



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November**

For a Life of Prayer

*We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*



**Vox Populi**

The Voice of the People

Message from Rebecca Billing

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**Sunday Reflection**

My dear Parishioners,

The readings for the weekend speak of God’s gracious initiative towards us. Their focus is not on what we do for God but on what God does for us. In the Book of Samuel, David plans to do a great service for God, no less than to build a beautiful temple as a house of prayer.

As Paul says in his epistle, ‘God who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will also with him give us everything else!’ In the Gospel of Luke, God’s choice of Mary was not exclusive in that sense. In choosing Mary, He was choosing all of us. He chose Mary for all our sakes. The good news is that Mary did not let us down. Although initially disturbed and perplexed by the message, she eventually surrendered fully to that mysterious choice of God. Having been graced in this mysterious way, she responded wholeheartedly, “Let what you have said be done to me.” And because of her response to God’s choice, we can all sing, “the Almighty has done great things for us.” We have all been graced through Mary’s response to God’s choice of her.

This is the special time of year when we allow God, to be the God of abundant graces, it is a time when we come before Him and open ourselves to His gracious love and presence.

With prayerful wishes,  
**Fr Peter de Souza**

*“I’ll be home for Christmas, You can plan on me Please have snow and mistletoe, and presents by the tree”  
- Michael Bublé*

With these lyrics **We welcome you all home for Christmas, We welcome you to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist, We invite you to a full participation and Communion for the same. We invite you to personally read Bishop Anthony’s letter dated the 15 December 2020, which is attached for your reading too, and once again let us come home for Christmas, as disciples, gathered to celebrate forever God’s incarnate love, in the Person of Jesus.**

**Fr Peter de Souza**

**First Reading**

[2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16](#)

The Lord speaks to Nathan.

**Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

[Rom 16:25-27](#)

God strengthens the Gentiles in their understanding of the Gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

[Lk 1:38](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel**

[Lk 1:26-38](#)

The angel Gabriel visits Mary, who responds willingly to God.



The **fourth candle** symbolizes

**Peace** and is called the “Angel’s Candle.” The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace – He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.

**Advent Prayer**

**Leader** : Lord, you are the light of the world.

**All** : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Leader** : Heavenly Father, we long for our plan of rescue and redemption to be realized. Give us hearts that see Your beauty and wait in hope for You to make all things good and new again.

**All** : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Leader** : May Your light and love shine brightly in our hearts, spreading hope and peace to those around us.

**All** : Amen.

**Bishop Anthony’s Pastoral letter & Prayer Card** Please help yourselves with the copies located at the back of the Churches.



**30 Dec – Fr Biju begins his 24<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest**, our prayerful journey for him in the coming year, and our gratitude for the gift of his Priesthood as he shares that gift with us in the Community and beyond. God's Special blessing.

**Our Celebration of gratitude, in thanksgiving:** For the Ministry and Person of Fr Biju to our Community, will be celebrated on 10 January 2021 *at the 9.30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.*

**Bulletin Publication** Our last bulletin for the Year will be for **19/20 December 2020**. We will recommence publishing on **30/31 January 2021**.

#### Parish Gifting Tree

**"Our journey to Bethlehem"** during this time also invites you to reflect as a **"Community of faith" on our Parish Gifting Tree**. This is an opportunity, for each of us to stop and focus on what best way we can gift of our persons, for our personal growth, and that of our community, in whatever capacity we are in.

Let us ask ourselves, how can we best use our time, our talents and our treasures to be of greater and richer use. We are invited to open our hearts in prayer, and our hands in an act of commitment, so that our journey stands enriched when we carry the incarnated Lord on our travels.

On behalf of the Clergy of the Parish, I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you in advance for considering this, and my prayer is for us to walk together in faith. Let us pray for the star of "Bethlehem" to guide us through.

**As our Schools break for their Holidays** We wish our leadership teams, staff, students and families a well-deserved break. Enjoy the holidays, be assured of our prayerful support. In turn, may I request you all to say a special one for us. And as you gather around your dinner tables, lift up your hearts in gratitude to a God who loves each of us individually and collectively.

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are sick, those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur during this time. May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

**My Gratitude to those who are returning back to various Ministries:** Given the circumstance surrounding the COVID pandemic, thank you for making the effort. I trust the Lord will be with you to keep you safe through these unprecedented times.

**If a Priest is needed** in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass start.**

#### Christmas Vigil Masses 24 December 2020 (Thursday)

*All Christmas Vigil Masses will be held at OLOR*

4:30 p.m. (Children's Mass)

6:30 p.m. (Youth Mass)

8:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass (with Carols at 11:45 p.m.) *Live streaming available*

#### Christmas Day Masses (Friday)

8:00 a.m. QOP

9:30 a.m. OLOR *Live streaming available*

#### Boxing Day 26 December 2020 (Saturday)

**No morning Mass at OLOR and QOP**

Vigil Mass for the day will still be on following the usual time i.e., 5:00 p.m. at OLOR and 5:30 p.m. at QOP

#### New Year 1 January 2021 (Friday)

9:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

**Please note:**

#### Christmas Break

**28 December 2020 to 26 January 2021**

No Daily Weekday Mass at QOP

Daily Weekday Mass at OLOR will be at 9:30 a.m. only

Live streaming available on weekends only

#### Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

Available only at OLOR between

9 to 9:30 a.m.

There will be no special evening Reconciliation before Christmas.

#### February 2021

Masses at McQuion Park will resume

No more Wednesday 9:30 a.m. &

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Masses at the Cathedral

**As Christmas approaches, we have an Urgent Request for COVID Marshals (minimum 10 marshals per Mass):**

Parishioners interested in helping as COVID Marshals for various Masses during Christmas and the weekends, please contact the Parish office, and we shall get back to you. Your help is a great gift to our community. **My special thanks to the many who have said Yes to the Same and have responded generously.**

**My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses** during this time.

Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. Shout-out to all those who donated cleaning products, your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.



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