


4th Sunday of Advent - B
A VOCATION VIEW: Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ in to this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact


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What are you grateful about today/this week?



The rain has been a welcome blessing. It's amazing how the dead grass shoots back to life in a matter of days. God works miracles through nature.

Weekly Diary : 21st December—7th January 2021

Monday 21st	: 8.00 am. Mass
Thursday 24th	: 4.30 pm. Mass
(Christmas Eve)	: 6.00 pm. Mass
	: 8.00 pm. Mass
Friday 25th	: 7.00 am. Mass
(Christmas Day)	: 9.00 am. Mass
Saturday 26th	: 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B/1
Sunday 27th	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B/1
Friday 1st Jan 2021	: 8.00 am. Mass Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)
Saturday 2nd	: 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord Year B/1
Sunday 3rd	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord Year B/1
Thursday 7th	: 9.30 am. Mass

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vince Lossano, Antonio Catarina, John Anable

ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Mary Regan, Harold Patrick Regan, Ross Michael Bycroft, Olga Agnes Smith, Gilbert Smith, Brian Dwyer, Elizabeth Turnbull, John Turnbull, Muriel Gallagher, Robert Gallagher, Harry Gallagher

SICK LIST: Marie Turnbull, Tom Edgar, Elaine Nunis, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, Zaldy F Cadayona, John Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Colleen Waddel, Jake Bartley, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Irene Warde, Ron Sincock, Val Mai McErlean, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



4th Sunday of Advent Year B/I

Sunday 20th December 2020

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Hours:
 8.30am—3.00pm
 Monday—Tuesday
 8.30am-1.00pm
 Wednesday-Thursday
 (closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
 Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms
 Every 2nd & 4th
 Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
 Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
 Principal : Kathy Fuller

4th Sunday of Advent Year B/I
20th December 2020
 1st Reading : 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
 2nd Reading : Rom 16:25-27
 Gospel : Lk 1:26-38

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B/1
27th December 2020
 1st Reading : Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3
 2nd Reading : Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19
 Gospel : Lk 2:22-40

HELLO! From Fr Marty



Advent

Plan for the Advent/Christmas season

Here is a schedule for the next month.

Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am

Week 21/12 -27/12

MONDAY 21 ST December	8AM MASS
THURSDAY 24 TH December	No morning mass
THURSDAY 24 TH December (Christmas Eve)	4.30PM MASS
	6PM MASS
	8PM MASS
FRIDAY 25 TH December	7AM & 9AM MASS
SATURDAY 26 TH December	No morning mass
SATURDAY 26 TH December	Vigil of HOLY FAMILY

Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am

Week 28/12/2020-3/1/2021

MONDAY 28 TH December	No morning mass
THURSDAY 31 ST December	No morning mass

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**(Office will be closed from
Mon 28th Dec- 05th January
and there will be no newsletter)**

FRIDAY 1ST January 8AM MASS NEW YEARS DAY
(Solemnity, MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)
Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am

Week 4/1/2021-7/1/2021

MONDAY 4TH January — No morning mass
THURSDAY 7TH January 9.30am mass.

I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you again. As long as we remember that the new normal is 2 meters squared. We will be living with this for some time. Yet also, let's celebrate the birth of Christ into the world. We have not had many big events this year, so let us be mindful of our community, the visitors who will come and the chance to be on show as the Holy Family Catholic Parish.

Christmas blessings to you all.

Christmas Masses

As I've mentioned previously, we are living with a COVID world. With this in mind, please note the following during the Christmas masses :

- Arrive early - at least 15 minutes.
- Please continue to hand sanitize.
- Need to complete registration on arrival - standard process for Covid-19. Details are essential to 'contact trace' if there is a flare up with Covid-19.
- Social distancing required - standard process.
- If street parking is not available, park cars in the school grounds - **no parking warden** - park the car with room to move (this has been standard in the past).
- One collection only - after the homily - there will be 4 collectors supporting the process.
- Communion will be managed by an usher - starting from the back.

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



Laurie Woods (2020) helps us to understand the great greeting by the angel Gabriel. It must have firstly been a unique moment for Mary. Yet Mary has something which we all need to seek more carefully. She was full of faith in God, so despite probably being a little freaked by this visitation, she understands what is happening to her.

For the angel's greeting Luke uses the Greek verb that does not just mean 'hail' but 'rejoice'. It is a very enthusiastic style of greeting. The angel acknowledges that Mary has been greatly favoured by God. We are used to the expression 'full of grace' which may not mean a great deal to modern Christians. But the Greek expression here means 'highly gifted' and the angel salutes Mary showing deference to her both as a human being and as a woman of stature. The greeting in Mary's native Aramaic would have been she lamah lakh, which means not only 'peace to you' but the kind of peace that comes from wholeness. The fact that the angel declared that the Lord was with Mary was indication enough that she was an upright Palestinian Jewess of mature and well-adjusted personality. Her questioning of the angel shows that she is no shrinking violet but is a woman of common sense. She is betrothed and anticipates having a normal married life with Joseph. Their marriage has no doubt been arranged by their respective parents as was the custom and they are probably a very young couple looking forward to raising a family together. However, when Mary realises what God's plan is, she is ready to cooperate and willingly embraces the message of the angel.

TASK:

We pray for that unshakable faith Mary has. We need to learn to be more open to the final words from Mary in Luke's Gospel: "let what you have said be done to me..."

**Quotes from the readings
this weekend**



1st Reading: "Your house and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established forever..."

Psalm: "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord..."

2nd Reading: "I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages..."

Gospel: "Mary, do not be afraid, you have won God's favour..."

Thought for the week

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OF THE BEHOLDER

