

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
18th December 2022***



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ALL: Loving God,

**You call us all to be your people united
in joy, to prepare the way of the Lord.**

**These candles have been lit in peace,
the peace that Jesus, our Saviour, gives
to the world. Though we have not seen
Jesus, we love him; and even though we
do not see him now, we believe in him.**

**Let us prepare, then, the way of the
Lord. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the
LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also
weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you
this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his saviour.

Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R.

Second reading: Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and
set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised
previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

the gospel about his Son, descended from David
according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in
power according to the Spirit of holiness through
resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his
name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also,
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the
beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you
and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together, she was found with child
through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was
a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention
when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the
Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She
will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he
will save his people from their sins." All this took place
to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:
*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*
which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

Our Advent journey reaches a climax with Mary's Story and Mary's "Yes". Through her hearing and accepting God's word and message for her, the long awaited promise made to David and to each of us will be fulfilled. Our God is not distance or silent. God is very close to us. God's dwelling place is humanity. God will take his place among us through Mary. God's temple is Mary. Filled with the Holy Spirit and open to God's will for her, Mary becomes God's dwelling place. Through her faith, her courage and her Yes, God will become flesh and lives amongst. In the face, voices and actions of Jesus we experience God. God has no need for temples, God dwelling place is the human heart. Like Mary, we too are temples of God, *Do you not realise that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God is living in you; and God's temple is holy and you are that temple.* (1 Cor. 16) Like Mary, through our baptism we are filled with the same Holy Spirit. As we live out our faith through our ordinary daily lives, God becomes real in and for the world today. All God asks is that we follow Mary's example and say "YES". Through our YES today in our families. Our homes, in our community and with our friends we can build the Kingdom of God and make God's love real and visible. Mary was not asked to do what she asked by herself or rely on her own efforts. And neither are we. God's gives us the strength and courage to follow Mary's example. Just as Mary heard and listened to God's words for her, we too are asked to open our hearts and lives to God. Through our own daily lives may we say YES to God as Mary did, so that God will become flesh and live among us this Christmas. Just as God called and chose Mary, God calls and chooses each of us today. Mary gave life to Jesus and shares him with the world. We too are called and asked to follow her faithful example. Through our own daily lives, through what we say and do, may we bring Jesus in to our world today.

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke...

St Brendan's Coragulac & St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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**St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/
5pm 4th Sunday**
**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /
Mass 1st Sunday**

St Brendan's: 24th Dec: Christmas Vigil @ 6

Communion Minister:

Commentator: A McCarthy

Reader: M McCarthy

Leaders:

St Joseph's 25th Dec: Lay Led @ 10.30am

Family: E Smith

Minister: G Clark

Lay Leaders: C&B Hickman

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: DEC: D & M McCarthy

St Joseph's: DEC: D Melville

Counter 18th Dec: N McKay

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Jan Finlay, Christopher Fay, Mary
Cole Kate Mahoney, Fred Newcombe, Mark Nagle,
Christopher Roache, Eric Monaghan, Margaret Hickey,
June Turner.

**Those seeking our prayers for healing and
well being.** *Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Leo Embrey, Keith Lenehan.*



Pope's intention 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.

Dates to Remember:

24th Dec: Christmas Vigil St Brendan's
@ 6.00pm

25th Dec: Christmas St Joseph's @ 10.30am.

***Advent Appeal for Ukraine - resources and
collection advice***

For parishes that held the appeal for Ukraine last weekend, please follow bank deposit instructions as listed in the "Advice for collections" document attached. If a receipt is required, please email the following details to office@catholicukes.org.au: Name of person seeking a receipt; Name of Church entity (e.g. parish name and suburb); Date the deposit was made; Amount of deposit; and Contact details – postal address or email account.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

Diocesan Christmas Appeal...

Responds to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance.

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL
UNDERSTANDING**

Host family needed for 17yr old male Japanese student, studying at Trinity in first term 2023.
(Jan 27-April 2)

Weekly tax free stipend paid to suitable hosts.
Please contact Ann-Marie 0419540900 for further details

BULLETIN NOTICES – OTHER NEWS

Free Advent resources

2022 Advent Calendar with lots of practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, the Names of Jesus Advent chain to help families explore who Jesus is and the Little Nativity Pack so that children can play out the wonderful story of Jesus coming! Resources are available at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid

(stephen.reid@catholic.org.au) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.