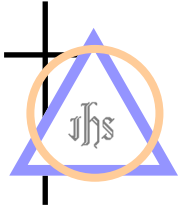


Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Year C 26th December 2021

The Word of God for the Solemnity of Christmas. Royal imagery in the birth narrative – Luke 2:1-20.

By situating the birth of Jesus during the reign of Augustus and the governorship of Quirinius, Luke provides a subtle but pointed comparison between earthly and divine power.

Bethlehem was in Judea, a province of the Roman empire. Augustus, who established the Pax Romana ('Roman Peace'), was arguably the greatest of Rome's emperors. A measure of his self conception and public persona is evident in his titles: God and Saviour. Yet, Augustus feigned humility by refusing the title 'king' or 'emperor' and referred to himself instead as 'princeps,' or 'first citizen.' The long arm of Rome reached into each of its provinces which were ruled by the strong hand of its regional magistrates; Quirinius ruled Judea. Luke's mention of Augustus and Quirinius reminds readers of Rome's imperial power which is illustrated by the census that was ordered for 'the whole world' (2:1). Enrolling people was a way of assessing personal wealth for the purpose of taxation. Rome ordered, people obeyed; Rome taxed, people paid. Ironically, however, the imperial command actually fulfils God's ancient purpose: that Jesus be born in Bethlehem, the 'City of David' (2:4, 11; Micah 5:1).

The gospel also stresses the royal dignity of Jesus, descendant of the family of David (2:4), unarguably the greatest of Israel's Kings. David had ruled, not by virtue of personal power or military might, but by divine election (1 Samuel 16:1, 12) and promise (2 Samuel 7:12-16). Jesus is the heir to that divine promise. Jesus' royal and divine dignity is signified by his titles: Saviour, Christ (= Messiah; see Advent 3), and Lord (2:11); the reading from Isaiah adds another four titles (Wonder-Counselor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace) and asserts his right to rule. Jesus' birth fulfils David's kingship, brings glory to God and peace to people (2:14).

Yet for all his royal and divine power, Jesus will not stretch out his hand to dominate but to heal. His humility is genuine, not feigned: though divine, he is born as human; though royal, he is laid in a manger; though ruler, he is attended by shepherds.

2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

One can well understand that the people of Davenport, Tasmania are finding this Christmas very difficult, even impossible, to celebrate. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the families of the six children who have died and of the two children critically injured. While the birth of Jesus Christ is the most joyful event in human history, Jesus Christ was not born into a perfect world. In St. Matthew's Gospel (2:13ff) we read how, at the beginning, Jesus and his family were at risk of death and had to flee Bethlehem and seek refuge in Egypt. Each year, the joy of Christmas is tempered by life's sadness caused by separation, sickness, poverty, loneliness and, of course this year's Covid-19 restrictions. Various kinds of human weakness and selfishness contribute to the sadness of Christmas. Let us pray for God's forgiveness for our personal and community failings.

Despite life's sadness, hopelessness is not an option for believers in Jesus Christ. His birth, death, resurrection and

ascension are for our salvation. Sin is forgiven and death is destroyed so that humanity and all creation might live in harmony and peace. This is our challenge and Christian calling. Our example is Good News to all who make life's journey with us.

I wish you, my fellow parishioners, Christmas of Joy and peace. As your priest, I am privileged to offer with you Christmas Masses in thanksgiving to God for the blessings that accompany the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May our human sufferings find meaning in Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us. Most of all may Christmas joy be in your and in your families' hearts. A happy, healthy and holy Christmas to you.

Archbishop Mark's Christmas message.

Christmas is a great time for coming together – families, friends and communities – and there's a good reason for that. It's not just that coming together is more important than ever in a time of pandemic, when isolation and separation have hit us all hard. It's also because Christmas celebrates the overcoming of the most fundamental separation of all – the sundering of heaven and earth; of God and humanity. Once God becomes one of us, heaven and earth come together forever – they become one flesh. The overcoming of that separation means that there is no separation that can't be overcome; no chasm that can't be bridged. In a world of ever deepening polarisations, such a vision isn't an optional extra, its absolutely essential. And so too is Christmas. Christmas began long ago as a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness in the Northern world, but it's become a celebration of the triumph of togetherness over separation in every part of the world, including ours; one which is celebrated in every community and in every heart. A very happy Christmas to you all.

