

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

18 December 2022, 4th 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: 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)



Christmas Schedule

Tuesday 20 December
Parish Reconciliation
7:30-8:30pm

Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve
6pm Family Mass
9pm Mass with Carols
No midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day
8am Christmas Mass
10am Christmas Mass
No evening Mass

26th–31st December
Normal 9am masses

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.



It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

Joseph is the main actor in our Gospel today. On learning that Mary is pregnant, he is faced with three choices. He can expose her ‘infidelity’ and have her put to death under the Law: this is one form of righteousness. Or he can send her back quietly to her people before the marriage contract is completed. This is another, more compassionate form of righteousness. The Gospel today says that he had decided to do this, when the angel appeared and announced the Gospel message to him: the child is of divine origin, and Joseph is to marry Mary, and name him ‘Jesus’ (God saves). Joseph, like Mary, says ‘Yes’ to the angel’s Word and becomes husband to Mary and Father to her son. The third form of righteousness before God embodies a faith that transcends mere observance, a love and generosity that transcend justice, an acceptance of, and commitment to, a future which gives us our saviour. Truly a just (‘righteous’) man! Bring before God all those who have suffered trauma at the hands of church members, the church as a whole, single parents ... the list goes on. Mary had her Joseph. May they have her and your compassionate help.

Happy Christmas and may the birth of the Lord fill your heart and the hearts of those you love.

Fr Greg, Fr Sunny, Fr Gerard, Michelle, Jen and Gerri

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Merry Christmas

“Keep Jesus Christ in your heart, and you will recognise His Face in every human being.”

... Pope John Paul II

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas and may baby Jesus be in your heart and may he fill you with his blessings of peace, love and joy in the coming year of 2023 and always!

Fond memories, good wishes, and prayers. It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.

Fr Greg, Fr Gerard, Fr Sunny, Michelle, Jen, and Gerri

A note about Midnight Mass

Dear Parishioners,

We will not be holding a midnight mass. I know a midnight mass is traditional but we have had many requests from parishioners for an earlier mass. We have held a 9pm mass for the past few years and many have come to that mass. When we did not have a 9pm mass many people went elsewhere. God bless, Fr Greg

Parish Census

The Parish Council would like to update our parishioner database, so we can better understand our community and serve you better. All parishioners and visitors to the parish are invited to participate in this census. Please complete the census by scanning the QR code or accessing the following link: <http://tiny.cc/census22>. Paper forms are available at the back of the church.



PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

The final rehearsals for the Parish Choir are this week. Monday 19 December at 7 pm and Saturday 24 December at 7:30pm in the Church before the 9pm mass.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Faye Williamson; Noel Carmody; 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, 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 the office know.

FEAST DAYS— DECEMBER

Sunday 25th, The Nativity of the Lord

Nativity Play Rehearsals

At 11:45am 18th December - come earlier for the 10am Hamper Mass and sausage sizzle
Dress Rehearsal 4pm Christmas Eve before the big performance at 6pm

All are welcome.



FR GERARD'S HOW WE PRAY - FOLLOW UP

Fr Gerard highly recommended a book at the end of the course entitled: Praying with St Teresa, by Fr Jerome Lantry OCD. We have 8 copies of this book available in the Office at the cost of \$15 each. Please go and see Michelle if you would like to purchase a copy.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation..

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The Word

Sunday 18 December 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home. The Gospel of the Lord.