

## Parish Prayer Calendar – December 2017

<i><b>“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” John 1:14. Thank you, Jesus.</b></i>	
1	Father, keep us aware of your presence and your purposes for us in this busy month ahead.
2	Bless those at the Holy Rood Men’s Breakfast today so they can serve you better.
3	Holy Spirit, please move in the hearts of your people to come together for worship. Be present at the St James Sunday School Break-up at Len Fox Park, Labrador.
4	We ask, Jesus, that you will work in the hearts of those doing the 4 Advent Bible Studies. Help us all to prepare for the time we celebrate your coming into the world.
5	Lord Jesus, encourage, empower and guide all musicians in our parish. Give them the gifts they need to lead your people in the various services. Help the St Matthew’s Musicians when they meet on Thursday evening.
6	Christmas Equip Night at St James. Lord, please move many in our congregations to attend and to help us to reach out to others.
7	Lord, we ask that many will come to the Christmas Communion Service at Magnolia today. We pray for Don and those taking part. Thank you for the devotion of many of the residents
8	Pray for the thousands of teachers and students who finish school for the year. Thank you Lord for the Mainly Music ministry. We ask for safety on the roads and in all areas of activity.
9	Aunty Jean Phillips’ “Christmas Cafe” is at St Andrew’s South Brisbane this evening. Pray it will be a blessing and a challenge to those who go. Remember all indigenous Christian leaders.
10	May the St James Car Park Carols tonight touch the lives of many, dear Lord. Guide all the musicians and organisers.
11	We pray for all Home Groups. May all members grow in the knowledge and love of God and of one another.
12	Plead with the Lord to provide us with the Associate Priest of His choice.
13	Remember all those for whom this month and the festive season bring sadness and pain. May they find peace. Help them to juggle work, family, leisure.
14	Inspire the PATSIMAC GROUP that meets today, dear Lord. Show them how to support the indigenous Christian leaders we know.
15	We remember the picnic in the park that Faith Green is organising for families in the Logan area. We praise you Lord for the kindness of many who provided and packed boxes of gifts for children that will be distributed there.
16	Pray for John, Felicity, Gary and Margaret as we enter a busy week. We ask for your strength, guidance, wisdom and good health for them.

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17	For the services at all centres we pray today and ask already that, Lord Jesus, your Holy Spirit will be prompting those you want at our Christmas services to come.
18	Please direct all those planning the Christmas services, that they will be well organised, glorifying to you and attractive to regulars and fringe people alike.
19	Pray for the Parish Craft Groups, that all the activities will bring glory to you. Be with the husbands of some of the Coomera Circle who are unwell.
20	Thinking of our link missionaries, Adam, Helene, Leo, Ellie and Bertie Ramsay and the team of church workers in Chibo, Japan, may their Christmas programmes help people to know you.
21	For all those we know who are suffering in any way – in sickness or anxiety over family, jobs or finances. Protect those who are depressed from danger.
22	We give thanks for Amer, his family and the Christians in Jordan who minister to refugee women in Damascus and some of the million plus refugees in the country.
23	Father, we pray for our increasingly secular society over the Christmas period. Move people’s hearts and minds to ponder your great love in sending Jesus to love and die for all people.
24	Pray for the services in all our centres today, that many will be blessed and want to join our communities. Pray especially for the 6 pm ones at St James and St Matt’s.
25	Praise to you our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we remember the unfolding of your plan from the beginning to bless all nations of the earth and to draw people to yourself.
26	As we celebrate the life of Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr, we give thanks for Rosie and Lyn our deacons and their families. Guide them in 2018.
27	We pray for Christian schools. May they be a place where young people come to know and trust you. For Chaplains as they recover from the hectic year. Give them your plans for 2018.
28	We give thanks, Lord, for family, friends and for our Christian brothers and sisters. Pray again for an Associate Priest.
29	May most of us Australians who have plenty use our resources wisely to help those in need.
30	Pray for those preparing for Christian conferences, Summer Schools and Camps in January, especially the CMS SS from 5 <sup>th</sup> January and Junior Ichthus from the 10 <sup>th</sup> January.
31	For services today. We pray Lord for hope as we face a new year.