

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

Sunday 20 December 2020



Readings for
this week:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
Romans 16:25-17
Luke 1:26-38



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Time

Liturgical time combines cosmic time, historical time and Salvation history. It brings past events into the present and assists the participants to be aware of and look forward to the future. We use earthly time to calculate the times to celebrate the mysteries and events of God and humanity. Earth and Heaven meet in the liturgy. The cyclical nature of seasons and feasts form the rhythm of the annual celebrations of significant times of our salvation: Easter, Pentecost, Christmas, Epiphany and their accompanying seasons.



Looking at the Readings

In the potted biography of King David presented in the first reading God promises that David's sovereignty will stand secure and his throne established forever. This promise is repeated in the Gospel reading. Here the angel Gabriel speaks to Mary about her future Son, Jesus. We also hear that Mary pondered all these prophecies in her heart and wondered what they may mean and how they are to eventuate. Mary's response called for trust and hope.

Advent is full of promise and hope, trustfulness and, indeed, freedom. God has the freedom to dwell where he wills. Through the Prophet Nathan, God rebuked David's idea to build a temple for God to dwell. Instead God will build a house for the people, the House of David. Gabriel visited Mary, recalling the promise to the House of David. God chose Mary to be the dwelling place of the Saviour, Jesus. Mary, in turn, had the freedom to accept or decline the offer. Jesus' birth goes beyond the stable, beyond Bethlehem and its lands. Jesus' birth recreates God's presence in the world and in our lives. The Word has dwelt among us. We have the freedom to accept God's Word in our home.

Quote of the Week

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. *Pope Francis*

Advent Prayer

In His love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth, so that when He comes He may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. *Advent Preface II*

Pope Francis's Encyclical Fratelli Tutti

It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity, even if we do not know that person, to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering. If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity. While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job for that other person, and thus practices a lofty form of charity that ennobles his or her political activity. (186)

On the Lighter Side

A teenager comes home to a darkened house, turns on the lights and discovers all the doors and windows are open. So yells out "Who's been messing with my Advent Calendar?"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Filomena Villani, Leonardo Carrafa, Marie McIlwain, Concetta Serra (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Lucia Villani, Marg Glover, Robert Borrelli
	Our sick and their carers	Dorothy Bock, Teresa Muto

Baptism

Rydah Gail

Robinson-~~Armitage~~

We congratulate Rydah on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our parish community.



Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th December Carols 5:30 pm

Thursday 24th December Mass 6:00 pm

Christmas Day

Friday 25th December Mass 9:30 am

Saturday 26th December No Mass

Sunday 27th December Mass 9:30 am

Mass Timetable

Week commencing 21st December

Weekday Mass

Monday 21 st December	No Mass
Tuesday 22 nd December	No Mass
Wednesday 23 rd December	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 24 th December	5:30 pm Carols 6:00 pm Mass
Friday 25 th December	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 26 th December	No Mass
Sunday 27 th December	9:30 am

At this stage Reconciliation is by appointment only, please call Mary on 0484 332 397 to book.

FR DJ ORDAINED!

Sandhurst Diocese has a new priest after the ordination to the priesthood of Fr DJ Suguitan at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo last weekend, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fr DJ's priestly ordination had been postponed twice after COVID-19 restrictions meant that the originally proposed ordination dates of July 11 and September 5 had to be changed.

We congratulate Fr DJ on his ordination and may God bless him in his ministry. To read more about Fr DJ's ordination, click the following link -

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1799-third-timearound-fr-dj-is-at-last-ordained>.

Christmas Roster

Christmas Eve Mass – 6:00 pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston

Reader: Debbie Worm

Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am

Commentator: Denise Woodman

Reader: Mary Vraca



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR JOHN PAUL PASALA

I'd like to take this time to wish all our parishioners a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Your presence in our faith community is what makes Sacred Heart a wonderful parish.

We look forward to 2021 and celebrating with you all in our great Parish.

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We acknowledge the Yorta Yorta nation, the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today.