/12	Kooweerup	9.15 am
Christmas Eve	See schedule	
Christmas Day	Lang Lang	9.00am
Sunday 26/12	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll Lang Lang	9.00am 9.00 am

**Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 NNG**

**1st, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.00 to 9.20 KWR**

**Other times by appointment**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

### RECONCILIATION

**Kooweerup**

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7.30pm**

**Iona**

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7.30 pm**

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

St James Nar Nar Goon

Mass

5.30 pm

St John the Baptist Kooweerup

Mass

7.30 pm

Carols

7.00pm

St Joseph's Iona

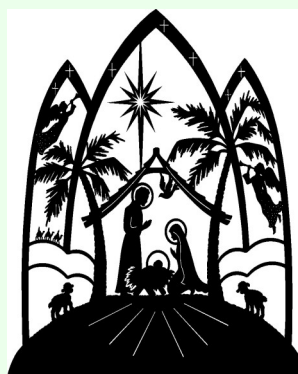
Mass

9.00 pm

Holy Family Maryknoll

Liturgy

7.00 pm



### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St Mary's Lang Lang

Mass 9.00 am

### PLEASE NOTE

As per latest government guidelines, attendance number and vaccination status limits no longer apply to Masses or Liturgy celebrations. This means that all Christmas celebrations are open to everyone, masks are not required, however check in via QR code is mandatory



# Parish Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Louise Cafarella,

**Anniversaries :** Fr John Gowen, Mgr Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Fr John Nolan, Fr Daniel Lordon

**Recent Deaths:** Keith Staindl, Mgr John Allman  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

## OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND

Iona: Stewardship—\$835.00 Presbytery— \$263.15

KWR: Stewardship—\$954.00 Presbytery - \$263.20

**Christmas Offerings will be taken up at Christmas Masses and may be handed in any time after that.**

Please use the following link if you would like to donate online

<http://imkcatholicparishes.com.au/donate>

Or contact your Parish office. **Thank you**

## Lang Lang Community end of year breakfast

The Lang Lang community will celebrate after the 8am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December with breakfast at Wendy Mai's Café in Lang Lang from 9 am.

This is at your own cost, but is certainly early enough to still allow attendance at other commitments so close to Christmas.



## SYNOD 2021-2023 Let's Walk Together!

**Our Celebration:** Communal celebrations where we explore God's Word and break bread are our glue. Are our celebrations

guiding and inspiring our decisions & our lives and where are they failing? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of->



Anyone in Kooweerup whose garden is in need of a spruce up.

Please contact Mark on 0405992740



## Parish Reading Rosters

18th/19th DEC	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	THERESE V		
KWR	CONNIE		
IONA	LEONIE		
MKNOLL	WIN	GADY	MAM
LANG LANG	MARLENE		MASS
26TH DEC	READERS	MUSIC/LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	NO MASS		
KWR	PETER G		
IONA	MARY S		
MKNOLL	VOLUNTEERS		
LANG LANG	VOLUNTEER	MARY C	

## Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
19/12	JO/KERRY	
26/12	LIZ HARRISON	

## Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA	NNG
DECEMBER—JO	26TH DEC—ALISON	12/12 TO 25/12 SHARON
	2ND JAN—MARY S	26/12 TO 8/1—KAREN LAWLOR

## PRAYER GROUP IONA

Meets every Thursday morning at 9.30am at Iona.  
 FOR DETAILS CONTACT: MARY SAYERS: 5629 5339

## FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm at the St John's meeting room.

**Next Meeting: TBA**

# Parish Events/Information

## PARISH OFFICES

**Iona-Maryknoll** parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon  
Open Mondays 9.00 to 2.00 and Friday 9.00 to 1.00—Sharon (Parish Secretary) Ph. 0456000990  
Email: ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au

**Kooweerup** Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St)  
Contact Anne Nunn. Phone 59971510 Mob. 0457971265 Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

**IONA-MARYKNOLL PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** Des Wynne (Chair), Gady Noonan (minutes) Frank Rovers, Leo Garvey, Sharon Sparks, Ray Hearn and John Van Boxtel Next meeting: TBA

**KOOWEERUP FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Members—John Hester, Enzo Buccheri, Harold Keily, Peter Feltham  
Parish Finance committees advise the Parish Priest on financial policies and matters of the Parish.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Iona-Mknoll reps: Sam Franz, Bernadett Chandler, Rose Ahrens KWR reps: Harold Keily, Peter Gallagher, Peter Damon, Bernie Hance. Minutes secretary—Sharon Sparks

Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kollaris **Next meeting Monday Dec 20th at Kooweerup**

**HALL HIRE:** For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - Iona hall— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844, Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets on the 4th Sunday of the month.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

### FEBRUARY 20TH 2022

**The Pastoral council have invited Fr Peter to  
return to the Parish on Sunday February 20th  
for a farewell lunch after 11.00 am Mass at Iona  
All Welcome!  
More info to follow.**



### **Fr Peter retirement collection begins this Sunday**

St John's will have a special collection plate at the entrance and exit to the Church  
Iona- Maryknoll parishioners please contact the Parish office  
Thank you

## **REFLECTION by Greg Sunter**

The gospel passages of the second and third weeks of Advent this year featured John the Baptist in his role of preparing the way for the coming of Jesus; the one who announces the arrival of the Christ. In this week's passage, which goes back to an earlier point in the gospel of Luke, we might say that the as yet unborn John is already recognising the presence of the Christ. When Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, the child within Elizabeth's womb – John – leaps for joy. At the time of the Annunciation, when Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she was to give birth to a child, Mary is also told that Elizabeth and Zechariah, although very old, were to also give birth to a child. Mary rushes to visit Elizabeth, not to make sure that the angel was telling her the truth but because the fact that Elizabeth was also pregnant was a sign of confirmation to Mary that she had indeed made the right decision. Elizabeth's unlikely pregnancy confirms for Mary the even greater truth of her own pregnancy. These two women, separated by age and distance, share a common experience of God acting in their lives to bring about unlikely events. The lives of their two children will be inextricably linked such that the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb will eventually baptise the other and announce the arrival of his ministry to the people of Israel. The joy expressed by Elizabeth and her child reflects the joy of all people of faith as we draw so close to the celebration of Christmas and the greatest expression of God's love – to enter into the world as one just like us and share our experience.

**Greg Sunter** has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.