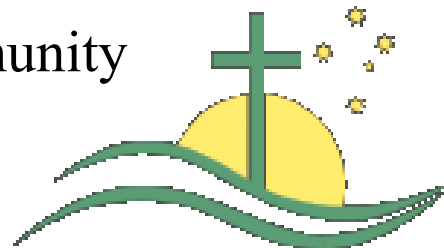




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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT, 17-18 December, 2022

REFLECTION

Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is one of the strangest. It's one of the most universally celebrated holidays despite the fact that it's so uniquely tied to a specific religious event.

For Christians, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the One who had come to save humanity from their sins. But for many who don't acknowledge this event, the holiday is still an important cultural tradition that is intensely meaningful.

Below is a list of meaningful quotes about Christmas that concentrate on the holiday's Christian roots and address its cultural significance:

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtu.be/zNgHiOWWatk>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am
(No Reconciliation
on 24 Dec)

* "Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." — *Oren Arnold*

* "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." — *Charles Dickens*

* "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." — *Pope Francis*

* "God seeks to influence humanity. This is at the heart of the Christmas story. It is the story of light coming into the darkness, of a Savior to show us the way, of light overcoming the darkness, of God's work to save the world." — *Adam Hamilton*

* "Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart." — *Washington Irving*

* "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." — *Hamilton Wright Mabie*

* "The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much." —
Henry David Thoreau

* "Yet as I read the birth stories about Jesus I cannot help but conclude that though the world may be tilted toward the rich and powerful, God is tilted toward the underdog." — *Philip Yancey*

* "The light of the Christmas star to you. The warmth of home and hearth to you. The cheer and goodwill of friends to you. The hope of a child-like heart to you. The joy of a thousand angels to you. The love of the Son and God's peace to you." — *Sherryl Woods*

* "God is so great that he can become small. God is so powerful that he can make himself vulnerable and come to us as a defenseless child so that we can love him." — *Pope Benedict XVI*

* "Action is always superior to speech in the Gospels, which is why the Word became flesh and not newsprint." — *Colin M. Morris*

Priests:

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Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thank you to Sadhani, Diana and Brooke who have kindly given of their time to lead the children's liturgy. We are hoping to get more people on board to help, so that we can do it more often, instead of just once a month. The children's liturgy will resume in February 2023

HAMPER

Thank you to all who have generously donated a hamper this year. Everyone who saw and received was overwhelmed by your generosity. We thank also those who have lent a hand to assist in delivering the hampers to the families.

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are still trying to fill the Communion ministers vacancy for 10pm on Christmas Eve and 9am & 11am on Christmas Day. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help with this ministry.

The ministry of the word (reader & commentator) has been filled and we have contacted everyone and sent them all of the necessary material

CONGRATULATIONS to TONY & CHRIS LATER as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 16 December. We keep them both in our prayer.

St Paul Apostle Catholic Community Christmas 2022

No Reconciliation on Saturday, 24 December

Christmas Eve Masses are:

6pm (Children's Mass,
all children who comes to this Mass are invited to come
in their favourite biblical character),

8pm, 10pm and
Midnight Mass (begins with Carols at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses are: 9am & 11am
(no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

New Year's Eve Mass at 6pm
New Year's Day Masses are 9am & 11am
(No evening Mass on New Year's Day)

Reconciliation on Saturday 31 Dec at 10am-10.30am

Readings:

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT Yr A

Is 7:10-14 ;
Rom 1:1-7 ;
Mt 1:18-24

CHRISTMAS DAY Yr A

Is 9: 1-7 ;
Ti 2: 11-14 ;
Lk 2: 1-14

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Collette Demiziere, Mercia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, *and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Rosetta Alberti, Vernon Law, Edna Alice Fonseca, Royston D'Silva, Henry Logotuli Peteru, Loorthama Mariathas, Andre Machado, Joe Madeira, Frank Bonnefin, Mass for the intention of the giver *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

