

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 88)

ANTIPHON: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

LECTOR: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

LECTOR: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**

LECTOR: He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **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 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

NEXT WEEK (Christmas) Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

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your day with
The Majellan*

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*The waiting is
almost over*



20 December 2020 4th Sunday Advent Year B

Almost 60 years ago the world was shaken by the civil rights movements in America. Martin Luther King and others launched a massive direct-action campaign in Birmingham, Alabama. He was arrested for defying a state law that forbade mass public demonstrations. In prison, King penned, on the margins of the local newspaper, his 'Letter from Birmingham Jail'.

In this letter, Martin Luther King articulated principles for achieving liberation for his people. He spoke of his impatience, "For years now, I have heard the word 'wait'! This 'wait' has always meant 'never'. When you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of 'nobodyness', then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait."

He went on to say that human progress "comes through the tireless efforts of those willing to be co-workers with God and, without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation". Today we reflect on the story of the Annunciation. It is a story of liberation. God is intervening in human history. Via the angel Gabriel, God announces to a tired-of-waiting world that he will not abandon humanity to endless futility and is sending the long-awaited messiah.

God's design for the world requires human co-operation. It is given by Mary. She is told that she is to be the mother of the saviour. The news comes out of left field. There was an expectation that the messiah

would be a person of significant importance. Mary is merely a lowly village girl. The news astonishes and troubles her. "How can this be?" she asks.

Gabriel reassures, "Do not be afraid". This work will be accomplished in and with the help of the Holy Spirit. Divinely reassured, Mary consents. The Word becomes flesh. The long wait for liberation is over. Advent is a time of waiting but it is coming to an end. We can be so swept up in the rush as to forget that the primary reason for celebrating Christmas is to welcome Christ into our lives.

Perhaps we might take a 'Mary moment' to be surprised that God chooses each of us, through our baptism, to be a Christ-bearer in our families, our workplaces, our world. We will feel inadequate and unworthy; but nothing is impossible with God. If God can call a young girl from an insignificant town and betrothed to a carpenter to bring the saviour into the world, God can do the same for you and me.

Today is a day to answer that call; to listen to angelic reassurances that we are not to be afraid; that we have the support and encouragement of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Today is a day to renew our personal 'yes' to God's call to be a willing co-worker with God to bring peace and liberation for all. Our world is waiting for our response.

**Michael Gilbert CSsR
Redemptorists 2020**

CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN DEC 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.

NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SUN DEC 6

AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;

Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;

Tues & Fri ~ 9am

Public Holidays ~ 9am



MASS TIMES

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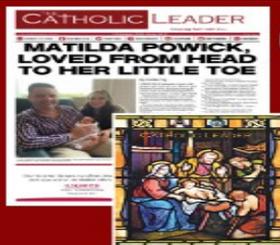
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To ease the time needed to 'Sign in' at our Christmas Masses, those attending, may onforward details via email or text, no later than this

Tuesday Dec 22, 2020. Pre-bookings will simply be ticked off on arrival. Contact details needed for 'Christmas Sign In' are:

all names, email address/ address & ph no

plus Mass you intend to attend.

2020 Christmas Mass Times

Thursday Dec 24, Christmas Eve

6pm Carols & Mass 6.30pm

Friday Dec 25 Christmas Day

6.30am & 8.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Day 2021, Friday 9am

Any persons able to act as Sacristan / reader at any of the Christmas Masses, you would be most welcome. Add your names to sheet in foyer please.



Archbishop Mark's message for you...

In one of his best known songs Leonard Cohen has this line: "Even though it all went wrong I'll stand before the Lord of song with nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah". They're words that often float through my mind, given how often things go wrong in the life of the Church. But they're also words engraved on my heart as we come to the end of this strangest of years when so much has gone wrong. At times we've felt on the brink of collapse. So we come to this years end a bit wearier and more bewildered than usual. But then Christmas comes to meet us with the peculiar refreshment it can bring. Looking to the Child who is born we begin to sense the truth of what Cohen says. Things were going all wrong when Jesus was born, and perhaps they always are going wrong in one way or another. Things don't turn out as we hope or plan. But still at year's end, as we stand before the crib, we'll find ourselves singing quietly...Hallelujah, Praise the Lord of the song who becomes one of us. Merry Christmas.

The 'New Norm'

1. Sanitise your hands
 2. Sign in
 3. Sit on stickered seats only
 4. Social Distancing (1person or family / 2m²)
 5. Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
 - ◆ Stay home if unwell
 - ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
 - ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
 - ◆ Take newsletter home with you, No Hymn books



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nancy Guarrera, Joyce Byrne, Bianca Capelli, Clare Dugger,

Dan Egan, Bart Gaffney, FT 'Bill' Hanley, Lucy Houghton, Dominic Vu

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Joy McNamara,

Diane McNamara, Jack, Pat & Mick O'Connor, Ivan, Nancy & Stephen Garrett, Gloria & Anne Marie

McMahon, Leo & Gay Ryan; Joseph Do, Vincent Vu, Maria Doan; Bob & Marie Ward, Anne-Marie

Ward, Peter Ward, Rick Randell & members of extended Ward family; Mr & Mrs Andruczyk,

Louise & Maurice Chappuis, Bill Cummins, Roy Gleadhill, John Scott, Tom Sternfeldt, Helen Shaw

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester,

Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat Dugger, George D'Allura,

Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Paddy Logan,

Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen,

Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

RECESSIONAL @Bernadette Farrell - God Has Chosen Me

V1 God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light: God has chosen me, chosen me:

R/. And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

V2 God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth: God has chosen me, chosen me: R/.

PROCESSIONAL @David Haas - Jesus Come To Us

Refrain: Jesus, come to us; lead us to your light. Jesus, be with us, for we need you.

V1 Lord, we come before you, listen to our prayer. Fill us all with hope and your love.

V2 Lord, we come to praise you for your faithfulness through night. You will be with us; this we know.

V3 Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all. We believe in you; come to us.

OFFERTORY @Marty 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.

V3 O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

COMMUNION @Bernadette Farrell - V13-16 - Advent Litany

Light of nations, Alleluia, Light in darkness, Maranatha! Risen Saviour, Alleluia, Lord of glory, Maranatha! You we long for, Alleluia, You we thirst for, Maranatha! Here among us, Alleluia, Living in us, Maranatha!

REFLECTION @Carey 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.

V2 Blessed are you among women, Blest in turn all women, too.

Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

