

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday 24 December - 6.00pm; 8.00pm & 12 midnight Mass.

(Please note extra Mass at 8.00pm)

Friday 25 December - 8.00am & 10.00am Mass.

Friday 1 January - 9.00am New Year Mass.

Weekend Mass times will remain the same.

Merry Christmas

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am, 10am,

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8am, 6pm, 8pm,

Midnight

Christmas - Friday - 8am & 10am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday - 10am Uniting Centre

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month plus every Friday during Lent, May, June, October and November.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Ring for an appointment



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Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

This weeks readings - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

Next Weekend: Holy Family - Year B.

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12,
17-19; Luke 2:22-40.

4th Sunday Advent - Yr B - 20 December 2020

New COVID-19 update

From 1st December 2020 restrictions on church attendance are eased further. The following points are to be observed.

- Churches can follow a two square metre rule. **Our Church will now be permitted to have a maximum of 220 people.**
- A degree of physical distancing between persons not from the same household should still be encouraged.
- Those who come early please sit in the middle of the pews to make room for others.
- Parishioners are still encouraged to wear face masks when attending Mass.
- Singing by congregations is now permitted.
- Weddings and Funerals should follow the same rules.
- Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes.
- Those sitting outside must ensure they also register their attendance.
- Use QR code to sign in for faster entry.
- Strict hygiene rules are still required.
- Do not leave any printed materials or loose items lying around - please take all your belongings with you.

Dispensation is now lifted.

In light of the significant easing of the restrictions upon church attendance, the Archbishop has now rescinded the decree of 20 March 2020 dispensing the faithful of Sydney from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption. **Under canon 1247 attendance at Mass on those days is now obligatory once again.** Of course, we want people to come to Mass out of love more than obedience, but love itself brings responsibilities. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping holy the Sunday Sabbath. If people find they cannot get in to a particular Mass, they should regard their attempt as satisfying the obligation.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Anna

Anniversary: Phero; Bernie Goodwin; Pompeo Sergi.

Deceased: Kahme Abdul Ahad

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok; Eugene Maulguet; Cassandra O'Keefe.

Weekly Rosters

Sat 6pm	20 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf
Reader 2	Kalisiana Mar	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	“ “
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias
27 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Henrietta Owusu	Nhung Bui
Reader 2	Jessica Vujevic	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Harriet Owusu
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess

	20 December	27 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, BachLam
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 <i>(see notes)</i>	
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Mai Hai	
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues	

Reflection

God's Grace

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. Read today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Consider the question: What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life? Conclude in prayer together that God's grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God. Pray together the *Magnificat*.

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Wedding Congratulations

Joseph Hai Linh Vu & Elena My Han Chau

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

SVDP Piety Shop

Now selling 2021 Columban Calendars at \$9.00 each and Christmas Card Sets at \$7.00 come and visit us at the Piety shop after Mass.

Christmas Luncheon

The Parish of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala would like to invite you and your family to a Christmas Luncheon on Friday 25 December from 11.30am - 2.00pm at Jubilee Hall, 62 Kingsland Rd Berala. No booking needed.

Christmas Luncheon

The Parish of St Luke's Revesby would like you to celebrate Christmas with them on Friday 25 December from 11.30am. (1 Beaconsfield St Revesby). You must register your attendance at www.trybooking.com/BNMTP or contact their friendly parishioner on 0418 411 657.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

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