

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021



Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her? Use the code to find out!

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Saints Adela and Irmina December 24



IRMINA AND ADELA WERE BOTH PRINCESSES, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WERE SPOILED AND SELFISH. THEIR GOOD PARENTS RAISED THEM TO LOVE GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE THAT FAMILIES CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR FAMILY?

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Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



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Mary Visits Elizabeth True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Visitation? See if you can figure out which are true and which are false!

1. Mary was expecting baby Jesus when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. True or False?
2. Elizabeth was married to Jeremiah. True or False?
3. Elizabeth was a bit sad when she saw Mary. True or False?
4. When Elizabeth heard Mary, her baby inside her jumped. True or False?
5. Elizabeth's baby was Saint John the Baptist. True or False?
6. Mary had to tell Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby because Elizabeth didn't know. True or False?
7. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Messiah. True or False?



COMING EVENT

CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHANNEL 44

We are pleased to announce that Christmas Day Mass will be aired from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on

When:- Saturday, December 25 at 5pm

Where:- Channel 44

We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.



Opportunities this Season of Giving....

Caritas Australia provide two avenues of giving this Christmas through their Christmas Appeal and their Global Gifts.

Christmas Appeal

When you support a mother like Maria, it has the power to uplift her entire family. This Christmas, give a family like Maria's the gift of a brighter future. Call 1800 024 413 toll free or visit our website -

www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal to support vulnerable families doing it tough this year.

Global Gifts

This Christmas, please consider buying a gift that changes lives. A Global Gift can provide life-changing essentials like clean water, nutritious food and an education to those doing it tough this year.

Visit www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free to browse our range of Global Gifts today.

If anyone has an old Iron that they would like to donate to the Church to be used for removing the Candle Wax from the Carpet please drop it off to the Parish Office during the week.

Parish Bulletin



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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C/2

18th / 19th December 2021

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Parish Priest
Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Parish Secretary
Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri

WHS / Finance Officer
Karen Taylor - Monday

Police Checks Unit
Hiacinta Msomi - Monday

Sacristan
Weekdays: Michael Pierce

Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

Mass Times
Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary
Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Every Friday before Mass

Novena to St. Joseph
Every Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary
Principal - Adrian Grbin
Phone: 8431 2834

Child Safety Contact & REC
Anne Dudzinski
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Chairperson - Alan Tyson
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Youth Representative
Nancy Nguere

Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday 9 - 12
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LOVE HEALS

Entrance Antiphon Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading Micah 5: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1: 38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1: 39-44

Communion Antiphon Isaiah 7:14

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

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION

A Special Collection will be taken up all Christmas Masses for the Traditional Christmas Day Archdiocese Appeal for the ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY. Please give generously.

PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly DO NOT leave it behind after Mass has concluded.



The Covid-19 plan:

We are currently Level 1: with some additional Restrictions

Places of worship must be supervised by, and be clearly identified as, a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please complete the Contact Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. As of August 12, seating restrictions are as follows - 3 person per 4 square metres.
4. **MASKS** are **MANDATORY** for shared indoor public places so **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK OVER THE NOSE & MOUTH WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THERE IS A \$5000-FINE FOR THE CHURCH IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** The Celebrant is permitted to remove their mask while saying Mass.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Everyone must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times. People from the same household may sit together. Please keep the social distancing requirement when processing for Holy Communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Please follow the ENTRY and EXIT rules.
9. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
10. **As of September 9, Funerals & Weddings are now capped at 150 people** but must have an independent COVID Marshal if more than 50 people are in attendance. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated. **Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM**

ADVENT CONFESSION

In preparation for Christmas and the experience of God with us (Emanuel), there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 23rd December 2021.

Morning 9.45am to 11.45am and
Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Sunday Collection 12th December 2021

First Collection	\$ 675.25
Special Collection	Nil
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 758.00
Open Plate	\$ 353.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 130.00
Parish Account Total	\$ 1,241.00

Rosters for Christmas 24/25 December 2021

Time	Commentator / Reader / Covid Marshal
6:30 pm (Xmas Vigil)	Edward Konieczny Giulia Giuliani, Jim Litchfield Anita Caperna
11:30pm (Midnight Mass)	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo, Kevin George Alan Tyson
9:30am (Xmas Morning)	Terence Yeow Sheila Hoogland, Grace Yeow Terence Yeow

Rosters for 26 December 2021

Time	Commentator / Reader
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu, Chinenye Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy:	- On Holidays until Late January 2022
Count Team No: 1	Paul Halliwell, Paul Roocke, Danielle Roocke, Denise Rutt

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass



The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays from 12noon on Wednesday 23rd December 2021 and reopening at 9.00am on Wednesday the 5th January 2022. We wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in 2022. If you urgently require a Priest over this time please call Fr. Roy on 08 8431 6932

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We thank everyone who so kindly donated to the Christmas Appeal and who brought along food to be included in the Hampers. We made up 30 Hampers on Thursday evening & they will be delivered prior to Christmas.

