



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [Year C] Sunday 19 December, 2021

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 I am coming to do your will. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44. Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Christian, do you know?

The carol asks "Mary, did you know?" We believe yes; yes, she knew and believed. Her 'yes,' her 'fiat' (Lk 1:38), was not a blind or naïve agreement to the message of the angel. Of course, she did not know exactly what it would look like, but she still made a positive act of faith and trust. Our Blessed Mother was not blessed for going along with the flow or taking the path of least resistance; rather, "blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk 1:45).

We too have received the pledge of participation in this divine life. Advent offered us reminders, time and time again, of the need to prepare for the coming of Christ both at Christmas and at the end of our lives. Do we truly believe that the promise made to us by the Lord will be fulfilled? Are we prepared to live out this belief in our own setting, like Mary did in hers?

The gifts that we share are sacraments of the gifts that our heavenly Father showers upon us; the relationships that we cherish are shadows of the grace of God in our midst; the carols we sing are echoes of the praises perpetually sung by the angels in the presence of God in heaven; and the joy we feel at Christmas is a foretaste of the joy we hope to enjoy in the fullness of time with God. The birth of Christ happened once upon a time, but also an immanent reality and a truth that will be fulfilled in eternity when He comes again in glory.

Let us take heart in the promise that has been made to us, and pray that our celebration of the coming feast may include the pouring forth of God's grace as the message of the angel, the Good News for all creation, is made known. Mary knew that the child she bore was the Promised One, and she believed. We have been preparing the way for the Good News all Advent, and have the opportunity to join with Mary in faith as we look forward in hope to the coming of the Promised One.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men! [...]*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song*

*Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."*

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1863)

God's Blessings on your
journey to Christmas
Day
Deacon Nathan Webb



'Annunciation' in the Roman *Book of the Hours* (c. 1450).
British Library Harley MS 2884 f. 22v.

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Vera Stephens, Aaron Marsh and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Morrie and Hazel Betros, Fr James Wiemers [1984]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Saturday 1st January will be 9.00am, there will not be a Mass at 7.00am. There will not be any reconciliation available.

St Pat's are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Remuneration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500.

Information Package for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; admin@stpats.org.au or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED CLEAN THE PEWS LAST SATURDAY! With so many helpers the job was completed more quickly than expected.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS:

Open: 20 – 24 December, except Wednesday 22 from 12pm.

Closed: 25 December – 3 January.

Open on Tuesday 4 January.

For urgent matters please phone 46371500, messages will be checked.



Christmas Office Hours



Secretarial Support Role – Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba Applications invited for a casual position in the Diocesan Chancery Office. Expected that the role will require 15 hours per week on days and at times to be negotiated. The Job Description is available on request. Applications should be by email to bishsec@twb.catholic.org.au and should be received by close of business on 20 January 2022.

Sunday 19 Dec	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 20 Dec	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 21 Dec	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Wed 22 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 23 Dec	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration SPC
Friday 24 Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	7am Mass SPC 6.00pm Cathedral and Cathedral Centre. 8.30pm and Midnight Mass. (Live Streamed)	Trybooking required for 6pm Mass only.
Saturday 25 Dec	7am and 9.00am	No Reconciliation No 6pm Vigil
Sunday 26 Dec <i>Boxing Day</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre



Planned Giving:\$803; Loose:\$673; Paypoint:\$440. Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan.

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you

