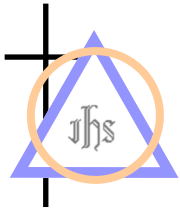


Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

Banyo, Nudgee, Nudgee Beach, Nundah, Virginia and sections of Clayfield, Northgate and Wavell Heights



"... may they all be one"

Our mission is to be a welcoming, prayerful, embracing parish, united in Christ, strengthening the faith and transforming the spiritual life of the community. We aim to be caring and responsive, sharing the Good News, and living the values of the Gospel.



*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C 19th December 2021*

Acknowledgement of Country

'We, the parishioners of the Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Turrbal People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People present.

As the Season of Advent ends let us remember how the prophets have encouraged our reflective preparation for Christmas. **Jeremiah** (1st Sunday of Advent): "I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David"; **Baruch** (2nd Sunday) "Jerusalem take off your dress of sorrow and distress.....for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory" and **Isaiah** "A voice cries in the wilderness 'Prepare a way for the Lord"; **Zephaniah** (3rd Sunday) "The Lord your God is in your midst"; and today's **Micah** "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." Let us join the prophets in this final week of preparation for the birth of the savior of the world.

The Word of God for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Infancy and passion:

Especially so close to Christmas, the second reading from Hebrews is jarring. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of his death. This passage begins, however, with two references to his birth: when Christ came into the world and 'prepared a body for me'. Why did Christ come? Why did he take on a human body? The answer: 'I am coming to obey your will'. Through obedience to the will of God, Jesus established a new covenant. Obedience is the key: the extent of obedience is demonstrated by his death on the cross. This connection between the birth of Jesus and his obedience unto death is integral to the Christmas festival. In the annunciation Mary responds to the words of Gabriel by saying, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word' (1:38; this Sunday's gospel acclamation). By obediently submitting to the divine word, she puts her body at the disposal of God: 'you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus' (1:31). Submission to God's will makes possible the birth that will lead to salvation. The birth of the Messiah and the death of the Saviour are inseparable. Elizabeth's question to Mary is really a proclamation of faith: 'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?' The reference to Jesus as 'Lord' is an Easter title, indicating that Luke is telling the initial episodes of the gospel in view of the entire story. The resurrection is not a sur-prise ending: it is

where the story really begins and the vantage point from which the gospel is proclaimed. The story of the birth of Jesus cannot be separated from the story of his death. Christ was born for a purpose: 'I am coming to obey your will, O God' (Hebrews 10:7, 9). Birth leads to death as surely as death leads to life.

Christmas Masses and the Sacrament of Penance.

The times for Christmas Masses and 1st Rite of Reconciliation are advertised in this newsletter. As was the case last year, with one exception, attending Christmas Mass will involve using the Trybooking website. For those who do not have access to the internet phone bookings can be made. The exception is for the Christmas Eve Carols and Mass at Banyo. Instead of using the Holy Trinity church we will use the St. Pius V school open multi-purpose area. We can only cater for 200 people in Corpus Christi church and 150 in Holy Trinity church. **It is not permitted for people to stand outside.** Please note the Saturday (Christmas) evening Mass at 6pm in Corpus Christi church is **NOT** a Christmas Mass. It is the Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance is offered in Holy Trinity church, Banyo. The 'Confessional' at Corpus Christi church is not suitable for social distancing and sanitizing requirements. The session is on **Tuesday 21st 6-8pm**. As well, it will be possible to make a confession during 6.30pm Banyo Mass on Thursday 23rd and 9am Nundah Mass on Friday 24th.

Queenslander! Our borders are open to vaccinated and tested interstate visitors. Lots of Queenslanders will enjoy the experience of reuniting with family and friends who have not been able to visit for such a long time. The opening of our borders is possible because of the high percentage of vaccinated Queenslanders. **Please get vaccinated** and play your part in promoting the health and well-being of yourself and others including fellow parishioners.

