

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon

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

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: To all Parishioners: As we approach 2025, please note the following: If you intend to use the Church or the Parish Centre for your ministry, kindly inform the Parish Office with the following details:

• **Day/Date Start Time End Time**

A written approval is required before proceeding.

Once approval is granted, **any changes must be communicated to the Parish Office** for further approval.

For those already using the premises, please notify the Parish Office to ensure proper coordination.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

— Fr. Benny

Dear Parishioners,

The Finance Committee is seeking new members! If you have experience in finance and are interested in volunteering, we warmly invite you to join the team.

For more details, please contact Flora Semblante Brian Menezes, or Patrick Pilot.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish community.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C – 22 DECEMBER 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 21st	6:00pm 8:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass—Soul of Alice Tan/Loh Novena Mass - Simbang Gabi	
Sun 22nd	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 8:00pm	Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Holy Mass - Soul of Nonna Gina Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Novena Mass - Simbang Gabi	
Mon 23rd	9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Rosary Holy Mass Novena Mass - Simbang Gabi	
Tue 24th	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00pm 8:00pm 11:30pm 12:00am	Rosary Holy Mass Children Christmas Mass Christmas Syro-Malankara Mass Carols Christmas Midnight Mass	
Wed 25th	8:00am 9:30am	Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass NO EVENING MASS	
Thu 26th	9:00am 9:30am 10:45am	Rosary Holy Mass - Boxing Day - Thanksgiving Mass for 60th Wedding of Faya & William(Will)Hana Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home, Forrest field	
Fri 27th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Rosary Holy Mass Adoration	
Sat 28th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession	



*It's a season to give
It's a season to love
It's a season to share
God's Love for you and me!
Merry Christmas*

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF DEC

SAINTS

DEC 29 The Holy Family

Children's Liturgy

Please note that there is no Children's Liturgy for the year 2024. We will return at the start of February next year 2025. Thank you.

Merry Christmas, from the team. PS we would like more helpers and presenters next year. Please contact Philomena on 0417 936 757

NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER '24 -\$2095.00 | EOFY '24 | TOTAL RAISED - \$325,352.86

We are now fundraising for the asphalt, car park lights, line marking/ disabled bays, parish centre air conditioning

EFT Bank Details:

National Australia Bank Limited

BSB No. 086-006

Account No. 90517-9623

Cheques Made Payable to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Fr. Benny (Parish Priest) and Jennifer (PPC)

SFoA Columbarium Management in 2025

I am pleased to advise that at the 9 December 2024 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, PPC members endorsed our well-known SFoA Parishioners **Mrs Maria Levinge and Mrs Kathleen Smith** who have submitted their strong Expression of Interest to undertake the care and management of our SFoA Columbarium.

Kathleen is a current member of the PPC and very well known to the wider community, and has been our previous SFoA Parish Secretary. Maria has been in SFoA for over 22 years (and ongoing) and has previously been on the PPC and a Special Minister of the Eucharist up until Covid-19. Maria was also responsible for the roster of the Eucharistic Ministers for many years. Maria is married to Michael Bell, the current Vice President of the PPC.

On behalf of Fr. Benny, Deacon Trevor, myself and all PPC members, we wish to extend **our sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to our dearest George and Jan Favacho** for their selfless dedication, love, and stellar efforts and care to manage our SFoA Columbarium over the past 12+ years.

The PPC is pleased that we can finally support George and Jan's decision to retire from Columbarium management duties noting it will be managed by another highly ably, dedicated and efficient team of our volunteer Parishioners.

- Jennifer Dass (Chair - Parish Pastoral Council)

24th/25th Dec	6:00PM	11:30PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	Parishioner, At 3:00pm on Sunday's is the Syro-Malankara Community Mass on Temporary u bases until further notices.
Commentator	Children	Adrian D.	Maria F.	Helga S.	
1st Reader	Children	Emmy S.	Amanda A.	Philomena T.	
2nd Reader	Children	Karina K.	Margaret O.	Evelyn R.	

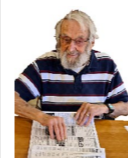
For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido, Shanelle Murray, Lucy Aung-Sein, Charmaine Samuel, Michelle Tompson, Stella Pearson.

Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Benny

In Memoriam: Terry O'Neil, John Turner, Marion Dean, Lucy Le, Helen Storey, John Buckland, Elizabeth Curran, Angelo Belcastro, Hazel Pereira, N F Connolly, Alec Devereux, Lou Younger, Alice Tan/Loh, Nonna Gina.

Parish Centre Diary

Tue 24th	5:45 pm	Legion of Mary
Thu 26th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA
Fri 27th	10:00am	Morning Tea



It is with **great sadness** that we announce the passing of our long time and beloved Parishioner Terry O'Neill. He was a faithful and devoted servant of God and our Parish community for over 50 years. As an Acolyte he gave witness to true discipleship and in many other ministries was a fine example of the teachings of the Holy Gospel. He served with love and affection. His advice and counsel was always a source of wisdom and truth. He will be fondly remembered and profoundly missed. May his soul rest in peace.

Dear Parishioners, We wish to inform you that some remote gate keys have gone missing. To ensure the security of our St. Francis of Assisi community, it has been decided to reprogram the gate keys.

If you are currently in possession of a gate key and will be away for the festive season, we kindly request that you return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. _____ Fr. Benny

21st/22nd Dec	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Adrian D	Amanda A	Matt W	Philip M
1st Reader	Emmy S	Kevin F	Marguerite W	Margaret O
2nd Reader	Graham B	Gale M	Tibor A	Paolo J
Acolyte	Lester	Clem	Vince	Michael

28th/29th Dec	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Ashley A	Joe K	Adrian D	Youth Mass
1st Reader	Wyonna P	Kevin F	Tibor A	
2nd Reader	Joash J	Frances A	Helga S	
Acolyte	Brian	Vince	Josef	Adrian

	21st/22nd Dec	28th/29th Dec
Counters	Philomena Theseria, Brian Menezes	Ingris Dekker, Bill Pocock, Betty Flynn, Christine Peters
Church Cleaner	Sony Family, Ramos Family	Sherwin Moreira, Ramos Family
Reading for	Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44	1Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

MIND YOUR STEPS!

Our pews are slightly raised, but may not seem obvious to some of our beloved guests. Please mind your steps when coming in and out of the pews.

Priety Shop

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Now Available!

You will be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Christmas

From _____
Father _____

New Year Eve 31st December 2024
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Mass

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
1st January 2025
9:30am Holy Mass