



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Fourth Sunday of Advent 20 December 2020

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



<https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the gospel (Luke 1:26-38) clearly announces the coming birth of the one who would be called “Son of the Most High” and “Son of God”, who is the offspring of David, who is to rule the House of Jacob. In a sense we have travelled backwards through Advent, having begun with the end of the public ministry of Jesus and the warning of the end-time judgment when he comes again, thence to John the Baptist as Jesus arrives on the public scene, and now to his coming at birth. The selection of readings weaves a context in which to understand who he is when he comes: he is the descendant of King David, who was not right to build a dwelling for the ark of the covenant but whose offspring would build a house for God’s name (mentioned in 2 Sam 7:13, but omitted from today’s reading). Of course, in its own context this was a reference to Solomon who would build the temple in Jerusalem, but we cannot help but recall the disputes in the temple and the statement of Christ that after they destroy this temple he would raise a new one in three days. But the other connection is that while David could not build a house for God’s honour, God would raise the House of David the focus changes from a building to a family. The new temple Christ was to build is not in a place, for nowhere can contain the presence of God, but it is an eternal body composed of the people of faith incorporated into him. This, then, reminds us that the mystery of the Incarnation refers not only to the birth on earth of one called the Son of God, born to one nation, but to the rebirth of people of all nations into a new divine body. This is the mystery in the second reading (Rom 16:25-27) that is being made manifest to all nations (rendered in our Lectionary as “broadcast to pagans everywhere”).



Returning to today’s gospel, the connection to the first reading is clear: Mary is betrothed to one of the House of David, and her son is to be called “God Saves” (Jesus), who will be called “Son of the Most High” and “Son of God”, and who will receive the throne of David. Here we see the ancient Christian approach to the Scriptures by which they are read and understood as referring more to Christ than to any historical event. The four Gospels especially do this as they weave such passages and allusions together in their telling of the story of Christ. Thus today’s gospel has other links to the first reading. The first is quite direct: on entering Gabriel uses the phrase “The Lord is with you”, identical to that of Nathan to David in the Septuagint. Then in something of a reversal, while Nathan tells David to “do all that is in your mind” but later overturns this, in the gospel Mary consents “let what you have said be done”, and it is done. The reference to Gabriel is interesting in another way, for it reflects Judges 6:12 where the angel says to Gideon, “The Lord be/is with you [identical in the Septuagint to the gospel’s greeting], warrior of might”. It was Gideon who was called “warrior of might”, in Hebrew *gibbōwr heḥayil* which became contracted to Gabriel (*Gabriy’el*), but his story foretells trouble: for after God saved the people of Israel by the hand of Gideon, after his death they did not remember his kindness but returned to their old ways. Luke’s account of the annunciation indicates the completing intervention by God on behalf of his people, the one that fulfils the promise to David; Jesus is the one who does what David could not do, the mighty one who dispels not the Midianites (who took Joseph captive to slavery in Egypt) but the great enemies of sin and death; yet not withstanding this mighty work, the House of Israel would forsake him after his death.

Excerpt from Liturgia.com. Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fourth Sunday in Advent Year B

Parish Office Closed

From
24 December 2019 to
1 January 2020.

Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

**No Weekday Masses
Until Further Notice**

Reconciliation

By appointment

Baptism

Infant Baptism:

You are welcome to contact the Parish Office for applications for Baptism preparation and celebration.

<http://www.ourladyandstdympneparish.com/baptism.html>

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: 88:2-5, 27, 29

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Gospel Acclamation:

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

May his will from me be done.

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until You come again.

Prayer Requests

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones.

Especially: Ivan Robertson, Josephine Trimarchi and Raymond Withford

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for people who are sick or housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

Especially: Meuris Gonsalves

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish office.



Volunteers Needed!

Due to the increase in Christmas Mass numbers the parish requests additional volunteers to assist as **MARSHALS AND USHERS** at the door. If you are attending Christmas Masses could you please consider volunteering to help.

If you can help please leave your name following mass or contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Mass Times 2020

PLEASE NOTE: NUMBERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES HAVE NOW INCREASED BUT BOOKINGS ARE STILL ESSENTIAL!



Vigil Mass of Christmas –

Thursday 24th December 6pm

9pm Mass of Christmas (preceded by Carols) -

Thursday 24th December

(NO MIDNIGHT MASS)

Christmas Day Mass -

Friday 25th December 7am and 9am.

