

took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

FRUITFULNESS AND BLESSEDNESS

With Christmas only days away, this final Advent Sunday Gospel turns its attention to the pregnant Mary, soon to give birth. She goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, also pregnant. While the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience is familiar with family structures and lines of patriarchal authority, our Gospel centres on these two women within the patriarchal setting of the house of Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah.

There is something subtly subversive here. Important is the relationship between these two women and the fruitful imagery that permeates the story. The pregnancies of the two mothers anticipate the births of the two central figures in the Gospel's opening chapters. We have already seen one of them, John the Baptist, in the Gospels of the previous Sundays. It is the other, Jesus, whose birth we are soon to celebrate in a few days' time.

Elizabeth attests to the blessedness of Mary and the child to whom she will give birth. It is an affirmation which even Elizabeth's child witnesses to while still in the womb. Elizabeth and the child she carries anticipate the holiness of the one whom Mary will, at the angel's earlier invitation, name 'Jesus'. For the mother to name the child, as Elizabeth will do later in naming 'John' before the speechless Zechariah, is culturally unusual. But there is nothing usual about these births. We are caught up in this story, about fruitfulness and blessedness. Perhaps these are God's much-needed words to us as we seek to be with these two female figures preparing for the birth amongst us of the one from God.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

22 DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them

till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come
back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power to the ends of the
land.

He himself will be peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

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

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth
from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up
your might, / O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look
down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine
and protect it, / the vine your right hand has
planted. **R.**



3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, / the man you have given your
strength. / And we shall never forsake you
again: / give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;

then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,

'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you



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- MASS TIMES**
- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
 - **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
 - Tuesday: 5.30pm
 - Wednesday: 8.45am
 - Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

4th Week of Advent YR C
22 Sun: Fourth Sunday of Advent
23 Mon: No Mass
24 Tues: 4th Week of Advent
25 Wed: CHRISTMAS DAY
26 Thu: St Stephen
27 Fri: St John the Apostle
28 Sat: The Holy Innocents/ Vigil,
The Holy Family YR C


SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS


- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
 - Rosary: Sat 8am
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
 - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT – YEAR C

BLESSED IS HE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

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	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 28th Dec 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		C Joyce T Khoo	C Bonavia C Lopera	I Rajakurna A Khoo A McPherson
Sunday 28th Dec 8.00am	George Sekulla	C Neville	M Piliae S Robinson	K Nguyen L Millington	P Sekulla
Sunday 28th Dec 10.00am	Oliver Perez	A Semaan	B Parasuraman T Gomes	T Seputro A Semaan	A Benjamin R Vadakkal
Sunday 28th Dec 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		C Parnham Reader Req	P & J Pereyra	J Mai A Pravin Leo

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **20th December 2024:** M Jackson 6 Hedges Place, Kewdale & L King 3 Pratt Street, Cloverdale.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Five lovely presented hampers. Tickets on sale after all Masses. Tickets \$3 each or 4 for \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale after all Simbang Gabi Masses. Raffle will be drawn after the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd December.

Christmas Roster

There are still places to be filled for the 8am & 10am Christmas morning Masses. Please place your name where you are available to assist. Copies of the readings are available behind the roster sheet.

Bishop Don Sproston's Canonical Visitation

Last weekend we had Bishop Don Sproston visit our parish. He met with members of the Parish Council, Finance Council and Social Committee on the Saturday, and our Parishioners on the Sunday after the 8am & 10am Masses. He was very pleased with the reception he received. Thank you to all that helped with catering for his visit. And thank you to all that assisted the Bishop at all the Masses.

Simbang Gabi 2024

The Novena Masses have been well attended so far from the opening Mass on Sunday 15th December with The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth. The closing Mass will be on Monday evening 23rd December @ 8pm with main celebrant Bishop Don Sproston, Auxilliary Bishop of Perth.

The Record Magazine December 2024 Issue

Available from both entrances of the Church. Good articles from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don. New Cardinal - designate Mykola Bychok and lovely Nativity picture to colour in for the children. Magazine free to all good homes.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Available from both sides of the Church and the Pews. The offerings support all the Priests of the Archdiocese.

Christmas Flyers

Available from both sides of the church, please take one of each home and place on the fridge.

Succulent Plants For Sale

On sale at both sides of the Church at various prices after all Masses. All proceeds towards the PBF.

Around the Archdiocese

Perth Racing Mass – Monday 30th December

Ascot Racecourse, Directors Lounge Level 2 of the Grandstand. Parking is available Members Carpark off Grandstand Rd. Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start of Mass. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Employment Opportunities Archdiocese of Perth

Episcopal Services: Admin Assistant - Full Time
Safeguarding Office: Admin Officer - Full time
Personal Advocacy Service: Coordinator - Part Time
Vist: www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm for more information and job descriptions.

Notre Dame Community

On Sale Now- School Side Entrance

Columban Art Calendars - \$10.00 each only a few left.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Sharon Fletcher, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Sabestin, Denis & Margaret Saldana, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Brian Aitkin, Alf Taylor, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Julius Dominic Cork Gerard Wilton Bijoux and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty, Andrew Kinnimonth & John O'Rourke.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community;
Gavin Owen Balitian Cole