Hospitality. It has been some time since we have been able to offer the hospitality of a Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass in Corpus Christi church. This month the practice is recommencing and I thank those groups, The Voice (Youth) - 1st Sunday of each month, the Pilipino Community - (2nd), the Seniors - (3rd) and the Chai Group - (4th) who provide the opportunity for socializing after Mass.

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LITURGY TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES — Use Check In Qld App

Holy Trinity, Banyo 7.30am
5pm

Corpus Christi, Nundah 6pm Saturday evening
9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS — Use Check In Qld App

Monday 20 December
7am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

Tuesday 21 December
First Rite of the Sacrament of Penance
6-8pm at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Wednesday 22 December
9am Mass at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Thursday 23 December
Collect of St John of Kanty, priest
6.30pm Mass with Reconciliation at Holy Trinity,
Banyo

Friday 24 December — Christmas Eve
9am Mass with Reconciliation at Corpus Christi,
Nundah
Please see separate notice for Christmas Mass times

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF MERCY (PENANCE)

Please contact Fr Bernie at the Parish Office to arrange
a time.

BAPTISM

2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month
Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.
At least THREE months notice is required.

FIRST PENANCE, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION

Annually. Please contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.
At least SIX months notice is required.

SICK CALLS, COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION


Nundah: Sun, Mon, Tue & Wed
5pm to midnight
Banyo: Thu, Fri & Sat
7am to 11am
Roster Co-ordinator: Rob 0401 685 447
banyo.nundah.adoration@gmail.com

The last day for Eucharistic Adoration for the
year will be Wednesday 22nd December. Eu-
charist Adoration will recommence on Sunday
2 January 2022.



Please Pray for

Those who are sick:

 Peter Ham, Justin Carr, Harry White, Dale Brown, Emilia Long, Alexander Diestel, Kateri Byrnes, Rod Perry, Lynette Bevis, Marie Hetherington, Gordon Elsmore, Graham Byrnes, Cyril O'Sullivan, Sanjay Kumar, Norm Mansini, Philip Kerr, Kurt Lucas, Hugh Hamilton, Neil O'Connor, Marian Fernando, Robbie Mins, Karen Kelly, Martha Ochoa

Lord, show them your loving care

(If you know someone who no longer requires to be included on this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.)

Recently Deceased

Sr Kathleen Murphy rsj



may they rest in peace

Baptised this Weekend

Elissa Jane Catherine Roscrow
Sophie Olivia Rutter



Our prayerful good wishes to the families

The Holy Father's Intentions for December



Intention for evangelisation – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



The month of December is dedicated to Advent and Christmas.

Stewardship

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)



When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

"A Vocation View

A VOCATION VIEW: Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Holy Trinity Church, Banyo

Christmas Eve: 5.30pm Carols; 6.00pm Mass (Carols and Mass will be in the Open Multi-Purpose Area in St Pius V School. **No booking required.** There will be some seating available, however you might prefer to bring your own chair. Check in with the Qld Check in App.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Christmas Day: 7.30am Mass (max 150 attendees)

Booking details: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWARL>

Corpus Christi Church, Nundah (max 200 attendees)

Christmas Eve: 8.00pm Carols; 8.30pm Mass
Christmas Day: 9.30am Mass

Booking details: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWARX>

Online and phone bookings are now open. For phone bookings call the Parish Office on 3324 3870.

COMING TO CHRISTMAS MASS

When arriving for Mass you will need to check in using the Check in Qld App and show the Welcomer you have done so. The Welcomer will then mark your name off our bookings list. Please be patient and remember to arrive in plenty of time. And remember, if you are unwell, please stay at home.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday 21st December: 6pm – 8pm at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo

Thursday 23rd December: 6.30pm Mass with Reconciliation at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo

Friday 24th December: 9am Mass with Reconciliation at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah

MORNING TEA

There will be no morning tea after the 7.30am Mass, next Sunday.