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.

Season's Greetings have been received from Rev. Elizabeth on behalf of Nundah Anglican Church and she looks forward to collaborating with us again next year.

Season's Greetings have been received from Anika Wells, Federal Member for Lilley. Anika thanks us for our efforts in 2021 and wishes us a happy and healthy festive season and a prosperous New year.

Every Christmas Blessing.

Fr. Bernie.

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 27 December

7am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

Wednesday 29 December

St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr

NO 9am Mass at Holy Trinity, Banyo today

Thursday 30 December

6:30pm Mass at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Friday 31 December

St Sylvester I, pope

9am Anointing Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

Saturday 1 January, 2022

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

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

Resumes 2nd January
2022



REMINDER — Face Masks are recommended at Mass and adoration upon entry and exit of the Church and at Communion time.

Ensure you check in with the Check in Qld App or see a welcomer to register.



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 Minns, 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

Kevin Burke

Stephen (Robbie) Page

may they rest in peace

Baptised during the week

Ava Evelyn Saunders



Our prayerful good wishes to the family

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

9am Friday 31 December, Corpus Christi, Nundah



If transport is required contact: Kathy
0468 429 797

'The Voice' Youth Ministry

Youth Led Mass:

Next Sunday 2 January 2022, 9.30am

Corpus Christi Church, Nundah



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

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

(1 JOHN 3:1)



During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

A Vocation View

A VOCATION VIEW: Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.



THANK YOU!



Hi everyone! This is a note just to say a huge Thank you and Fa'afetai tele lava to our sponsors for the Christmas Raffle! We would love to thank our parishioners who consistently sponsor us through the collection basket at the two churches.

Also to Matthew Thomas, the Carr family, three of our Voice families for the gift card prizes, Celia and all the other consistent supporters.

'For it's through giving that you receive'

Love always your Banyo Nundah Youth Family



"In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod Themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code below:



OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, BOWEN HILL – CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Celebrate the octave of Christmas. Share a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carols overlooking the Brisbane river at Our Lady of Victories Carols by Candlelight 7pm-9pm Tuesday Dec 28. Book on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/carols-by-candlelight-registration-216166759597>

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December for the public holidays.



MASS CHANGES OVER THE COMING WEEKS

There will be no Mass this Wednesday 29th December at Holy Trinity, Banyo at 9am.



There will be a Mass on Saturday 1st January 2022 at 7am at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to David Castelino and Skye Bell who married in Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday.

ADORATION CLOSURES OVER CHRISTMAS

Christmas closure dates for Adoration are as follows:



Banyo

Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Sat 25th

Thu 30th, Fri 31st, Sat 1st

Nundah

Sun 26th, Mon 27th, Tue 28th, Wed 29th

Adoration will resume on 2nd January 2022.

CEO – Christian Religious Instruction Alliance, Queensland. (CRIAQ) Part time role. (re-advertised)

The alliance, made up of 15 denominations across Queensland, is looking for a person with a calling to support the ministry of RI in State Schools.

RI is the church in Qld's most extensive cooperative ministry. It reaches out to approximately 150,000 children predominantly weekly via over 3000 volunteer instructors.

The role is to lead engagement with our key stakeholders – the churches, organisations that provide RI across the state, the Education Department, political parties, foundations/donors/funders- and oversee the deployment of central staff and regionally based staff.

The CEO will preferably have executive experience, will be a committed Christian leader who appreciates the tremendous opportunity that RI is for the young people of this state to explore, question, and discover Christian faith. RI in Qld is well positioned to build on positive momentum and the CEO will relish meeting current challenges with innovative and strategic leadership.

For further information, please contact the Chair, Rev. David Baker, on chair@christiari.org.au, Ph. 0418 88 06 01

Applications close 24th January 2022

PROPER OF THE MASS

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

To listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer III

Memorial Acclamation III Save us, Saviour of the world

Readings—Sunday 2nd January, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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Safeguarding Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. This means that **everyone in the church** must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected.



*Merry Christmas to the
parishioners of Banyo Nundah
Catholic Parish.*

*May your day be filled with
many blessings, much joy,
happiness, laughter and love.
Thank you for your kindness and
friendship throughout the year.*

*from
The Parish Office Staff*

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