

21st December, 2014 - Year B
FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

**ALL HALLOWS'
PARISH CHURCH**
2 Halley Street
FIVE DOCK 2046

Parish Priest:
Fr Greg McGregor

Associate Pastors:
Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS
Fr Andrew Kim SJ

Secretary: Elena Di Perna

Presbytery:
Monday: Closed
Tues - Fri: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Closed for lunch 12.30-1.30 pm

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Sacramental Life

Eucharist:
Saturday - 9.00am & 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday - 8.30am
Sunday - 10am Children's Liturgy
Sunday - 6.00pm Youth Mass
Monday - 9.00am
Tues - Wed - 8.00am
Thurs - Fri - 9.00am
Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20 minutes before morning mass daily.
All Welcome.

Reconciliation: Saturday
9.30 - 10am & 4.45 - 5.15pm

Anointing: First Friday of the month at 9am mass. (except January).

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Exposition: Third Thursday of every month after Mass.

Dear Parishioners,



may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!

1. The Building is God's

By the time of the First Reading, David was King. He had won a lot of victories, and he was rich and prosperous too. He had a marvelous house, built of wood and stones. But that most precious thing, the ark of God, was housed only in a tent.

David thought about the fact that God had only a tent while he, the King, had a great house; and so he made a decision to build a house for God. He made it his responsibility to take care of God, you might say.

And God laughed at him. Through the prophet Nathan, God told David, "I will build you a house!"

And so God did. The Son of God, the one we wait for in Advent, was born of David's lineage. Christ is that house God built for David. The kingly line of David's lineage finds its everlasting fulfillment in Christ.

David's son Solomon did eventually build a house for the ark of God in Jerusalem, and it was magnificent. But any earthly building, even the great temple in Jerusalem, is puny by comparison with the house that God built for David, and for all God's people, in Christ.

David did well to revere the ark of God, just as we do well to revere the Church. But it was foolish of David to feel that it was his responsibility to provide a house for God. God wants our love, but he does not need us to protect him. Without our help, God is still himself Lord of heaven and earth. It is he who will provide for us, and not the other way around.

When we feel homeless, then, or motherless, or forsaken and abandoned, we can remember the lesson that David learned for us.

God has already built us a house in Christ, and every Christian finds a home in that house. Each of us has a home and a welcome in the Son of David, who is the house God built for David, and for us.

And so we can wait for his coming in peace. All the building is God's.

2. Altar Servers

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for Altar Servers who can help out for the various Christmas Masses. Please write your name on the sheet if you can help.

3. Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Family Mass at 6.30pm. Carols begin at 11.30pm

followed by **Christmas Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day - 8.30am & 10.30am. There is NO evening Mass

On behalf of Fr Salas, Fr Andrew, Sebastian and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a safe and Holy Christmas. After my first year here, I very much appreciate all the support that has been shown to me.

Thank you for the many kind gifts and cards that have been sent to the presbytery.

May God bless you and your families during this sacred time of the year.

We wish you a happy and Holy Christmas

*God Bless
Fr Greg*



Christmas Eve Children's Pageant
6.30pm Family Mass

Reminder for those children involved in the Family Mass Christmas Eve Pageant

The rehearsal is on: -

Tuesday 23rd December from 10am - 12.30pm in the church.

Children will need to meet in the church foyer by 5.45 pm on WEDNESDAY 24th December.

Sonia Carbone s.car@bigpond.com.



LAST SANDWICH RUN FOR 2014
26th DECEMBER

Please leave sandwiched in the gathering space by for 3pm pick up

New Rosters available in Sacristy

* Eucharistic Minister * Home Visit Roster

* Altar Society * Nursing Home Visits

**FATHER MAC'S HEAVENLY
PUDDINGS - \$15 EACH**

NOW AVAILABLE FROM PIETY STALL

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Cards - pack of 10 for \$6
Columban Calenders - \$8 each

Piety Stall

Christmas Shopping without the cues. Great gift ideas.
Books for kids, jewellery for teenagers and items for mums, dads & grandparents
Open before and after Mass
or visit presbytery during office hours



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Rosalia Gennusa, Antonina Ferro, Marie Paul, Salvatore Nucifora

Anniversaries:

Romano & Sierchio Family, Paolo Catalano, Peter Fiorini, Luigi Minchella, Calogera Denina, Anthony Patrick Lavelle, Maria Trinita, Joseph Digiglio, Vincenzo Giliberti

Also for:

Peter Hankinson, Giuseppe & Letteria Lucadonato, Antonino La Scala, Deceased members of the Leggo family, Giuseppe La Monica, Bice Iezzi, Antonino & Maria Picone, Deceased members of Picone family, Antonino & Caterina La Greca

