



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Day

Year C Cycle I

22/25 December 2024



A Happy & Holy Christmas to All!

At Christmas, there's a familiar cast of characters in the great story of the birth of Jesus. There are Mary and Joseph, the shepherds who were sent by the angel to worship the baby Jesus, and the sages from the east who followed the star.

And John the Baptist who told the crowds who came to hear him, the one I'm telling you about has been born into this world as one of us, but if we believe in him we can all become children of God. He is the reflection of God's glory – and in Jesus that glory is accessible to every one of us.

What we celebrate today is the moment at which the Word became flesh and lived among us, the moment at which all of the creative power of God, the light of life, became a human being in all the everyday ordinariness of the birth of a baby.

At a time when we give and receive gifts as a sign of love, let's celebrate the greatest gift that our loving God has given to all people – the gift of his own Son, to be a light in our darkness. But let's not stop celebrating once Christmas is over. Let each of us take that light into dark places and reflect God's glory to everyone we meet. If we do that, then not only today, but every day, will be a happy Christmas.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December

Carols 4:30pm, Children's Nativity Mass 5pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 7pm

Carols 11:30pm, Midnight Mass 12am

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December

Morning Masses 8am and 9:30am

Mass 11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Avenue Bateau Bay

Maronite Mass 5pm

New Years Day Wednesday 1 January

Feast of Mary Mother of God Mass 9am





Feast Days

The Nativity of the Lord
25 December

St Stephen
Martyr
26 December

St John Apostle
27 December

Holy Innocents
Martyrs
28 December



Nursing Home Mass

Mass and Anointing will be celebrated at Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay at 10am on Tuesday.

My Offering

Amount \$ _____



Christmas Offering Envelopes

are available on the tables. Donations help support the Priests of our Diocese - active and retired.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

Feast of the Holy Family & 2025 Holy Jubilee

Invitation to Clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay.

Bishop Anthony prayerfully welcomes clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay to join him on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 29 December for 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and to officially mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee.

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years.

A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

The Jubilee Year begins Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes 6 January 2026.

Room for the Child?

We can imagine the kind of interior preparation, the kind of love with which Mary approached that hour. The brief phrase, 'She wrapped him in swaddling clothes,' allows us to glimpse something of the holy joy and the silent zeal of that preparation. The swaddling clothes were ready, so that the child could be given a fitting welcome. Yet there is no room at the inn.

In some way, mankind is awaiting God, waiting for him to draw near. But when the moment comes, there is no room for him. Man is so preoccupied with himself, he has such urgent need of all the space and all the time for his own things, that nothing remains for others - for his neighbour, for the poor, for God.

So as we encounter the maternal love of Mary and the fidelity of Saint Joseph, the vigilance of the shepherds and their great joy, the visit of the wise men, come from afar, we are reminded, 'To all who received him, he gave power to become children of God' (*Jn 1:12*). There are those who receive him, and thus, beginning with the stable, with the outside, there grows silently the new house, the new city, the new world.

Pope Benedict XVI

Expectant Joy

Imagine a lot of love and joy 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. Their shared joy comes from confidence that in their unexpected pregnancies God is at work.

God's Word Fr John O'Connor

Priestly Ordination

Bishop Anthony has announced that Deacon Rosan Mathew will be Ordained a Priest at OLR Cathedral Waitara on Wednesday 19 March at 7.30pm. We are also pleased to announce that Deacon Rosan has also been appointed to continue serving in our parish as Assistant Priest. Please keep him in our prayers as he prepares for this important occasion.

Fr Joshi

Fr Joshi has been appointed as Assistant Priest at Warnervale starting from 31 January. We thank him for his fine ministry with us since his appointment in August 2023 and wish him well and continue to pray for him as he begins a new chapter at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop community.

Further details regarding Dcn Rosan's Ordination and Fr Joshi's farewell will follow as available.

Christmas Family Mass & Rehearsal

Our Christmas Family Mass is at 5pm on Christmas Eve and children are invited to participate in this Mass. Roles include the re-enactment of the Gospel (no speaking parts), readers, offertory procession, Gospel procession and of course, we welcome children to dress up for the Mass as angels, shepherds, kings etc. To be eligible for a part in the Nativity story or part of the Mass children will need to attend a rehearsal at 10am on Monday 23 December at the church. All children are included as extras on the day.

Thank You All!

This is a wonderful parish and that is because it is made up of wonderful parishioners! Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and talents to the benefit of all, especially at this busy and beautiful season of the year. From our Bus Drivers to our Altar Servers, Readers, Cleaners to Choirs, Gift Centre volunteers to Wardens, we appreciate everything you do. Thank you and blessings to all!

Electronic Sign

After juggling the "red tape" of CC Council for almost 18 months we have finally got our church sign up in front of the Presbytery. We originally wished to have it in front of the church, but Council knocked this back owing to the heritage significance of our church, so this was the only position allowed by the Council. Thanks to those that have generously contributed the cost of this sign.

Please Note

On Holidays

Anointing of the Sick, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday Cuppa, Men's Group and Franciscans meetings are not held during January. They will resume in February.

The Catholic Weekly

Now on sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor boxes please.



Welcome Visitors!

A warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Christmas Season. It is lovely to have you with us.



Children's Mass Dress Up

All children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds to the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Eve until 2 January. Happy Christmas to all!



Shop Locally!

Please support the shops in the Carnival Hall building 40-48 The Entrance Road. These shops support our Parish.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

4th Sunday of Advent

Mic 5:1-4

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-44

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Bill Morris (Brother-in-law of Dcn Paul), Javier Cabarrus, Deborah Czyrkowski, Teresa Oliva, Cesare Marangoni, Milton Russell, Rhonda Brennan.

Anniversaries: Dcn David Huntley, Bill Martin, Jeanette Leonidas, Margaret & Leo Foley, Ivan & Anna Naraj.

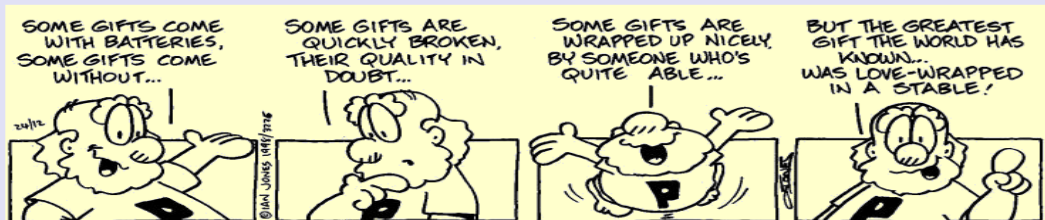
Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Denis Farrell, Annette Howell, Maria & Richard Lucchese, Frank Malone, Fr Reginald Reynolds, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Denis Mullins, June Maher, Alfonz Matijasevic, Tom Grigic, Brian, Myrtle & Wilfred D'Costa, Nick, Violet & George Shaw, Robert Fowler, Ralph, Ruth, Sidney, Margie, Leonie, Neliya, Trevor, Monica & Hugh Jayesuria, Duke Leonidas, Leo Lowe, Kathy Lowe-Scafidi,

Families: Giutronich & Tyrrell.

Sick: Neville Allen, Rosalyn Evans, Charmaine Goodwin, Margaret Ayres, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Emmy Clarke, Noah Norman, Indi & Molly Blackley

Pearly Gates Revisited



Merry Christmas to All!!!

Last minute gifts and great Nativities are on sale now!

Come along for a look!

The Gift Centre is closed from Christmas Eve until 2 January. We will see you all again in 2025!

& A Happy New Year!