Parish Office Hours

School Holidays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 9am - 1pm

Christmas and New Year - CLOSED from 24 December 2019 to 1 January 2020.

CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS NUMBERS INCREASED BUT ARE FILLING UP FAST!



If you want room at the inn, you will pre-book seats for Christmas Mass this year.

VISIT: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV> for times and registration details. Although COVID-19 restrictions are easing, churches still won't be at full capacity this Christmas. It means you must pre-book if you want to be assured of a seat at Christmas Masses. The last thing we want is for volunteers and parishioners to be put in the awkward spot of turning away those who haven't pre-registered.

A Blessing for the Christmas Manger at Home

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation,
You have made manifest Your love.

When our need for a Saviour was great,
You sent Your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives, He brings joy and peace;
justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless those who look upon this Manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to Him,
Who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen



Thank You from Aspleycare

MANY THANKS

Thank you to the Parishioners of St Dymphna's Parish for your generous donation of food items and gifts to the Aspleycare Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our families in need now have a lot to look forward to this Christmas.



Next week's Liturgy

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 104: 1-6, 8-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Gospel Acclamation:

Hebrews 1: 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia, alleluia!

General Notices

SEEKING PARISH AMBASSADORS FOR CARITAS and ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN The Annual Catholic Campaign and Caritas Australia need your help! It is our shared hope to have ambassadors in every parish in the Archdiocese. We know that our appeals are close to the hearts of faithful people everywhere and that many people are already involved in supporting us, and so we would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in volunteering to help raise awareness and funds. We will be hosting information sessions on this opportunity via ZOOM in January, and warmly invite you to participate. Please contact Andrew Knife at Caritas Australia in Brisbane for more information. Email andrew.knife@caritas.org.au or call 33243134 to register your interest.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall



2021 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS available now!



BREAK OPEN THE WORD is a resource produced by Liturgy Brisbane and contains all the readings, psalms and valuable reflections for the Liturgical Year. As we are about to begin a New Liturgical Year (Year B-First Sunday of Advent) and would like a copy of this book? It is available at a discounted price of **\$10.00** each.

This resource is most helpful as you prepare your reading for the Sundays on which you are rostered and we strongly recommend you purchase a copy.

GODS WORD 2021– A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes Daily Reflections and Liturgical Diary 10 Copies only available **\$10.00** each

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ROSTERS					
26/27 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	S. Stevens (B) D. Salvati	First Reading A.Arpon Second Reading R. Perkins Prayers of the Faithful E. Arpon	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Judith ?
7.00 a.m Mass	D. Francis S. Vaz	First Reading M.Colebourne Second Reading G. Bortuzzo Prayers of the Faithful J. Colebourne	Volunteer please	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Rod Mike
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Ferris (B) T. Hoang	First Reading L. George Second Reading J. Fernandes Prayers of the Faithful C. Fernandes	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Yvonne Karen Emily
5.00 p.m. Mass	F. Gowans (B) E. Lebajo	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading M. Hopewell Prayers of the Faithful B. Hopewell	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Kelli ?
Counters: 27 December J. Bissell, M. Aitkin B. McGorry, N. Hughes. 3 January 2021 G. Cox, D. Francis D. McCudden C. Leung.	Cleaning Church: 26 December Volunteers Nigel Hughes 2 Jan D. Francis 8 Jan Volunteer 16 Jan Savio and Jinella	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 2 Volunteers for each mass (<i>Marshalls should be less than 70 years of age. If over 70, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i>)	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Cleaners: Every Mass or event must have at least 2-3 people who stay behind to sanitise church (<i>Cleaners are NOT restricted by age but must be in good health. If 70 or over, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i>)		
Christmas Rosters					
24/25 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas – Sunday 24th December 6pm	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood	First Reading K. Brough Second Reading F. Xavier Prayers of the Faithful J. Pillai	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Di, Suzan, Yvonne
9pm Mass of Christmas (no midnight mass) - preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm	H. Hollamby (B) S. Stevens	First Reading L. Dutton Second Reading R. Meekoms Prayers of the Faithful M. Campbell	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Judith and Choir
7AM Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	J. Coates (B) M. Cafe	First Reading G. Bortuzzo Second Reading A. Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful I. Spanevello	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Ike Soo Choon Family
9am Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	J. Fernandes (B) C. Fernandes	First Reading J. Ferris Second Reading P. Mawaka Prayers of the Faithful L. George	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Yvonne, Claude offers