For the following ill members of our community:-

Crochetta Valenti, Brian Gallagher, Bernadette Lane, Vanessa Lane, Muriel Daly, Margaret Gleeson, Mary Johnson, Carmen Gallagher, Mary Longrell, Raffael Errichiello, Benilda Buenafe, Lorenzo Mioli, Frances Hennessy, Antonietta Ciaglia, Tomas Laming, Angela Colantonio, Ida Bova, Amelia Casarotto, Mirella Mercuri, Alex La Rossa, Monica Moschella, Madelina Michael, Marcello Cheles, Brian Lees.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Final weekend Sale of tickets \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5
Raffle drawn after 10am Mass

*Thank you to everyone in the Parish for your ongoing support of the Catholic Women's League.
We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*



**GET YOUR COPY OF
THE CATHOLIC
WEEKLY**

- Hell has touched us, but the darkness cannot overcome the light: archbishop
- Bishop Peter Comensoli's installation homily: commemorative liftout
- Open your doors to Jesus: bishop's call to young at installation Mass
- Christmas our reason for hope; Our first Christmas - bishop's messages

ONLY \$2.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE STAND

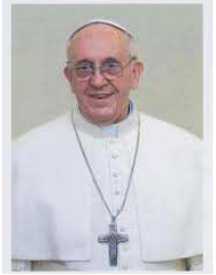
Kid's Corner

Q. What do bees do if they don't want to fly??

A. Go to a buzz stop!!



POPE FRANCIS' COLUMN



Final 2014 General Audience Address: On Jesus' Choice to Be Part of a Family
"As Mary and Joseph did, every Christian family can first of all receive Jesus, listen to him, talk with him, guard and protect him, grow with him, and thus improve the world"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Synod of Bishops on the Family just held was the first stage of a journey, which will end next October with the holding of another Assembly on the theme "The Family's Vocation and Mission in the Church and in the World." The prayer and reflection that must accompany this journey involves the whole People of God. I would also like the usual meditations of the Wednesday Audiences to be inserted in this common journey. Therefore, I have decided to reflect this year with you precisely on the family, on this great gift that the Lord has made to the world since the beginning, when He conferred on Adam and Eve the mission to multiply and fill the earth (Cf. Genesis 1:28) -- that gift that Jesus has confirmed and sealed in his Gospel.

The closeness of Christmas sheds great light on this mystery. The Incarnation of the Son of God opens a new beginning in the universal history of man and woman. And this new beginning takes place within a family at Nazareth. Jesus was born in a family. He could have come spectacularly, or as a warrior, an emperor ... No, no: he came as a son of a family, in a family. This is important: to contemplate in the Crib this very beautiful scene. God chose to be born in a human family, which He Himself formed. He formed it in a forgotten village of the periphery of the Roman Empire. Not at Rome, which was the capital of the Empire, not in a great city, but in an almost invisible periphery, in fact, rather ill-famed. The Gospels recall this, almost as a way of saying: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 46). Perhaps, in many parts of the world, we still speak like this, when we hear the name of some peripheral place of a large city. Well, in fact from there, from that periphery of the great Empire, the most holy and good story began -- that of Jesus among men. And this family was there.

Jesus stayed in that periphery for 30 years. The Evangelist Luke summarizes this period thus: Jesus "was obedient to them [namely, Mary and Joseph]. And someone might say: "But this God, who came to save us, wasted thirty years there, in that ill-famed periphery?" He wasted so many years! He willed this. Jesus' way was in that family. His Mother kept all these things in her heart, and "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." (2:51-51). There is no talk of miracles and healings, of preaching -- he did not do any in that time. At Nazareth, everything seemed to be happening "normally," in keeping with the customs of a pious and hard-working Jewish family: they worked, the Mother cooked, and did all the things of the house, ironed shirts ... everything a mother does. The Father, a carpenter, worked and taught his son to work -- for 30 years. "But what waste, Father!" God's ways are mysterious. However, what was important there was the family! And this was not a waste! They were great Saints: Mary, the holiest woman, immaculate, and Joseph, the most just man... the family.

We will certainly be moved by the account of how Jesus, as an adolescent, attended the meetings of the religious community and carried out the duties of the social life; in knowing how, as a young worker, he worked with Joseph; and then his way of taking part in listening to the Scriptures, to the praying of the Psalms and in so many other things of daily life. In their sobriety, the Gospels do not say anything about Jesus' adolescence and leave this task to our affectionate meditation. Art, literature and music have followed the way of imagination. It is certainly not difficult to imagine how much mothers can learn from Mary's care for that Son! And how much fathers can draw from the example of Joseph, just man who dedicated his life to supporting and defending the child and his spouse -- his family -- in difficult moments! Not to say how much youngsters can be encouraged by the adolescent Jesus, in understanding the need and beauty of cultivating their most profound vocation, and of dreaming great things! And in those 30 years Jesus cultivated the vocation for which the Father sent him. And, in that time, Jesus was never discouraged, but he grew in courage to go forward with his mission.

