



# Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

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.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4pm - 5pm Holy Trinity Church, Banyo

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Corpus Christi, Nundah - Saturday (vigil) 6pm  
and Sunday 9.30am

Holy Trinity, Banyo - Sunday 7.30am and 5pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Corpus Christi, Nundah

Monday 7am and Friday 9am

Holy Trinity, Banyo

Wednesday 9am and Thursday 6.30pm

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

All enquiries for assistance

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — 31st December 23 — Year B

Dear Parishioners,

I prepared this Message on the Wednesday prior to Christmas (December 20), because it was essential that the Newsletter be produced prior to Parish Office closure on Friday, December 22. I know that many important events can occur between the production of the Newsletter and its publication on Sunday, December 31, that perhaps ought to be included in this Newsletter, but won't for obvious reasons. I do beg your indulgence.

This Newsletter is the final one for 2023. Tomorrow, Monday, January 1, is New Years Day. In the calendar of the Church, it is the very important Solemnity Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. I shall be celebrating a 9:00am Mass in the Nundah Church on Monday. Monday, being a Public Holiday, means that the Parish Office will be closed; it will reopen again for business after the Christmas shutdown on Tuesday, January 2.

I note that I have been your Parish Priest for 51 weeks and next Sunday, January 7, The Solemnity Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord will be our first anniversary together. And, of course, quite a lot has happened in the past year. This is just a snapshot of them (it is somewhat of a report card):

- We had a Parish Pastoral Visit by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in late March and my formal installation as your Parish Priest during his visit.
- We returned Corpus Christi Church from its temporary Sanctuary to its original condition (including the returning of pews and kneelers). There was great popular and public display of your approval of this decision evidenced by the large number of volunteers (in excess of 30 men, women and children) who showed up at rather short notice on a Saturday morning to relocate the furniture including the Altar. Many hands, did indeed, make light work on this occasion.
- We upgraded the entire public address system in the Corpus Christi Church to provide us with good sound. The new Sanctuary microphones are using wireless technology because it is impossible to provide a wired system to this area without introducing tripping hazards to all who enter the Sanctuary space.
- My first celebration of the Festival in the Parish of our twin Parish Feast Days, Corpus Christi and the Holy Trinity, which occur on consecutive Sundays. Unfortunately, we didn't have much of a detailed plan for the celebration in 2023 (there was simply too much going on and it was a casualty of our general busyness), but I have vowed to do better in 2024. In 2024, the Parish plans to stage a public Corpus Christi Street March from the Corpus Christi Church down to Nundah Village and back to the Church on Corpus Christi Sunday, to be followed by a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction. Perhaps there might also be a multicultural food bazaar offered too, similar to what has happened prior to the COVID-19 disruptions.
- The commencement of a Fundraising Campaign to raise funds for the Corpus Christi Church Restoration Work. The goal is \$1M. In 2023, we have a softly softly approach towards our promotion of the Campaign. Aside from my initial public promotion of the Campaign, we have been reliant on a simple promotion in our weekly Parish Newsletter. There has been a slow accumulation of funds donated by Parishioners and I thank all who have contributed to the cause for their financial assistance; some have opted for a once-off contribution, others have opted for a regular EFT contribution. I can report that our YTD contributions to this Campaign are \$76,922. Again, thank you!

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## Sunday Mass Setting

**Penitential Rite:** 3A

**Gloria:** Sung

**Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) *The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**Nicene Creed:** Prayed

**Preface of Nativity of the Lord:** 3

**Eucharistic Prayer:** 3

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** 1

## Readings Sunday 7th January

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:2

Happy New Year  
2024

The Parish Finance Council will be a little more proactive with this Fundraising Campaign in 2024 during which time we hope to make significant gains towards our goal.

- Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) have been very slow, from the Parish perspective, in authorising the commencement of the Corpus Christi Church dome repairs. Our CCI insurance claim is the largest in the Archdiocese of Brisbane so they are being very careful in order to get everything right, and to minimise the quantum of their liability, which was somewhere in the order of \$4.5M at the start of 2023, but with labour and material costs soaring in the building industry, the final cost might well come in much higher. The problem for the Parish is this: we are quickly running out of time for the dome repairs and our church restoration works to be completed prior to our 2026 Church Centenary Celebrations, and the longer CCI stall, the more likely it will be that our beloved Corpus Christi Church will not be repaired in time. Please remember to pray that the church repairs are executed in time for the Centenary.

- There have been a few personnel changes to the Parish Pastoral (PPC) and Finance (PFC) Councils in 2023. Again, my thanks to those who have retired from these Councils for their years of service to the Parish and also, to the individuals who have stepped up to serve you, the people of Banyo Nundah, as their replacements. Your PPC is currently reviewed the results of the National Church Life Study (NCLS) Report that 301 Parishioners responded to in 2022; they are using this Report to discern what it is that you like/dislike about our Parish's operations, and what we might be able to do to enhance and improve our pastoral services to you; then we move into the implementation phase. Expect more on this in 2024. I can advise that there is a current vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council that needs filling, so, should any Parishioner be interested to join the PPC, I would be interested to hear from you. Your PFC is currently focusing on the fundraising initiative mentioned in the third dot point above.

- We have three RCIA Candidates preparing to become members of our Church community, and as previously reported, they will reach an important milestone on Sunday, January 14, when they will publicly enrol their names in the Book of the Elect.

Please continue to pray for them. I am also deeply grateful to the Parishioners who came forward to assist the RCIA program as Catechists and Sponsors.

All in all, I think that 2023 has been a positive year in the history of the Parish, and I thank all Parishioners for making it an overall success.

I would also like to congratulate and announce that Debra Visser, who has been our Parish Secretary during the past year; will from January 1, be employed as the Parish Manager. I've come to appreciate during the year just how intensive the administrative element is in this Parish, so, with the assent of the PFC, Debra will now assist me in that expanded role. In the meantime, until the Parish can find a person to assist as a casual part-time Administrative Assistant, Debra will continue to perform the duties of the Parish Secretary.

Now, at this time of year, many people will turn their attention to preparing New Year Intentions of what one might do to enhance one's self-satisfaction, self-esteem and self-improvement. Might I suggest that it would be worthwhile to look at yourself and your needs not only from a physical, mental or financial perspective, but also from a spiritual one too. The following questions might be beneficial for you: What do I need to do to deepen my relationship with the Lord? Can I pray more than I do now? Can I attend Mass and other Sacraments (e.g. Confession) more regularly? Can I do more to help the Parish as a ministry volunteer? How might I help my neighbour more? These are all good starting points towards leading us into a deeper relationship with the Lord and our neighbour; and they will help us respond in more positive ways to what it means to obey the God's Commandments of loving God and our neighbour.

On the Eve of the New Year, may I take this final opportunity to wish all Parishioners and visitors, on behalf of the Parish Staff, a very holy, safe and prosperous 2024, and may God continue to shower you with his bountiful blessings.

Fr Dan  
Parish Priest