

4th Sunday of Advent Readings

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

Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Psalm Response:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will be done for me.

Alleluia!



Christmas Eve Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 95:1-3, 11-13

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 97:1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Psalm Response:

- Vigil 5.15 pm

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord!

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- Night Mass 10 pm

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord!

- Tarooma 8.30 am

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

- Christmas Day 10 am

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Good news and great joy to the world;

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For today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Readings for 31 December

Holy Family

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 127:1-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

Readings for 7 January

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Upcoming Feasts

Tue 26 Dec – St Stephen

Wed 27 Dec – St John

Thu 28 Dec – Holy Innocents

Fri 29 Dec – St Thomas Beckett

Sat 31 Dec – St Sylvester I

Mon 1 Jan – Mary, Mother of God

Tue 2 Jan – Ss Basil & Gregory

Wed 3 Jan – Holy Name of Jesus

Mon 8 Jan – Baptism of the Lord

Sat 13 Jan – St Hilary



The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Tarooma

Sunday 24 December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B



Sunday 24 Dec, Christmas Eve – Monday 25 Dec, Christmas Day

From Fr Brian Nichols

With Christmas following so closely on the fourth Sunday of Advent we might easily overlook the message of this final Sunday in Advent and not take the time to contemplate the promise of the angel to Mary of Nazareth that nothing is impossible to God. Mary's wholehearted response to God's divine plan remains for all Christians the measure of our preparedness to give Christ to the world just as she did.

King David's desire to build a house for God (as related in the second book of Samuel) is contrasted with God's desire to dwell not in a building made by human hands but in the womb of Mary who would bring forth Christ in human flesh. This act of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ (the Incarnation) is the central truth of Christianity.

The understanding of Jesus as "Immanuel, God with us" is at the heart of all that we believe as Christians. It means that all our human endeavours have significance in God's eyes and that God is not divorced from our everyday experiences but rather is deeply

concerned for every human person and situation.

As followers of Christ who took on our human condition we stand in solidarity with all the peoples of the world, especially with the poor and suffering, with refugees and immigrants and those forced to live on the margins of society. To put it simply, we are not a Church of the perfect despite our paltry efforts to attain perfection! Rather, we are people who are deeply conscious of our need for God and for the salvation God offers us in Jesus born of Mary.

So may Christmas bring us many blessings. May it be a time for the healing of hurts and the renewal of relationships among family, friends, local communities and nations.

Thank you to all who make Christmas possible in the parish: our parish secretary Claire Manthorpe, the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, the St Vincent De Paul group, those who exercise liturgical ministries, those who prepare the flowers and sacristy and all of our generous volunteers.

May the celebration of Christ's birth bring us peace and joy!!

Holy Spirit Church

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St Pius X Church

100 Channel Hwy, Tarooma

St Canice Church

St Canice Ave, Sandy Bay

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Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ella Houghton, Elaine Stone, Mary Elizabeth Donnelly, Ivy Sybil Stokell, Peter Kisich, Winifred Dineley, Gladys Haley, Dominic Vincent, Walter Phillips, Thelma Lynch, Elsie Fay Smart, Betty Loring, Elizabeth Johnston, Helena Nowak, Emma Ellen Larkin, Florence Whelan, Asia Clark, Gladys Boys, George Norton, Anne Underwood, Margaret Eileen Gould, Bridget Green, James Willicombe, Charles Baldwin, Leslie McManus, Georgina Shepperd, Georgina Britton, Paul Saye-White, Betty Dawn Hevey, M O'Rourke, Patrick Stack, David Rushton, John Thomas Duke, Margaret Pedemont, Nicholas Pedemont, Mary Catherine Bourke, Thelma Lynch, Anthony John Evenhuis, Michael Scully, Maureen Prendergast, Margaret Nevin, John David Butler, Gladys Briant, Emily Taskunas, Mary Dulcie Munley and Arthur Henry White

Weekday Masses – Holy Spirit

No weekday Masses between Christmas and New Year.

Monday 1 January, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – 11 am Mass.

Tuesday to Friday, 2 to 5 January, 9 am Masses.

Monday Prayers

The Monday morning prayer group will be in recess until 8 January.

Carmelite greetings

The Carmelite Sisters, who supply our altar breads, have asked us to pass on the following message:

We are here to pray for all your intentions, so please feel free to contact us for prayers at any time. It is our joy and privilege to serve the Church in Tasmania in this way.

Wishing you every blessing as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation once more.

Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St, Launceston, 7250. Phone 6331 3585, email tascarmel@gmail.com

Greetings from Fr Eusebius

Greetings from Nairobi-Kenya. As the Christmas Festivals are approaching, I thought of dropping a few lines of Christmas Greetings to my old friends

in Sandy Bay/Taroona. I wish you all the Blessings of the New Born Jesus our Saviour and a very Happy New Year 2018.

Drinks and Nibbles

Following the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6 January all are invited to attend the first Nibbles & Drinks in the new year for friendship and companionship -- and then on the first Saturday in each month.

Sacramental Program 2018

Catholic children aged eight and up who live in the Sandy Bay/Taroona Parish, or who attend Mass in the parish, are invited to join the 2018 Sacramental Program.

First Reconciliation generally takes place during Lent so preparation will commence around late Feb/early March. Parents are encouraged to enrol their children as soon as possible. Dates for Confirmation and First Eucharist are yet to be finalised. Contact the parish office by email sandybay@aohtas.org.au or phone 6224 1423.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Please speak to Fr Brian if you want to know more.



The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 15 January.

Congratulations to Soo Park who was recently awarded here Phd in Chemistry. Soo is one of our faithful readers and ministers of Communion and we are very proud of you, Soo!

St Vincent de Paul – Thank you!

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the our Christmas appeal. Your donations of money, food and gifts, including a load of groceries from Mount Carmel College students and staff, are much appreciated.

Around ninety hampers were assembled, most of which have now been delivered to people in need of a helping hand. We received approximately \$7,000 by way of donations, sale of cards, and poor box offerings, and are very grateful for your generosity. Surplus money and food will be used to assist people throughout the year.

Enneagram course

The Enneagram is the most accurate and insightful path of personal development you will ever find. Course begins 24 February 2018. Enrol by 31 December and save \$100. See flyer in foyer or phone Pauline on 0409 191 342 or email: pauline@radiancehobart.com.au or see: www.radiancehobart.com.au

New Testament Greek Course

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament. Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. 29 Jan-2 Feb., 9am-3pm daily. \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). Registrations and information: Dr Christine Wood, phone 6208 6236 or email christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Porteous on Sunday 11 Feb, Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30 am and Sunday 18 Feb, St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am.

Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036.

Mass Times

Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay

Saturday: Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am & 5.15 pm

St Pius X, Taroona

Sunday: 8.30 am

St Canice

Monday to Saturday: 8.00 am

Mary's Grange

Friday 11.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: 5.00 to 6.00 pm
Rosary and Prayers:
Monday: 10.30 to 11.00 am

Sacrament of Forgiveness

Saturday 5.30 pm
or by arrangement
(Ph 6224 3797)

or is available at:

St Joseph's (city)

Weekdays 12.30 to 1.00 pm
Friday 5.00 to 5.30 pm
Saturday 4.00 to 4.30 and
6.00 to 6.30 pm

Baptisms

By arrangement and with preparation.

Marriages

Six months' notice and with preparation

Low gluten hosts

We have some hosts with a gluten content of less than five parts per million. If you are gluten-intolerant please speak to the priest before Mass so he can consecrate these together with the usual hosts.