

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

20 December 2020 – 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: 2nd 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
10am Parish Hall

**First Friday
of Every Month**
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

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

December

Sunday 20 December
Children's Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Christmas Eve Mass Times
6pm—Family Mass
9pm—Mass
12 am—Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times
8am—Morning Mass
10am— Christmas Day Mass
No evening Mass



“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

The setting for the Annunciation to Mary appears to be a domestic setting. The angel came to her, in her home, in the midst of her ordinary daily life. This is so different to the setting for the angel’s appearance to Zechariah, in the parallel annunciation scene in the first chapter of Luke. Zechariah is in the Holy of Holies the most sacred part of the temple. Being a woman, Mary had no access to the Holy of Holies. So it seems to have been in an ordinary domestic setting that this marvellous intervention of God into Mary’s life occurred. We can say in effect that in the first annunciation story Zechariah went to God, but in the second story God comes to Mary.

We can also note the contrast between Jerusalem, with its magnificent temple where the Lord appeared to Zechariah, and Nazareth where the angel appeared to Mary. Can anything good come out of Nazareth?, people asked. It was a backwater, that held no claims to fame or prestige or religious significance.

At times we may have a profound experience of God in a chapel or church, but God can and will visit us also in the ordinary settings of our life, in our homes, our work places, while travelling, and so on. Wherever and however God may speak to us, let us pray that we, like Mary, may be able to give our ‘fiat’, our yes. May we be able to say with Mary: ‘I am the servant of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me’.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM

MASS

We need children for our Christmas Nativity Story—there will be practice in the Church at 4pm on:

Sunday 20 December; and
Christmas Eve at 4pm

We encourage all children to join it, it's a lot of fun! Text Rebecca Wehrhahn on 0407 277 689 to let her know you are interested.

Our Deepest Sympathy - Jack Garcia

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Jack. Jack's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 18 December.

May Jack experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Advent & Christmas Program



We are about to embark on week 3 of our Advent journey. We would love you come and join us in the groups we have established over the Advent Season. People are really enjoying the experience and thoughts of others and are finding it a very rich and deeply rewarding experience. Please see below for days, meeting ID's and times or check eNews.

Please contact Jen on email Jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au if you have any questions.

Monday: 7:00-8:00pm On Zoom

With Amy O'Connell & Anne O'Gorman

Zoom ID: 858 2845 8551

Password: 712553

7:30 – 8:30pm on Zoom

Lectio group with Edith Chan, Marianne Ching, Miki Hachigo and Angie Rozali

Zoom ID: 824 5624 2165

Password: 285642

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm – On Zoom

With Melissa Pemberton, Charmaine Lubbe & Andrena Brewer

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note the ID and Password has changed for the Wednesday evening Zoom and is now:

Zoom ID: 837 5946 0089

Password: 755059

Friday 10:00-11:00am – in Parish Hall

Lectio group with Lina Chan and Anne Freer

The Friday morning Lectio group will meet on 18th December for a double-session on the 4th Week of Advent as well as the 1st Week of Christmas to conclude the Advent Program. This will be their last and final meeting of the year.

Tuesday: 9:45-10:45am – in Parish Hall

With Jen Perrott & Teresa Leong

Youth Group Christmas Party

Come and join us as we celebrate Christmas with the youth for fun, games and food!!!

When:

Saturday, 19 December 2020 (after the 6pm Mass)

Where:

Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Time:

7:00-8:30pm

Registration essential for catering

Book on the Corpus Christi Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives

INCREASE IN MASS ATTENDANCE

Following the guidelines set by the NSW Government, masses will be available to 300 parishioners.

In any gathering, social distancing measures of 2 square meters per person and hand sanitising needs to be maintained.

To book online go to www.trybooking.com/BJUJG or call Belinda or Michelle in the office on 9144 6998. Bookings required by **3:30pm on the Friday before the weekend masses.**

FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please ensure you book online for our Christmas masses and prior to 10:00am on Christmas Eve to attend the Christmas Masses. Places are filling up quickly!

Please remember to sit one and a half metres away from each family group or individual in the pews.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Jack Garcia

Please pray for the ill:

Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; 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.

FEAST DAYS— DECEMBER

Friday 25th, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday 26th, St Stephen, the first martyr



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

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.

Bishop Anthony calls us to return to the Eucharist. An Excerpt from the letter to the People in the Diocese of Broken Bay

"In my Decree of 18 March 2020, in response to the crisis of the pandemic, I dispensed the Faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay from the ordinary obligation to be present at the Sunday Eucharist. Now, with the welcome situation that has developed, with gratitude to God, **I rescind that Decree, and call upon and encourage the Faithful to resume their obligations as part of the living Body of Christ. Under Canon 1247, the Faithful are now once more obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption.** Notwithstanding, those who are aged or have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID 19 are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Some examples are participating in the live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary."

A full copy of the letter is available in the foyer of the Church and on this week's E-News.



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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

Christmas Schedule

2020

Thursday 24 December

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass/Pageant

9pm Mass

12pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25 December

Christmas Day

8am Christmas Mass

10am Christmas Mass

(No evening Mass)

Saturday 26 December

Boxing Day

9am Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27 December

Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8am Mass

10am Mass

6pm Mass

Friday 1 January

Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God

9am Mass

** Please book online at trybooking.com/bjujg by 10am on Christmas Eve to attend the Christmas masses as we still have capped numbers for attendance. Please note you do not have to print your confirmation ticket, you just need to sign against your name when you arrive at Mass.*

The Word

Sunday 20 December 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

From the second book of Samuel 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

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

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *(R.)*
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' *(R.)*
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

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 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her. The Gospel of the Lord.