

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

5 December 2021 – Second 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
By Zoom until further notice

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

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.



John went throughout the whole region of Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. Note the details in the Gospel reading: John the Baptist ‘went throughout the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance...’ The word in the original Greek that is often translated as

repentance is ‘metanoia’ literally meaning ‘change of heart’. One commentary adds that this kind of repentance is not about regret or guilt or shame but implies making a decision to turn around to face a new direction. When we face away from the light, all we can see is our own shadow. When we turn towards the light our shadow and the darkness are behind us. Repentance means not only turning from what is bad, but also from many things that are good, but not just for us at this time, or turning from good things to which we have become inordinately attached and which, therefore, restrict our ability to be truly free.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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ADVENT 1:23

As part of the Advent 1:23 initiative, we continue to pray daily at 1:23pm for our family and friends who we would like to invite for Christmas Mass. This week, you are encouraged to start offering an invitation for people to come to Christmas Mass. As Christians, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all. What is important here is the invitation rather than the response. Not everyone invited may accept our invitation, however, the invitation itself may bring about graces and we trust through our prayer that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts. Research has shown that most people are quite open to receiving an invitation, especially if it comes from someone they know well. Let's find the courage to invite others back home this Christmas

A SHORT TRUE STORY

A few years back, I went to work in a large orphanage in Romania. I was there from early December to mid January. Work was demanding and hard, the rewards were priceless. I will cherish the opportunity for as long as I live. At the time of my stay, 210 children lived in the orphanage. Every year before Christmas the children are asked to write a letter to the Angel of Christmas, asking for a Christmas gift. With help of kind hearted people from all over the world, most of the wishes are delivered, on Christmas Eve to the children in the orphanage. A 9 year old girls request was unusual for the caregiver. She asked for a pair of shoes 2 sizes smaller than her feet. The caregiver was puzzled, she carefully asked her why is she asking for shoes, as her shoes were still in good condition. And why does she want shoes smaller than her feet. The little girl became tearful and hesitant to answer back. The caregiver reassured her that she is not in any trouble for her Christmas wish, but she just want to be sure about her request. So the sweet little girl explained: "there is a girl in my class who tries to sit close to the heater every day, with her feet against it. I asked her why she does that? She said to me that the soles of her shoes are cracked and her feet get wet every day by the time she walks to school. Here mum doesn't have any money to by a new pair for her. That's why I asked the Christmas Angel for a new pair of shoes for her." This little girls example is in my heart ever since than, and will be forever.

Victoria G.

(Winter in Romania is very harsh, with temperatures, well below -10c or -20c)



Social Justice Corner

Uluru Statement From The Heart

The Social Justice Group warmly invites you to a presentation and discussion about the Uluru Statement From The Heart from 11am to 12pm on Sunday, 12th December (after the 10am Mass) in the church.

What Is The Uluru Statement From The Heart?

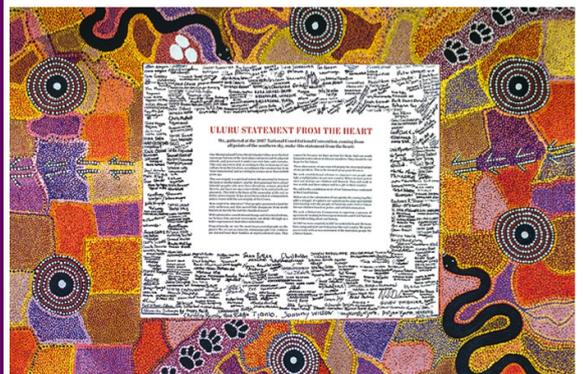
The Statement was released in 2017, after the 16 member Referendum Council travelled around the country meeting with over 1,200 people representing approximately 800,000 indigenous people. It calls for a First Nations voice in the Constitution and a process of truth telling and 'agreement-making'. It is an invitation to all Australians to come together in this process.

Why Is A Discussion Needed?

It is important we are all informed ahead of a proposed referendum. The referendum may occur at any time from the next Federal Election.

Bookings Are Essential: Our Event is Limited to 40 People

Please RSVP to John Lenehan before the 7th December 2021 @ Jlenehan60@gmail.com. Enquiries: John Lenehan: 0402 291 355





GET READY FOR OUR

MORNING TEA

AFTER 10AM HAMPER MASS
19TH DEC



MORNING TEA

SUN
19
DEC

- CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
COLLECTION DAY
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- BAKED GOODS

INVITE
FAMILY
AND
FRIENDS

Pack hamper goods in
a reusable grocery bag; a strong box or a clothes basket
wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

Save the date

Alpha 'Come and see'
Celebration event Tuesday,
8th February 2022

Alpha begins Tuesday, 15th
February 2022





**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 5 December 2021 2nd Sunday in Advent

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Baruch Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.