As Mary and Joseph did, every Christian family can first of all receive Jesus, listen to him, talk with him, guard and protect him, grow with him, and thus improve the world. Let us make a place in our heart and in our days for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to surmount! It was not an artificial family; it was not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth commits us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family. And, as happened in those 30 years at Nazareth, so it can also happen for us: to make love and not hatred normal, to make mutual help common, not indifference and enmity. It is no accident, then, that "Nazareth" means "She who guards," as the Gospel says Mary did, who "kept all these things in her heart" (Cf. Luke 2:19.51). Since then, every time there is a family -- even if it is at the periphery of the world -- which keeps this mystery, the mystery of the Son of God, the mystery of Jesus who comes to save us, is at work and comes to save the world. This is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who comes, to receive Jesus in the family, in the person of the children, of the husband, of the wife, of the grandparents ... Jesus is there. Welcome him there, so that he will grow spiritually in that family. May the Lord give us this grace in these last days before Christmas. Thank you.



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH?

Inner Wheel Club - Balmain Group
1st Tuesday of month 6.30pm - 9pm in Hall

St Vincent de Paul Society
Meetings held each 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the meeting room connected to the garage.
Contact Gerry Modini on 0418 966 247

Catholic Women's League Five Dock
3rd Friday of month 12.00pm in Parish Hall
For more information please contact Josie on 9713 8610

Italian Prayer Group
Tuesday - 1 pm in Parish Hall
Messa Italiana ogni ultimo martedì del mese
Enquiries: M. Mureddu 9712 2394

Playgroup
9.30am -11.30am in Parish Hall
(not during school holidays)
Wednesday - Antonella 0417 068 323

Choir Practice
All welcome to choir practice in the Church
7.30 pm every Monday.
Ring Maria on 9713 7310

Italian Choir Group
Tuesday -12.30 pm in the Church

Family Mass Choir Practice
Wednesday 7.45pm in Church
All welcome!

Italian Prayer Group - Thursday
In Chiesa, ogni settimana dopo la messa delle nove (9).
Ogni terzo Giovedì del mese l'intenzione è per il Gruppo di Preghiera di Riparazione Eucaristica.
Siete tutti benvenuti!
Enquiries/Per informazioni: Lucia 9713 1800

All welcome!

Sunday 21st December 2014 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

F. Hume B. Gallagher M. Fitzpatrick N. Giunta	G. Favotto M. Chesworth M. Coleman N. D'Amico	B. Hayes M. Angelatos A. Kerley	Intro & P/F: Emma S 1st: Linda L Psalm: Chris M 2nd: Liam A
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A. Falcone D. Grippi G. Bonaddio V. Radice A. Fabro R. Glover J. Bonaddio	R. Compantangelo M. Hinds M. Coleman M. Piccolo I. Bova R. Liberatore G. Favotto	E. Ferraro M. Hadjidakis C. Petrucco N. Ancona S. Carbone L. Moliterno F. Mercuri	N. Lazzaro L. Parisi M. Zol A. Den C. Pollifrone W. Florian A. Pavan
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 4
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HOME VISITS: J. Livolsi, M. Coleman, M. Hinds, E. Ferraro

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 25 Dec - **Parkview:** no visit

Visit 26 Dec - **Russell Lea:** no visit

COUNTERS: Group 7

TRANSPORT: Michael, Margaret, Sue

PIETY STALL: Mary C, Mary & Matthew R, Elena

ALTAR SOCIETY: Mary Mc, Barbara, Mary V, Helena



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28th December 2014 - The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

READINGS: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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R. Pollifrone D. Pettenon C. O'Grady G. Sutera	B. Pratelli J. Mylott C. Grant M. Mureddu	B. Pinto M/C Petrucco B. Carbone	Intro & P/F: Owen McM 1st: Isabella M Psalm: Emily C 2nd: Max C
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1
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HOME VISITS: J. Livolsi, J. Livolsi, M. Chesworth, P. Pavan

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 1 Jan - **Parkview:** no visit

Visit 2 Jan - **Russell Lea:** no visit

COUNTERS: Group 8

TRANSPORT: Maria, Tony, Miranda, Tony

PIETY STALL: Eleanor C

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lorraine F, Lorraine C, Enza,

