

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

25 December 2022, The Nativity of the Lord

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

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

Parish Office
The office will be closed from Friday 23 December to Friday 13 January. The office will reopen on Monday 16th January 2023.

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.



All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.
(First Reading)

Dear Parishioners

The Word became flesh and lived among, and we have seen his glory... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.’ This is the Gospel for Christmas morning. It invites us to move from contemplating the baby in the manger to contemplating the full depth of the Christian mystery of Christmas: Jesus Christ in his birth, life, death and resurrection. It is the fully human Jesus, the eternal Word of God become flesh like us, who reveals to us the true nature of God—God is love. The further part of the mystery is the ‘Why’? We contemplate a future life of mutual love with God, a life beyond our present imagining. In our prayer, let us contemplate the child in the manger, Jesus Christ is all his glory, our pain-filled suffering world and the light of hope shining upon all. Enjoy a blessed Christmas Feast.

Happy Christmas and may the birth of the Lord fill your heart and the hearts of those you love. Thank you for all of your support you provided us in 2022.

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

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Social Justice Corner

The Social Justice Group wishes all parishioners and their families a very happy and *peaceful Christmas*. Thank you for the support you provided us in 2022.

“We should never forget that at the heart of the Christmas story is a Middle Eastern family seeking refuge. Christmas is also a timely reminder that after his birth, Jesus and his family were forced to flee their homeland and take refuge in Egypt – a strange land where people spoke another language and worshipped different gods.”

Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre



Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal

4pm Christmas Eve before the big performance at
6pm
All are welcome.



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.



Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Fay Williamson

Anniversary: Joseph Li (4 January)

Please pray for the ill:

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

Our Deepest Sympathy Faye Williamson

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Faye Williamson. Faye's funeral will be held at St Brigid's Chapel, Brigidine College on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 10am.

May Faye experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

A final rehearsal for the Parish Choir will be held on Saturday 24 December at 7:30pm in the Church before the 9pm mass.



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 25 December 2022, The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-6. R. v 3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *(R.)*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *(R.)*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *(R.)*
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John 1: 1-18

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness, He proclaims:

'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.