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6 December 2020 – 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
10am Parish Hall

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

December

Sunday 6 December
Children's Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Sunday 13 December
Parish Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Thursday 17 December
Parish Reconciliation 7-8pm

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

Christmas Day Mass Times
8am—Morning Mass
10am— Christmas Day Mass



***A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”***

(First Reading)

Dear Parishioners,

Spiritual writers speak of the journey that we must make to God. The point is valid but there is a danger that we may think that God is stationary somewhere and we must journey to him, that it's all up to us. No, our relationship with God is far more dynamic and God is always journeying towards us, searching for us, calling out to us by name as he did with Adam and Eve in the garden. The season of Advent prepares us to celebrate God's coming to us as a babe at Bethlehem and encourages us to look forward to Christ's final coming in glory. What we are called to do is to 'prepare a way for the Lord' to come to us. And what is that way? Well, today's responsorial psalm says that 'justice shall march before him'. To prepare the way, we need to act with justice and promote justice, both in our personal lives and globally. Today's first reading captures beautifully the longing of God to be united with us: 'He is like a shepherd leading his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast, and leading to their rest the mother ewes.' (Isa 40:11) For a few moments imagine yourself being held in the loving arms of God and leaning against his breast. That is the kind of intimacy God desires with us. We pray: 'Lord help us to prepare a way for you to come to us. Help us to remove any barriers we create, whether consciously or unconsciously, that keeps us from your loving embrace.'

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 13 December;
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.



We celebrate a very special feast day this coming week. On **Tuesday 8 December** it is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Advent Calendar – Journeying to Christmas with Internally Displaced persons

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has developed a beautiful Advent Calendar. The calendar is dedicated to the theme of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 "Like Jesus, Forced to Flee" and reminds us as we journey towards Christmas that Jesus, together with Mary and Joseph, experienced marginalization, persecution and exile and had to flee for their safety.

Every day you can open a box that contains either a thought from Pope Francis, a reflection, an exhortation to action, a verse of scripture or a story of how people are working to assist people seeking asylum and refugees around the world.

To download the Advent Calendar go to:

<https://migrants-refugees.va/2020/11/27/joining-idps-on-the-path-towards-christmas/>

Appeal for Actions on West Papua

The Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane has urged the Australian Government to put greater pressure on the Indonesian Government over continuing violence and arrests of Indigenous people in West Papua. The call follows the arrest of over 50 Papuans attending a meeting to evaluate the special autonomy program and funding for West Papua on the 17th November in the Papuan city of Merauke. Over 50 Papuan Catholic priests have issued public statements in recent months expressing concerns about racism towards Indigenous Papuans, the continuing build-up of Indonesian security forces in West Papua and the ensuing violence and the special autonomy program and funding in West Papua which has been in place for 20 years and is widely rejected.

For further information go to: <https://www.humanrightspapua.org/>



Advent & Christmas Program

The first week of our Advent Program, has been extremely well received and we are thrilled and excited you are embarking on this journey with us. I would like to encourage you to join the small groups the parish has organised if you haven't already. We are finding people are experiencing this journey in a deep and profound way. Research also confirms this. Please see the date and times below. There are 5 opportunities during the week, during Advent, to engage in the program so you don't miss out on doing the weekly reflection. 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

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

With Jen Perrott & Teresa Leong

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
Please note this group will be 1 week ahead. The group will be covering each week's reading the Friday BEFORE Mass. So, the week everyone starts on week 1, they will be covering week 2 and so on.

THANK YOU CORPUS CHRISTI PARISHIONERS

Bernadine Shih would like to thank you all for your prayers during the time Peter was sick. Your kindness and concern for the Shih family meant a great deal to them and they appreciated all the love and support they were given.

HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts
Bag of Mixed Lollies Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!

Please place in a strong box; a recyclable grocery bag or clothes
-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as
a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 20
December.



**Our 2019 Hampers ready for
collection in the Mt Druitt
Parish hall**

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Otto Pranamihardja

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.***



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FEAST DAYS— DECEMBER

Monday 7th, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Tuesday 8th, The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Selbin Cleaning

- ◆ Weekly, fortnightly, spring or occasional cleaning
- ◆ Preparation for sale or rent
- ◆ End of lease cleaning

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0419 484 377

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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.



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Christmas Schedule

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Thursday 17 December

Parish Reconciliation

7-8pm with Liturgy

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

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by 10am on Christmas Eve to attend the
Christmas masses as we still have capped
numbers for attendance*



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The Word

Sunday 6 December 2020: Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Peter 2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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 Mark Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.