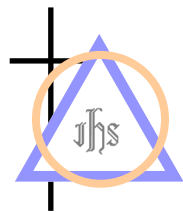


# Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

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



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.



*Mary, The Holy Mother of God*  
*Year A 1 January 2023*

*"... may they all be one"*

## '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.

## Understanding the Word

Paul's Letter to the Galatians spells out for believers the significance of the incarnation: we have been 'adopted' as children of God. The language of adoption is used in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe God's relationship to Israel (Jer 3:19) and, more prominently, to the Davidic king (Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7:14).

The biblical stories that deal with adoption indicate that adopted children are fully heirs along with the biological children of the adoptive parents. This seems to be Paul's point. While Christians are not children of God in the same way that Jesus is the Son of God, we are, nevertheless, truly heirs of his divine heritage and have the same rights to call God 'Abba.'

Contrary to the commonly held view that 'Abba' is an intimate form of address equivalent to our words 'daddy' or 'papa' (initially made popular by J. Jeremias, who later recanted his findings as naive), 'Abba' is, in fact, the Aramaic form of the word for 'father.' Some scholars believe that the use of this term by early Christians in Galatia and Rome (and perhaps elsewhere) may reflect a genuine tradition that remembers Jesus using this term in his own prayer.

**Christmas Thanks.** The Christmas Masses were happy celebrations and well attended. Thanks to all who helped in any way especially our church sacristans, altar servers, musicians and singers, cleaners, Lay Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion. Also, a special thanks to those who organised our volunteers. On a personal note thanks to all who extended to me their Christmas greetings and generous gifts.

**Volunteer Thanks and Blessing.** I will offer a blessing at parish Masses this Sunday to all who volunteer their services to our parish.

**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. Fr. Dan Redhead will offer his first Mass as your Parish Priest at 6pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**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 last 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.

**Thank You.** The parish farewell held on December 18<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful 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.

**Every Christmas and New Year Blessing.**

*Fr. Bernie.*

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## LITURGY TIMES



### SUNDAY MASSES

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

### WEEKDAY MASS — None this week

Monday 2 January, 2023

*Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors*

No Mass

Wednesday 4 January

No Mass

Thursday 5 January

No Zion or Evening Mass

Friday 6 January — First Friday

No Mass



## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF MERCY (PENANCE)

Saturday 4pm—5pm at Holy Trinity Church, Banyo or contact 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.

## PROPER OF THE MASS

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

#### Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation I We proclaim your death, O Lord

### Readings—Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

## 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.)

## 'The Voice' Youth Ministry

### Youth Led Mass:

This Sunday, 1 January 2023

9.30am at Corpus Christi Church, Nundah

Next Sunday, 5pm Holy Trinity Church, Banyo



## The Holy Father's Intentions for January

### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

## Stewardship

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."



LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

## A Vocation View

A VOCATION VIEW: Families are where kindness, humility, patience, and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.



## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 2 January for the public holiday.

## SVDP THANKS

SVDP Holy Trinity Banyo would like to thank St. Pius School, our Parishioners for their ongoing donations to our Christmas fund you have helped many Families and Clients have a wonderful Christmas thanks to your generosity Hope you all had a Holy, Safe and Joyful Christmas.

## BARDON HEALING MASS

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6th January, 2023 at 7.30pm. Fr James O'Donoghue will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as prayer petitions. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com).

## ODE TO FATHER BERNIE

It was 2014 in a scenic Beaudesert town  
Your Parish Family and Friends had all gathered round  
The news was out – their much loved Priest was leaving town  
After twenty odd years on their hallowed ground.

And now to Banyo-Nundah Parish you did come  
Another chapter in your life had just begun  
With two Churches, three Schools and a aged care Facility too  
A mammoth task ahead was awaiting you.

You went about your work in a dedicated way  
You attended many Parish meetings day after day  
You knew all your parishioners and called them each by name  
Your motto "Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be Holy" soon was one of fame.

Before too long another challenge came your way  
Your Parish house and office were going up for sale  
Undauntingly, you carried on – a new Parish Centre soon was born  
And a place was found for you to enjoy each morn.

You catered for us daily with the Masses you did say  
Even during COVID Sunday Mass – you found a way  
You were there for all the Sacraments given to young and old  
It is now time for this Parish Family to thank you and let you go.

Now it is time for a sea change – and by the sea you have chosen to be  
It is time to sit back, relax enjoy a cricket match – maybe  
It is time for evening strolls along the beach so close to you  
It is time for quiet meditation in Stella Maris nearby too.

Where ever you go, whatever you do  
We all do wish the very best for you  
We thank you for your blessings bestowed on us each day  
And now we pray those blessings are returned tenfold your way.

Thank You Father Bernie.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

~ Clare Day

*Farewell, Fr Bernie!*



*Enjoy Your Retirement*