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07 3291-5333

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1800 846 643

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year B

19/20th December, 2020

The Spirit of Christmas Is All Around Us



2020 is drawing to a close at last. It was a year that made huge demands on all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic has gripped the world and stopped it in its tracks. Christmas is coming, and this year everything will be different – that much is certain, but nothing can prevent us from experiencing the joy of the Christmas season. I hope this Christmas celebration may add more joy as we come together to celebrate what we believe, as one community. Aren't we so lucky in Queensland and of course in the Holland Park and Mt. Gravatt areas. When I drive around our parish I always see the Christmas lights and decorated homes which are the outward joy of our inner happiness.

Christ is born for us; let us rejoice in the day of our salvation! Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant “day” which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace and healing which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation.

Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family and parish community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. With the shepherds, let us bow down and worship God's goodness made flesh!

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born; and where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. Where God is born, hope is born; and where hope is born, persons regain their dignity.

Yet even today, great numbers of men and women are deprived of their human dignity and, like the child Jesus, suffer cold, poverty and rejection. May our closeness today be felt by those who are most vulnerable. Where God is born, mercy flourishes. Today, then, let us come together to rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus - the merciful embrace of God. We hear the voice of the Child who whispers to us: “Peace, hope and healing”

At this great time of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled community during this hard year here in our parish. Again Thank You for your loyal and generous cooperation during this year and for giving so freely of your time, talent and treasure. Especially, I do thank all staff, council members both pastoral and finance, ministers, volunteers and school and college staff and families, as well. May the peace and joy of this most blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Saviour and brother, Jesus.

May our loving God bless you and your loved ones with a joyful grace-filled Christmas, and may the gift of God's love come alive in your heart this Christmas, and throughout the New Year 2021.

With God's blessings,

Fr Jason



Another Way to Give

Keep an eye out for our new Donation Tap machines. These machines are contactless so very safe in these COVID times.

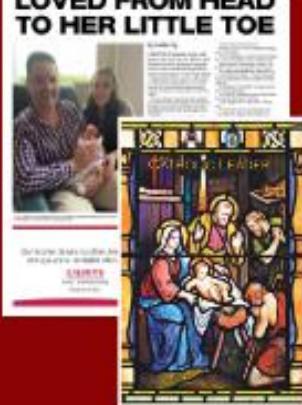
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READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEKS

4th Sunday Advent

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
 2nd Reading Romans 16:25-27
 Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil

1st Reading Isaiah 62:1-5
 2nd Reading Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
 Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Day

1st Reading Isaiah 62:11-12
 2nd Reading Titus 3:4-7
 Gospel Luke 2:15-20

Holy Family

1st Reading Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 2nd Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
 2nd Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
 Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Parish Diary

Wednesday, December 23rd

Mass St Agnes' 6:00pm

Thursday, December 24th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Carols commence 15 minutes before mass

Mass St Agnes' 5:30pm

Mass St Joachim's 5:30pm

Mass St Agnes' 7:30pm

Mass St Joachim's 7:30pm

Friday, December 25th

Mass St Agnes' 8:00am

Saturday, December 26th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

(Memorial Mass – George Zangerle)

Reconciliation St Joachim's 5:30pm

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 26th

Mass St Joachim's 6:00pm

Sunday, December 27th

Mass St Joachim's 7:30am

Mass St Agnes 9:00am

Mass St Agnes 6:00pm

Friday, January 1st

New Year's Day - The Solemnity of Mary

Mass St Joachim's 9:00am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 2nd

Mass St Joachim's 6:00pm

Sunday, January 3rd

Mass St Joachim's 7:30am

Mass St Agnes 9:00am

Mass St Agnes 6:00pm

Monday, January 4th

Mass St Joachim's 9:00am

Wednesday, January 6th

Mass St Agnes' 6:00pm

Thursday, January 7th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

Friday, January 8th

Mass St Joachim's 9:00am

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

WE REMEMBER

We remember George Zangerle, may he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Connor and McKee families as they celebrate the baptism of Owen and Eva in the parish this weekend.

With the Vedelago families as they celebrate the baptism of Rocco, Arlo and Matteo in the parish next weekend.

COUNTERS

Monday, December 21st: Cheryl's team

Tuesday, December 29th: Elisabeth's team

Monday, January 4th: Tony's team

GOD'S WORD – DAILY REFLECTIONS 2021

God's Word is an inspiring Bible Diary with the Liturgical Readings and reflections for each day of the Liturgical Year. The daily readings are taken from the Jerusalem Bible. The daily reflections are the fruits of the personal reflections and prayers of a group of eminent spiritual guides.

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Liturgical Timetable for Christmas

Christmas Eve - Thursday December 24

5:30pm	St Agnes' Church	FULLY BOOKED
5:30pm	St Joachim's Church	Carols from 5:15pm
7:30pm	St Agnes' Church	Carols from 7:15pm
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Christmas Day - Friday December 25

8:00am	St Agnes' Church	FULLYBOOKED
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News Years Day - Friday January 1

9:00am	St Joachim's Church
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For
Christmas Mass
bookings
please use the
following links:

St Joachim's
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNMDD>

St Agnes'
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNMCU>

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER MEETINGS

A further opportunity for healing prayer will be available at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon on Friday night 25th December, Christmas Day and 1st January 21, New Year's day at 7.30pm. There will be no first Friday Mass at Bardon on 1st January but people are invited to attend the prayer meeting. Contact Len on 0421977849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com for information.

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for the above position at the Albany Creek Parish. The position is a part-time 16 hour role over 2 days per week (Wed & Fri). For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE – JANUARY 2021

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an **Orientation Course in January 2021**. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au.

Weekend Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

Complete Booking details. For the booking to be finalised, you **MUST** press the Purchase button

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