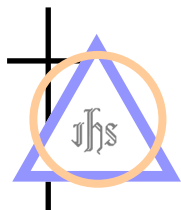


Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

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 Nativity of the Lord Year A 25th December 2022

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 all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan and our Laudato Si' Action Plan are works in progress.

2022 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Twenty years ago, in November 1992 and to mark the 40th anniversary of her coronation, Queen Elizabeth II delivered her famous 'Annus Horribilis' speech. It had been a difficult year for the Royal Family. A month later, the queen delivered her annual Christmas Message referring to the year as a 'sombre one'. This year, of course, it will be King Charles III who will deliver the Royal Family's annual Christmas Message and he too will refer to the events that trouble his family and the world. He will most certainly mention the death of his beloved mother – may she rest in peace.

When we think about the state of things we might describe them as Charles Dickens did at the beginning of his Tale of Two Cities: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'. How would you describe yourself? Are you a 'glass half full' person or a 'glass half empty' person? As a Christian, of course, you are, like Mary, a 'glass full' person. "Hail Mary, full of grace!" The Lord Jesus is always with us and we are 'filled with joy'.

Christmas is a time to remember and celebrate what God did when God sent his only son. There are no half measures in God's purpose and plan. All humanity benefits from the salvation won by Jesus Christ's birth, death and resurrection. There is a link between Christmas and Easter and life's pain and suffering. While we look forward to the joy of Christmas we know too that life has its sufferings and there will always be crosses to carry.

May the grace of Christmas open our minds to find God's Son in the 'best of times and in the worst of times'. Have a 'Happy, Healthy and Holy Christmas'.

Thank You. Last Sunday night's farewell was a wonderful parish gathering. Thanks to all who attended or who sent their apologies for not being able to make it. Thanks for the very generous offering of some \$5,500.00 which will help in the setting up of my family unit at Mermaid Beach which is where I intend to live in retirement. Thanks to those who organized the night especially Madonna, Madonna, Julie and Christine — I'm not sure who all of you are. Thanks to all who helped in many different ways such as setting up the venue, transporting the guest of honour (me!), serving at the tables and at the bar and the always faithful who clean up afterwards etc. etc. A special thanks to Genevieve Cavanagh for her speech and to Clare Day for her Ode to Fr. Bernie. Thanks to Peter Gordon for being the evening's MC. I am having more 'Farewells' than Dame

Nellie Melba! I will miss being your priest. I guess I will discover soon enough what it means to be a priest without parishioners! You might remember that our parish centenary book was called 'A Working Faith'. The demographic may be changing but you do not need to lose your working class heritage. There is no greater calling or privilege than to 'Work for God'. Keep up your good work.

Royal imagery in the birth narrative

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, 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.

New Year Mass Program. In the first week of the new year (January 2 to 6) there will be no weekday Masses celebrated in either of our churches or at Zion Home.

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LITURGY TIMES



SUNDAY MASSES

Holy Trinity, Banyo 7.30am
5pm
Corpus Christi, Nundah 6pm Saturday evening
9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 26 December — Boxing Day
St Stephen, first martyr
7am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

Wednesday 28 December
The Holy Innocents, martyrs
9am Mass at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Thursday 29 December
St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr
6:30pm at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Friday 30 December
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF MERCY (PENANCE)

Saturday 4pm—5pm at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo *or*
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: 24-hour from Monday after 7am Mass
to 8am Tuesday
Banyo: 24-hour from 8am Tuesday
Roster Co-ordinator: Colina 0422 111 321
northside.adoration.bn@gmail.com

ADORATION VACANCIES

Permanent vacancies for Eucharistic Adoration:
Banyo — Wednesday at 12am, 1am and 6am


Recitation of the Rosary

Prayed every Sunday morning at:
7am before the 7.30 am Mass at Holy Trinity
Church, Banyo and
9am before the 9.30am Mass at Corpus Christi
Church, Nundah.
Everyone welcome to join in.



