

*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 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 'nobodiness', 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**



# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT</b>
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>7.30 am &amp; 9.00am</b>	<b>20/12/2020: B</b>
Monday	9.00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Day before Christmas
Tuesday	9.00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Day before Christmas
Wednesday	7.30pm then Rosary.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day before Christmas
Thursday	9.00 am	Last Day before Christmas
<b>Christmas Day:</b>	<b>8.00pm(Vigil Fr.Galbert), 7.30am &amp; 9.00am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St. Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr.</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10.30 am, 12.00-1.00pm, 5.00pm-5.30pm	(Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)
<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father C. Ashton	
<b>Presbytery/Church</b>	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt	Ph: 9625-8847
<b>Baptisms</b>	By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.	
<b>Weddings</b>	Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course	

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations!** 2hr after 9.00am Mass Saturday if enough

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** This reading has a contrast: King David wants to build a house for God, but God will make him a "House" or Dynasty of his descendants from which comes Xp.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** A very complicated letter. This is a summary at the end of his letter of all his teaching about Xp. Christmas is the moment when God's plan was to be started.

	<b>12.00am</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY (25<sup>th</sup> Dec)</b>	L. VILLAPANA H. VILLARICA	A. WIGGINS J. MENDES	H. CRUZ M. WONG
December 27	S. FERNANDEZ	T. MERJUDIO	H. CRUZ
<b>The Holy Family</b>	J. SALAZAR	E. MERJUDIO	F. ANTOWN

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Mendes family 36 Wehlow St. this Christmas week. You are welcome for the Rosary for the Parish each night at 7.00pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSIONS** in all Parishes see website: [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Theresia WATY, Mamerto CUI, Sonny MERJUDIO, Stjepan GALIC, Michael WONG, Nikola MIKOSIC, Stephania ZORE, Lucy DIAS, Leslie CLARKE, Dragan CUKAR, Jack STASZAK, Ivica BIJAC, Milan & Stipan MILETIC, Gertrudes DELACRUZ, Irene & Reynaldo VILLARICA, Rose & Godfrey GUILLAUMIER, George & Whilemena LAVIS, Thora CSOKE, Vicenta PENALES, Anton & Catherine LEGRAND, Vincent & Jane CRONING, Corinne PIETERSZ, Carlo & Candida FUNELAS, Ivan & Slavica TOMICIC, Dawod & Jamil SHABO, Isaac & Alice FARES, Robert COLL, Carlos DACOSTA, Kristen MONTANARO, Thomas HUGHES, Daniel SONG, Takuya NAKAMURA, Katherine DARMO, Zamia & Asett KANOON, Botrous SOLIMAN, George D'CRUZ, Augustine & Joanna PEREIRA, Carlo & Mariano FUNERLAS, Peter & Clyde McLEOD, Korial & Esho SOSO, Joseph & Elias ANTOWN, Juan TAPANG, Manda & Jojo SIMEON, Neda NENADIC, Muriel FREEER, May EDWARDS, Danny BOYLE, Anita CHRISTANGER, Paulde DEJAK, Gerda COOK, Sylvia & Stefan SAULE, Sarah LEIPER, Slavko HARTMAN, Giovanni FLORES, Lihiana MARCHENA, Jose & Maria CARRIZALES. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2020

Christmas Masses will be: **VIGIL: 8.00 pm**  
**CHRISTMAS DAYTIME 7.30 am & 9.00 am**

Confessions here will be on Thursday 9.30-10.30am and from 5.30-6.30pm We have come to the end of Advent. This time is symbolically like the end of the Old Testament which was the long preparation period for the Jews, about 2000 years, during which God prepared them by Patriarchs, Prophets, and Kings, for the coming of the great "Anointed One" (or "Messiah") who has been called by Christians, the "Christ" from the Greek word for "anointed", because "anointed one" meant according to the culture of the time, the specially "chosen One", or "appointed one", who was to be sent by God to fulfil the promise made to Adam & Eve to remove their "original" sin.

That preparation time became "Judaism", the religion of the Jews. It ended with the death of John the Baptist, the last prophet. We have read in the readings of the Advent Masses about John and his witness to Christ, so now we are ready to welcome the Messiah (or Christ) ceremonially at the beginning of this year of the Church with our Christmas Masses. This is right and proper because of what Christ came to do, which was to achieve our Salvation, or passage into Heaven, given to those who prove themselves worthy of it. You do this foremostly by your participation at a Christmas Mass. It is our privilege and revelation to know this. How many in the world have no realization of this at all. You are indeed greatly Blessed to know this!

**A STATUE of MARY** is sought by a parishioner, about 20 centimetres to a Metre or so in height. If anyone has one available, see Father or ring him: Jo 0409/355-511

**MASSES for Christmas Day in the surrounding Parishes are:**

**At Our Lady of the Rosary, St MARYS:** Thursday 6.30pm(outdoors), 8.30pm Vigil 9.23-1962  
 Friday 12.00Midnight, (outdoors)(Carols before), 7.30am, 9.00am(outdoors) & 10.30am(outdoors) Outdoors is Mary MacKillop Centre, corner Collins & Swanston Sts Confessions: Wednesday 11.15am (before midday Mass)  
**At Holy Family, EMERTON:** Thursday 5.00pm, 6.30pm, 9.00am  
 Friday 12.00Midnight, 9.00am

**At St. Aidans, ROOTY HILL:** Thursday 6.00pm Vigil (childrens), 9.00am, 10.30am  
 Friday 12.00Midnight, 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am.

Confessions: Tuesday 9.45-10.30am, 3.30pm-5.00pm, Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm  
 Thursday 9.45am-10.45, 3.00pm-4.30pm

**At Good Shepherd, PLUMPTON:** Thursday 6.00pm, 8.00pm, 9.00am  
 Friday 12.00Midnight(Carols before), 9.00am

**The PARISHES of the BLUE MOUNTAINS** intend to stage an "Epiphany Pilgrimage" to join parishioners of the Diocese in a pilgrims walk thru seven days through the Blue Mountains. It will be from 2-9 January from Emu Plains and finish 7 days later at Bell. There will be daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis, and the friendship of young people. To register visit: [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

**BISHOP VINCENT LONG** will celebrate two Masses Christmas Day at the Cathedral in Parramatta. They are: **Midnight Mass & 11.000am**