

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

24th December 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent, Year B



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**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.*

*For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.*

# LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Mon 25 Dec	9:00am	Sacred Heart
Thurs 28 Dec	10:30am	Mary Immaculate
Fri 29 Dec	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 30 Dec	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate
Sun 31 Dec (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)	9:00am	Sacred Heart

# Pray for



## Baptisms:

Eddy Boland, Max Talijancich,  
Livvy Rathmell, Thomas Smithwick.

## The sick:

Veronica Loudon-Riley, Terry Groser, Ken Holmes,  
Ollie Miles, Michael Jones, Carolyn Perkins,  
Doreen Quinn, Anthony Withoos.

## The recently deceased:

Susan McCamley, Merle Donovan, Kevin Davids, Lynette  
About, Louise Page, Gavin Massie, Tom Harris.

## Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Dawn Abraham, Lea Alejandre, Marie Mitchell, Jack &  
Joan Grimes, Anton (Tony) Schick, Warren Williams,  
Shane Hocking, Anthony Bowman.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

May the blessings of the Christ-Child be with you all over these days.

May the ones who are with us be a blessing,

May the ones who are far away be remembered at our tables and,

May those who have sat with us as loved ones and friends, continue to gather with us in spirit and love.

May we be grateful for the blessings which we have and whom we remember, especially in these days and

May the peace of Christ be with us all.

Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year 2024

*Fr Matthew*

## WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend - 4th Sunday of Advent 23rd & 24th December			
	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Kathy Maloney	Barbara Pearson	Parishioner
First Reader	Collette Bowman	Sean Fallis	Parishioner
Second Reader	John Campbell	Warren Middleton	Parishioner
Christmas Day - 9am Monday 25th December See volunteer roster at back of church			
Next weekend - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 31 Dec			
Commentator	Jan Mussig	Deb Bayliss	NO MASS
First Reader	Caroline Ireland	Barbara Kirwin	NO MASS
Second Reader	Helen McIntyre	Joan Ellaway	NO MASS

## DATE CLAIMER: 2024

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 6pm - Information Evening

Friday 16th August 2024 - Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday 18th August 2024 - First Holy Communion Ceremony

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.  
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,  
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

4TH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

## 1st Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16  
The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

## Psalm 88:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## 2nd Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

## Gospel:

Luke 1:2-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY & JOSEPH

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm: 104

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:15,16

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## Date Claimers:

22 Feb 2024: Ordination to Priesthood  
of Deacon Peter Doherty

3rd & 4th February

Enrollment Lent & Easter 2024:  
ALPHA Program

## OFFICE HOURS: CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

Emails and phone messages will be checked regularly,  
so please leave a message if you require assistance.

In an EMERGENCY phone 4933 6824.



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### The Nativity scene

St Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first nativity scene and thus establishing a tradition that is carried on today in homes, churches and public spaces in Christian communities everywhere. In 1223, in the town of Greccio he created a life size tableau of the nativity scene to heighten the awareness of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It included statues of the holy family and a live ox and donkey. The inclusion of the livestock has no scriptural support and it is to Francis that we owe the array of sheep, oxen and donkeys that have become standard inclusions in our nativity scenes.

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Matthew v Luke

Ask a child (or even most adults) to describe the scene at the birth of Jesus and you will hear a confused combination of the two scriptural accounts with several non-scriptural additions. It is a shame that the two versions have merged into one as each is deserving of its own integrity. The Matthew account emphasises Jesus as the fulfilment of prophecy and has Wise Men as the witnesses to his birth in a house. It is from Luke that we have the much humbler birth in a manger witnessed by the lowly shepherds. Each has something different and distinct to say about Jesus and his mission.

The Capricorn Coast

Catholic Parish

is now a member of

Containers for Change.



Team Member number

C11201111

Simply advise our member number C11201111 at the depot when you drop your containers off.

It is a way of giving that costs nothing! You will not only make a difference to our community but also to the environment.

Thank you to parishioners already contributing!

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
Our life our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.  
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us  
and after this our exile, show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.





## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Christmas for many is a time of gathering family, friends and people from across our Diocese and beyond. It has become known for being close to those important to you. For those who will be travelling over this time to reach destinations, please take care in your travelling.

We sit with sadness at this time of year, where war in the world is disrupting the lives of so many people. We pray that the Prince of Peace can bring peace to the troubled parts of our world and consolation to those who have suffered the devastating effects of war.

Closer to home also we have those who have lost a loved one, or members of their community, which they will find particularly difficult at this time of year. Our Diocese suffers many natural disasters and bushfires have caused devastation to homes and property. We also have the increasing impact of cost of living and housing shortages which is forcing more people onto the streets.

In all these situations though we can look around and find people ministering and working in these areas of disruption in our lives. Their Christian presence brings joy and hope. It may be a neighbour who spends their time assisting others in the community, or just being with those who suffer, or giving someone in need a helping hand, but this really brings close that message of Christ.

To all in our Diocesan family and beyond, may we once again remember the Christ who came into our world, to be a beacon of peace, love, joy and hope. This Christmas I ask you to be that beacon to those in your community.

For all who work in our Diocesan ministries and parishes, my gratitude goes to all of you as you go about your apostolic work, bringing peace, love, joy and hope to people each and every day.

May Christ's richest blessing be with you all and your families.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy  
Bishop of Rockhampton

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