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

To assist in fundraising efforts – Christmas Cards @ \$5-/pk, and Columban Calendars @ \$10- ea. are also for sale at the Church Door. Money for these items should be placed in the envelopes provided and placed into the Poor Boxes near the Church doors.

THE NATIVITY SCENE AND CHRISTMAS TREE

With these now on the Altar, we are reminded of the special event we will be celebrating next weekend. We thank those who organised the placement on the Altar and the Children who helped decorate our Parish Tree last week.



HOMILY ON FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, YEAR C (19/12/2021)

Scripture Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: Today's readings remind us that Jesus is reborn every day in ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the willingness to respond to God's call and the openness to do God's will. They suggest that Christmas should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect, loving obedience to His will, with cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity.

Scripture: In the first reading, the prophet Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem, He will send them the long-expected ruler. The third stanza of today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 80), is a prayer for God's blessing on the Davidic king, of whom we sing in the first. The second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us to be thankful for Jesus Christ's Self-offering, the perfect sacrifice of loving obedience that liberated us from sin. In obedient, willing eagerness to do God's will, "Behold, I come to do Your will", Christ gave Himself in the place of all other ritual sacrifices offered as the means of sanctification. In the Gospel, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. We see here how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

Application to Life: 1) **We need to carry Jesus to others as Mary did.** We can make a real difference in the lives of others by carrying Jesus to them. However, we cannot give what we do not possess. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing His rebirth within us. Thus, Jesus enables us to share His love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble, loving, committed service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care. Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. God wants each of us, like Mary, to carry to those around us the Lord of Life. 2) **We need to bless and encourage the younger generation.** Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. We need others to recognize our gifts, to honour our true being, and to pronounce "the goodness of God upon us." We who are grandparents, parents, teachers, and leaders are responsible for encouraging those around us by saying, "You are an important person, valuable to God and to me." 3) **We need to recognize the real presence of the Emmanuel (God Is with Us) and say "yes" to Him:** The Visitation of Mary reminds us that Christ continues to be present among his people. Christ "dwells among us," exercising His Holy Ministry through our Ministerial Priests and Deacons, the Bible, the Sacraments, and in each of us in the praying community. The hill country of Judea is right here in our sanctuary. The same Jesus who dwelt in Mary's womb and caused John to leap in Elizabeth's womb, now dwells among us in our liturgy and in the Holy Eucharist. 4) **Mary's pilgrimage should be our model:** As we journey with Mary to the hill country, let us continue to contemplate our own life's journey — its joys and sorrows, its triumphs, and its tragedies. Our Christian journey began *in Christ* at the Baptismal font where He joined Himself to us forever. Our journey continues *through Christ* as He nourishes us along the way with the Food of his Word and the Food of his Flesh.

Vacancy - Coordinator COYYA

The Catholic Education Office (CEO) is seeking applications for the position of Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults. COYYA is an agency of the Archdiocese of Adelaide situated within the CEO. This is a senior appointment within the CEO and Archdiocese of Adelaide Office. The Coordinator will lead the COYYA and develop vision and strategies in partnership with diocesan authorities to ensure that its services are characterised by excellence and responsive to the needs of young people in the Archdiocese. This fulltime position has a four-year tenure with a negotiable starting date in February. Please view advertisement at www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/working-with-us/positions-vacant/job-detail/77775/coordinator-catholic-office-for-youth-and-young-adults-coyya This position will also appear on the CathNews site. Applications Close: Monday January 17, 2022 at 4.00pm

CHRISTMAS 2021 MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE – Friday December 24th
6.30pm - Family Mass

11.30pm - Carols followed
by Midnight Mass

There will be **NO Morning Mass** on the 24th

CHRISTMAS DAY – Saturday December 25th
9.30am - Christmas Mass

There will be **NO Evening Mass** on the 25th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

– Sunday December 26th
9.30am – Sunday Mass