

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 79)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

TODAY'S READINGS Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

NEXT WEEK (Holy Family, Year C) 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 83; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

Brighten up
your day with
The Majellan

Christmas Greetings

Majellan Media would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in what has been another difficult year due to COVID-19. We hope and pray that 2022 brings more peace and joy. Every blessing to you and your family.



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Importance of women in the Church



19 December 2021 4th Sunday Advent Year C

Fresh from her encounter with the angel Gabriel, "Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country" to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was herself bursting with pregnancy in her old age. This meeting of two Spirit-filled pregnant women, seeking to understand what God is doing in their lives, is remarkable in the way it captures their very human interaction along with their prophetic voices. In Scriptural terms, all this occurs with the highly unusual absence of male voices in the conversation.

Although the meeting occurs in Zechariah's house, he had been struck dumb. Joseph is presumably back in Nazareth. Elizabeth no doubt had long resigned herself to being childless, but now has to deal with her unexpected blessing. Mary has to come to terms with a blessing that seems to cause more problems than it solves. How will she explain her pregnancy to Joseph?

In Luke's account, the encounter between Elizabeth and Mary is presented in the form of two scriptural hymns or songs of blessing. Today we hear the first of these, which is Elizabeth's song prophetically proclaiming Mary to be the "mother of my Lord". Even though filled with joy in her own blessing of pregnancy, Elizabeth exudes humility, compassion and living faith by focussing on the blessing that Mary's presence is for her – and that Mary's child will be for the world.

Mary's response to Elizabeth is the second song – the 'Magnificat' – which proclaims God's redeeming love for the oppressed and downtrodden people of our world. Together then, Elizabeth and Mary are presented to us as two Spirit-filled, peasant women prophets supporting each other in adversity.

In doing so, they stand in the long Jewish tradition of female voices – Miriam with her tambourine, Deborah, Hannah and Judith – who likewise sing provocative songs of God's coming salvation for the poor and oppressed. Although the Visitation has been used to depict such lofty themes as the Church's march throughout history crossing mountains to proclaim Christ to the world (St Ambrose 4th century), we also do well to recognise how the story highlights the role of women throughout Luke's Gospel. They are not only major figures associated with Jesus' birth, but they are clearly friends and disciples of Jesus during his ministry.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us ask for the gift of being open to the surprise of grace in our own lives in the ways of Mary and Elizabeth. May we, like them, sing of God's transforming power coming to life in the birth of the Messiah. Perhaps too we are invited to highlight the importance of women's ministry in 'giving birth' to a less clerical church!

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CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN Dec 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Mon - Fri (incl) @ 6.30am

MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9am

Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.

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FYI Regina Caeli delivers newsletters to those who find themselves isolated and unable to visit parish.

Children's Church will resume in Feb next year 2022 for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Coming Dec-Jan 2021 - 2022

Dec 12 3rd Week Advent Year C

Dec 19 4th Week Advent Year C

Dec 24 Christmas Eve, Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

1 World Day of Peace (The Holy See)

Jan 2 The Epiphany of the Lord



The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally.

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Regina Caeli Catholic Parish



Questions? Call the COVID-19 helpline 136 COVID (13 62 68)

FYI: Please read Bp Ken's COVID-19 restrictions letter for Christmas services. Bookings may be made to secure seating through office to avoid disappointment.

Archbishop Mark has a message for you...

The world seems at times divided into 2 groups – the abled & disabled. In this week we focussed on Disability Action we see things differently. The truth is every human being is disabled in some way: physically, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually. Question is, in what way am I disabled? The art of human living is to learn how to live creatively with disability. The challenge for community is to include the disabled, whatever their disability may be & no disabled person is defined by his or her disability. Every disabled person has their special abilities; & the challenge for community is to recognise them & let them flourish for good. For physically disabled it will mean physical inclusion; for the intellectually disabled it will mean intellectual inclusion; & so on for the emotionally & spiritually disabled. This is especially important for a Church which is asking how we might become more inclusive. This has been 1 of key questions of the Plenary Council – a journey of all People of God, all disabled in a way, but all endowed with abilities we call the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



RECENTLY DECEASED: NEIL CREMIN, TONY DEUTSCHMANN

(FATHER OF BRIAN, TONY & LAVINIA (DEC))

DR JOHN RUTHERFORD, PADDY LOGAN, FAITH COLLINS, MARIE DUNN, DAWN GRIGSON, WAYNE HOUGHTON, MAUREEN LANGRIDGE, GRACE OGILVIE, MAUREEN

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Christmas Season Mass Times

Friday ~ Christmas Eve:

Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Saturday ~ Christmas Day: 6.30am, 8.30am

No Saturday evening 6pm Mass Christmas Day

Sunday Dec 26 : 6.30am, 8.30am



There will be **NO Morning Masses**

Monday Dec 27 - Friday Dec 31 at 6.30am & NO Saturday Morning Mass January 1 at 9am

Other Normal Weekend Masses celebrated.

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 6.30am, 8.30am



Please join us after 8.30am Mass this Sunday Dec 19, for Morning Tea. We will take the opportunity to thank Fr George for his time at Regina Caeli, be it short. We wish Fr George, the very best in his new posting at Manly. All welcome!

Parish Giving Envelopes available next week. If you wish to be a part of any parish giving (envelopes, EFT, Credit Card) please contact office. Thank You for all support.



cont:- V2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
V3 Sing! Sing a new song! R/-
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! **R/-**

PROCESSIONAL D SCHUTTE BLEST BE THE LORD

Refrain: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear, the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.



V1 He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure. **R/-**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD

REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

RESPONSORIAL PSALM REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

OFFERTORY M HAUGEN MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

V1 O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you; come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. **R/-**

V2 O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. **R/-**

V5 Come, let us bow before the God who made us, let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand. **R/-**

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COMMUNION J M MEALE O COME, O COME EMMANUEL REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

REFLECTION C LANDRY HAIL MARY; GENTLE WOMAN Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

V1 You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. **R/-**
V2 Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts. **R/-**

RECESSIONAL WE ARE CALLED

V1 Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!
Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.