

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

15 December 2024, Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Third 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 Monday
(during term time)
Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am

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

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

Every Friday
(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

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

Sunday 15th December
10am Hamper Mass followed by a
thank you BBQ for all
parishioners and Ministries

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Choir rehearsal 7pm in
the Church

Thursday 19th December
Parish reconciliation in
preparation for Christmas 7-8pm

Friday 24th December
Parish Office closes at midday
until Monday 20th January 2025



**John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with
water, but one mightier
than I is coming
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The Third Sunday of Advent is often known as Gaudette ('Rejoice!') Sunday, after the lines which appear in our second reading today. 'Rejoice in the Lord always: I shall say it again, rejoice!' This exhortation to joy, while deeply encouraging and inspiring, can often seem to be difficult or impossible to put into practice. Perhaps there are things in our lives or our world which we cannot rejoice over, and which weigh our hearts down. But joy is, in fact, the natural human condition.

God, as a loving Creator, wants us to be happy, both in this world and the next. Let us ask ourselves, 'What are the things in my life and heart which may be holding me back from happiness – pride, fear, unforgiveness, envy, ambition, resentment?' Let us open our hearts to Jesus, to come in with his winnowing fan and sweep them all away.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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A great big thank you to all our ministries in so many ways. Here are some of the many ministries that come to mind: Readers, Music; Altar Linen; Altar Society; Welcomers; Communion to the Sick; Aged Care volunteers; Flower Arrangers; Morning Tea groups; Hospitality; Acolytes; Office Staff; Faith Formation; Sacramental Ministry; Lectio Groups, Carmelite Conversations; Divine Will; Catechists; Children's liturgy; Play and Pray; Youth on the Streets meal support; Bread Run to Matthew Talbot; Social Justice Groups; PPC, PFC, Hamper Mass support to Mt Druitt; Metanoia & Rose Petal evenings; IT support and the many others who volunteer and support our Parish behind the scenes.



There is a huge number of people involved in the above areas. Thank you to each and every one of you. May God bless you and your families and keep you and let his faith shine on you. Thank you so much; please come and enjoy the barbecue after 10am mass.

Parish Choir Rehearsals



We are very close to Christmas now and you are all invited to come to the parish choir rehearsals in the church so that we will be ready to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve mass on Sunday 24th December. Even if you are not a regular attender of the choir we would love you to come along.

Our next rehearsal is on **Wednesday 18th December at 7 pm . Christmas Eve rehearsal will be at 7pm, followed by Carols at 8.30pm then Christmas Mass at 9pm.**

Morning Tea Ministry On Break



Our Morning Tea Ministry will be taking a well deserved break over the Christmas / New Year Period.

Morning tea will not be served from Sunday 22 December to 26th of January 2025. We would like to thank the morning tea ministry for providing such

Christmas Flowers

We invite all those with a love for creativity and beauty to volunteer as floral arrangers for our Christmas celebrations. You can help transform our church into a radiant and welcoming space that reflects the joy of Christ's birth. Whether you are experienced or simply eager to help, your contribution will add a special touch to our services and bring the spirit of the season to life. Please let Christina or Michelle in the Parish office know if you could help out. We'd love to have you be part of this joyful tradition

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
Noel Carmody; John Hadley

Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; 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 Michelle or Christina know.

FEAST DAYS - DECEMBER

Saturday 14th, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor.

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

Tues 26th, St Stephen, the first martyr

Wed 27th, St John, apostle, evangelist

Thurs 28th, The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Sun 31st, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Children's Nativity Mass

Would your child like to be part of the 6pm Nativity Play at Christmas Eve Mass this year?



Practice Dates:

- Sat 14 Dec 3:30pm
 - Sat 21 Dec 3:30pm
 - Tue 24 Dec 4:30pm
- Mass at 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Parent helpers encouraged to stay during practice times.



Please attend the Saturday practices for main role allocation. If you can't come for the Saturdays, please still come to the Hall before Mass on Christmas Eve to join.

All are welcome to join in.

Contact:
Rebecca 0407 277 689
(via text msg)



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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your generous donations. This has enabled us to complete the presbytery. While there are still a few things to finish, such as window coverings, our priests have moved out of their rented accommodation into the new presbytery.

Apart from a few PC items our fund raising drive will now be put on hold until the plans for the new office are finalised. While we do have a plan for the new office it is still under discussion and we do not yet have sufficient funds to contemplate building a new office.

Over the next few months we will be in discussion with the office staff and with parishioners as to the best way to achieve our objective of having a functional office. The office staff have moved into the temporary accommodation at the back of the hall.

Once again we thank you for your financial and moral support.

Fr Greg and the Finance Committee

PC ITEMS

We would like to thank those generous parishioners who have already made donation contributions towards the purchase of the PC items.

To date approximately \$24,700 has been either paid or pledged to this appeal, which will reduce the total amount of the building contract.

There is still opportunity to contribute to this appeal. The items that are still available for a "cash in kind" donation are shown in the attached table.

PC ITEMS	Approximate cost \$
Supply & install kitchen, laundry & pantry	20,000
Carpet	8,000
Ceramic tiles (to be selected)	3,000
Alarm system (to be selected)	2,000
WC suites (3) (Mondella Signature)	1,500
Shower roses (3) (Methven Satinet)	600
Floor wastes (7) (Kinetic 100mm Chrome)	210



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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The Word

Sunday 15 December 2024: Third Sunday of Advent

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah Zep 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 124:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.