

*Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008*

**19 December 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Parish Mass Times:**  
Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
Public Holidays: 9am  
Rock Mass: Once a term

**Baptism:** Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment  
**Wedding:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice  
**Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday: 8:30am  
**Anointing of Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9:30am  
**Rosary:** Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Friday (during term time)**  
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg on Zoom

**Second Thursday of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**First Friday of Every Month**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm (Recommences 4 February 2022)

**Friday 24 December**  
6pm: Family Mass  
9pm: Mass with Carols  
11:30pm: Mass with no music

**Saturday 25 December**  
8am & 10am: Mass  
No evening mass

**Sunday 26 December**  
8am & 10am: Mass  
No evening Mass

**From Monday 27 December**  
Normal Mass times

**Friday 31 December**  
11:30pm Mass



**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb. (Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners,

I imagine a lot of love and humour in the visit of Mary to Elizabeth. It's likely that the situations of both women would have fuelled gossip in their little villages and among family and friends, and now we meet Mary seeking solidarity and refuge in the home of her cousin Elizabeth. It's helpful to recall the enthusiasm and excitement of their greeting: the child Jesus in Mary's womb 'leaped' for joy and Elizabeth was 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. Perhaps these two didn't meet all that often, but when they did it was as friends and conversation would have carried on where they had left off at the last visit.

The humour I imagine is in the fact that the man of the house, Zechariah, was silent giving Mary and Elizabeth space to laugh and chat thus making his house their own. All of this during what have must have been difficult circumstances for each of them. Their shared humour comes for their confidence that in their unexpected pregnancies God is at work.

And don't miss the Opening Prayer of today's Mass, familiar to us as the concluding prayer of the great Angelus: The word became flesh, and dwells amongst us.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## We invite you to support Corpus Christi Parish

We invite you to contribute via the collection plates that will be placed in the Church or by using the Tap & Go machines just inside the church.

A parish is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners to sustain itself and its many charitable and pastoral works. Generally, this support is through two collections at each Sunday Mass, however under the current Covid restriction we aren't allowed to pass a collection plate around at mass.

### FIRST COLLECTION for your priests

The first collection goes to the Carmelite Community. These funds are primarily used to support the priests living at the Priory. A contribution of around 24% of the first collection is made to the diocese. This contribution goes towards the Pastoral Works Broken Bay (the old CWF) and the diocesan sustentation fund.

### SECOND COLLECTION for your parish community

The second collection (or the planned giving) comprises the envelopes, direct debits and loose cash donated at this collection. Funds are banked into the parish account which is overseen by your Parish Finance Committee. The many costs of running the parish come from this account. Some of the expenses covered include:

- Parish operating costs such as, utilities, telecommunications, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery, buildings and parish property, including the Priory
- Insurance
- The loan debt servicing for the church roof
- Parish pastoral programs
- Parish staff salaries including superannuation
- Car expenses for the priests in the parish.

### MURPHY HOUSE SOLD AND NEW PRESBYTERY

The Finance Council have been considering options and will bring to the Parishioners what will likely have great value to the Parish in a longstanding way in the future.

### Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

- Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)
- Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

#### **We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General.**

In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest. Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working with Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

# ADVENT 1:23

## Advent 1:23 – Preparing for Christmas

With Christmas not far off, now is the time to lean into our prayer and invitation for our guests. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in the lead up to Christmas as you invite your guests, and that they may receive the invitation with an openness to God’s movement in their hearts.

Thank you for sharing the Good News of Jesus with your loved ones, neighbours and colleagues in this way. We look forward with joy to welcoming our guests at Christmas!



**JOIN THE CHRISTMAS  
9PM MASS CHOIR**

**Our Last Rehearsal**

Wednesday evening,  
22 December at 7pm  
in the Church.

No experience  
required just a love of singing! Please come  
along and join us! You are more than welcome.

**Our Deepest Sympathy**  
**Cheryl Merlino**

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Cheryl. Cheryl’s funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 11am. May Cheryl experience the fullness of Christ’s peace.

**Prayer Zone** 

**Recently Deceased:** Cheryl Merlino

**Please pray for the ill:**  
Sue Ruberu; Rob Sanders; Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O’Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

**If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.**

**CLOTHING/KITCHENWARE DRIVE FOR THE MOUNT DRUITT AREA.**

As a follow on from the Christmas Hamper mass, in January 2022, we will be collecting any clothes; crockery and/or cutlery in good condition that you might want to clear out of your cupboard. They must be washed and unstained and not include personal items such as socks or underwear. The collection can be dropped off to the church after Christmas and will be collected on the 16th of January.

 **Social Justice Corner**

The Social Justice Group wishes all parishioners and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for the support you provided us in 2021.

*“We should never forget that at the heart of the Christmas story is a Middle Eastern family seeking refuge. Christmas is also a timely reminder that after his birth, Jesus and his family were forced to flee their homeland and take refuge in Egypt – a strange land where people spoke another language and worshipped different gods.”*



*Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre*



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## The Word

### Sunday 19 December 2021 4th Sunday in Advent

#### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah Mi 5:1-4

*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 extend  
his power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

as on a day of festival.

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.*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your  
cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might,  
Lord, come to our help. *(R.)*

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.)*

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

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 10:5-10

*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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 1:39-45

*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.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.