Please Pray For

Those who are sick:

 Justin Carr, Harry White, Emilia Long, Alexander Diestel, Kateri Byrnes, Lynette Bevis, Gordon Elsmore, Graham Byrnes, Norm Mansini, Philip Kerr, Robbie Minns, Karen Kelly, Martha Ochoa, Catherine Thun, Clare Lansley, Kathleen Smiley, Carol Azzopardi, Shirley Tunny.

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.)

Faithful Departed

Don, Jean, Mary and Donald Francis Ferguson

as they rest in peace



'The Voice' Youth Ministry

Youth Led Mass:

Next Sunday 1 January 2023, 9.30am
Corpus Christi Church, Nundah



The Holy Father's Intentions for December

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



The month of December is dedicated to Advent and Christmas.

Stewardship

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14



God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus - the best gift we could ever receive.

A Vocation View

A VOCATION VIEW: Vocations are born in the family. The deacons, priests, [sisters](#), and brothers of tomorrow are being born in our local hospitals and playing in our own backyards.



Thought for the Week

Use your voice for kindness,
Your ears for compassion,
Your hands for charity,
Your mind for truth,
And Your heart for love.
Author Unknown

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Collection in support of Ukraine. If you would like to financially support our Ukrainian sisters and brothers in Christ please place your offering in an envelope marked Ukraine and place it on one of the collection plates at Mass or hand it in to the parish office.

The Holy Trinity Cross. One of the highlights of parish life this year was the erection, unveiling and blessing of the Holy Trinity Cross. All who made a donation were given the opportunity to have a memorial plaque attached to it. The cost of preparing and placing the plaques is approximately \$210. Anyone wanting to add a plaque please contact the parish office. The expected cost of each plaque will now be \$250.

Accommodation. I have been approached by the Parish Priest of Maryborough, Victoria seeking accommodation for a husband and wife couple in the Banyo area. The husband is a retired policeman from the UK and will commence studies at ACU in 2023. If you can help please contact the parish office.

Every Christmas Blessing.

Fr. Bernie.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December for the public holidays.



MASS CHANGES OVER THE COMING WEEKS

There will be no weekday Masses the first week of the year — from Monday 2nd January, as we prepare to welcome Fr Dan from Saturday, 7 January and Fr Bernie begins his retirement.



EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NO ADORATION AVAILABLE

at **BOTH CHURCHES**: Monday 26th December 2022 - Wednesday 4th January 2023

CORPUS CHRISTI: 24 hour Adoration as usual when available

HOLY TRINITY: Tuesdays only 8am - midnight (until 17th January)



Carols by Candlelight – you're invited to Our Lady of Victories parish

Share a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carol singing together on the lawn in front of Bowen Hills church, overlooking the Brisbane River. Kids, come dressed up in your favourite Bethlehem costume!

7pm Tuesday 27 December followed by light refreshments.

All details on [Eventbrite](#) or our [website](#)
Everybody is welcome!



Thank you to our editor of the newsletter. Paula diligently arrives each Thursday and Friday morning to prepare and print the newsletter that you enjoy reading each week. She keeps us up to date with all the news of the parish, deanery and the Archdiocese. Thank you Paula



Catholic Leader promotional points for Christmas 2022

- Our Christmas celebrations are getting richer - thanks to the joy and vibrance of Catholics from around the world. Members of the Sudanese and Vietnamese communities give a taste of how they're contributing to that.
- Archbishop Coleridge gets to the heart of what this season is all about as he wonders what it's like celebrating Christmas in Ukraine right now.
- Queensland's other bishops give their Christmas messages, including Bishop Tim Norton writing about a Christmas experience among the poor in Mexico.
- Franciscan Friar talks about being called to leave Brisbane for troubled South Sudan.
- Deacon Clint McGoldrick becomes the first Indigenous man ordained to serve Brisbane, with his wife and two sons looking on
- Ten young people on the Sunshine Coast are baptised in time for Christmas.
- Prominent Brisbane Sister of Mercy Catharine Courtney talks about publishing her first book at 90.
- A Brisbane student receives a rousing reception for his first film, and it's on a Gospel theme.

PROPER OF THE MASS

Liturgy of the Word



Responsorial Psalm

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth

Alleluia!

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer III

Memorial Acclamation III Save us, Saviour of the world.

Readings — Sunday 1st January, 2023

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21



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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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