



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Day | Year A Cycle II | 21/25 December 2025



Christmas Blessings to All!

At the root of the holiday season, sometimes buried beneath the well-intentioned array of lights, decorations and wrapping paper, remains the single transformational moment that we celebrate.

Jesus being born. God entering our world.

We invite all to celebrate this sacred event with us, parishioners and visitors, as we remember God's greatest gift to us.

For great prayer ideas at this busy time of year visit: <https://hallow.com/blog/christmas-prayer-catholic-blessings/>

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24 December	Christmas Day 25 December
Carols 4:30pm Children's Nativity Mass 5:00pm	Morning Masses 8:00am and 9:30am
Christmas Vigil Mass 7:00pm	Mass 11am at Reynolds Court Chapel Bias Avenue Bateau Bay
Carols 11:30pm Midnight Mass 12:00am	Maronite Mass 5:00pm

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Extraordinarily Blessed

Those who received Jesus and believed in him were extraordinarily blessed: they were given the power to become children of God. Today too, all those who accept and believe in Jesus become sons and daughters of God. They receive a new identity, a new status. It is a cause of great joy to know the Son of God came to earth not only to enrich us with divine wisdom but also to transform us through his grace and truth. What a privilege it is to be assured that the Word took flesh and blood not only to free us from sin and death, but also to make us children of God and members of God's family! It is all the result of the divine action.

All that is asked of us is to keep our hearts open to him, accept him as our Lord and Saviour and entrust ourselves to him totally. On this day of Christmas we praise and thank God for this special privilege bestowed upon us. How deep is my faith in Jesus as my Saviour and Lord? Have I grown enough to accept others as children of God?

God's Word Fr Sebastian Ampattu SSP

God is Good

The child will be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us." The baby Jesus, lying in the manger, is proof that God is not a distant figure, but is right here in our midst, intimately involved in your life and mine. The awesome power of God is hidden in the helplessness of a tiny baby.

If we are honest, this is not normally who we think God is. Perhaps our image of God is an old man on a cloud, a Santa figure keeping records of who is "naughty or nice". Or, worse still, someone to fear; someone who is eager to judge us and punish us for our sins. But at Christmas we see God as he truly is. He becomes weak, poor and vulnerable in order that he might share himself and be loved by us. God takes on human flesh, hidden in the ordinary and the mundane surroundings of a stable. He chooses humanity and in so doing he tells us that God is good, the world is good, we are good. He gives us hope in a hurting world, promising to be by our side in good times and bad, in moments of joy and in times of pain and struggle.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Love is in the Little Things

The loving hearts of Mary and Joseph provided a loving welcome to the newborn Jesus. They had little to offer in the way of material goods, but had they been wealthy magnates, God wouldn't have chosen them for his Son. Too often, a hefty bank balance distracts someone's attention from the things that really matter: the invisible treasures which lie deep within the heart. That's why God couldn't have cared less about the wooden beams, draughty woodwork, straw, curious animals and a manger.

The Christmas message is often overlooked by our materialistic society. Just look at the television ads which spread their news of products we can't do without. Yet does it make much difference if we buy our carrots from this supermarket rather than another, or do without a turkey? How often do businesses proclaim the toy, gadget or piece of jewellery which will make life infinitely happy? Yet isn't the real Christmas gift simpler? It's an "I love you" which might even be unspoken but helps someone to feel valued and their companionship worthwhile. It's the little things that count.

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Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Children's Christmas Mass Rehearsal

All children are invited to dress up as angels and shepherds for the 5pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to participate in the reenactment of the Nativity they may come to the rehearsal on Tuesday 23 December at 10am in the Church. Costumes are provided for all those participating.



St Vincent de Paul Thanks You!

The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generous response to its Christmas Appeal last weekend. Through your donations Vinnies will provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia, and our local area, this Christmas. Any further envelopes may be added to the regular collections.

Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish this Christmas. It is good to have you with us. Our parish family wishes everyone a happy and holy Christmas, with the blessing of the Season, for your time at The Entrance. If you have any queries during the Christmas break please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Rosan, Deacon Paul or Deacon Tony after the Masses.

End of Year Celebrations



Pictured above is the end of School Year Mass with OLR Students and Teachers, top right we have the Youth Christmas Party and below right the Priests of our Diocese' Annual Christmas Luncheon.



4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18-24

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Lerotic, Rayward/Wilkinson and Robertson families whose children are being Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Stephen, First Martyr, 26 December; St John, Apostle, 27 December.

Communion Under Both Kinds

Those wishing to receive the Chalice need to line up on the left-hand aisle for the Host then go to the left to receive the Chalice. As is the Church custom the minister will give you the Chalice to consume a small amount of the Precious Blood and then you will hand it back to the minister. N.B. After the minister says 'The Body of Christ', or 'The Blood of Christ' we reply with: 'Amen'.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass for residents will be held at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Office Closed

The Parish Office and OLR Sacred Gifts will closed from 24 December to 5 January.

Car Park Closure

Please be aware the carpark gates are locked after the Saturday and Sunday morning services and are not opened again until the evening service.

On Holidays

Anointing of the Sick, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday Cuppa, Men's Group and Franciscan meetings are not held in January. They will resume in February.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Donations support the Priests of our diocese – active and retired. Envelopes are on the entry tables.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Adam Leslie, Steve Ojurovic, Vera Benotic, Christopher Ryan, Elizabeth Turner, Sue Rowan, Dongsoo Shin, Graham Henneberry.

Anniversaries: Ana Naraj, Josephine & Frank Ragonesi, Bill Martin, Jeanette Leonidas.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Denis Farrell, Annette Howell, Frank Malone, Maria & Richard Lucchese, June Maher, Leo Lowe, Kathy Lowe-Scafidi, Mary Gatt, Ralph, Ruth, Sidney, Margie, Leonie, Neliya, Trevor, Monica & Hugh Jeyesuria, Duke Leonidas, Noel de Silva, Lakshman Perera and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: O'Sullivan & O'Neill.

Sick: Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Kehlani & Dante Wilton-Ferrin, Hamilton Froud, Elliot, Alice & Violet Diggins.



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Merry Christmas to All!

We wish you all a lovely Christmas break and will see you in the New Year! We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.