THE VOICE YOUTH GROUP – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Voice Youth Group would like to congratulate our winners! And thank everyone for helping raise \$903 with our Christmas raffle.

1st Prize - Roann Jocson

2nd Prize - Colina Knol

3rd Prize - Rizanna Mortimer

4th Prize - John Carr

5th Prize - Tom Cullen

6th Prize - Fred Gomez

7th Prize - Rita

For those of you who have not yet received your prize we have attempted to contact and the remaining prizes can be picked up from the Parish Centre during opening hours.

Together with the funds from our Christmas Karoloke (\$202.70) the Youth are donating the total of \$1105.70 between two missions: Emmanuel City Mission sanctuary for the homeless and vulnerable and Our local St Vincent de Paul chapters for their Christmas vouchers they are providing to families in need. \$552.85 to each charity will be given.

Thank you to all those who donated and support our mission to bring Heaven to Earth.

GREEN CORNER

Recycle right this Christmas

Limit your footprint this Christmas and send less waste to landfill by making sure your household recycling is right.

Wrapping paper

Recycle right by placing your wrapping paper in your recycling bin.

Pro Tip: Collect your wrapping paper in a washing basket or cardboard box not a plastic bag (which can't be recycled) and empty into the recycling bin

Christmas cards

Paper Christmas cards are recyclable and should be placed in your recycling bin.

Pro tip: Repurpose your Christmas cards by turning them into gift tags. Recycle your offcuts in your recycling bin.

Bon Bons

Why not save yourself a little by [fashioning your own crackers](#)? Instead of inserting plastic toys, include consumable items like Christmas biscuits or other treats.

Every year 27,000 tonnes of paper and cardboard is sent to landfill in Brisbane. Cardboard and paper items, including boxes and packaging, should go in your recycling bin. This includes paper and cardboard gift packaging, plates, crackers or bon bons and festive hats.

Download the Brisbane Bin and Recycling app Council's free [Brisbane Bin and Recycling app](#) can help make Christmas recycling easy.

^{THE}CATHOLIC LEADER

THE CATHOLIC LEADER CHRISTMAS 2021 ISSUE. YOURS TO TAKE HOME FOR \$4

- ✚ Room at the inn for all this Christmas – Emmanuel City Mission throw open doors for extended hours
- ✚ Pope reading signs of the times – education, work and dialogue between generations
- ✚ Family of 11 escapes house fire 'by the grace of God'
- ✚ Pam Betts immensely grateful for a career spanning 42 years in teaching and education
- ✚ Grandmother right at home with friends on the streets
- ✚ Christmas messages from all Queensland Bishops
- ✚ Pope expresses concern for decline of democracy across the globe
- ✚ Former orphan Brendan Scarce counts his blessings in new book
- ✚ Veterans advocate gives heartfelt insight into own personal trauma
- ✚ Tim Sherlock has a gift for music and shares it

PROPER OF THE MASS

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word



Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation II When we eat this bread

Communion Rite

Readings: Sunday 26 December 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 St John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRIVACY POLICY:

The privacy of all individuals with whom Banyo-Nundah Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available at www.bne.catholic.net.au or on request.

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Christmas Offering. Each year at Christmas and Easter parishioners have the opportunity to give something extra through the Christmas and Easter Offering envelopes. Parish envelope users will notice an additional envelope in their envelope packs. For those who give by Direct Debit, Credit Card or Cash there are Christmas Offering envelopes at the entrances to our churches. Thank you for your generous support of myself, the clergy and the parish. Please contact the parish office if you would like to commence giving by Direct Debit, Credit Card or Parish Giving Envelopes.

Keep in Touch.

Thank you everyone for your Coronavirus patience.
Every Advent Blessing.

Fr. Bernie.

BANYO HAPPENINGS



If you wish to donate to the cross, see Fr Bernie or phone the Parish Office on 3324 3870.

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