

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 TH DECEMBER 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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.**

'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.**

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.**

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be.

He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Connecting the Word

to Advent and salvation history

God's saving action neither begins nor ends with Christ or Christmas. Nor is our understanding of this action to be contained by the weeks of Advent and the celebration of Christmas. Salvation history is ongoing and demands ongoing contemplation on our part.

to Christian experience

Advent is both waiting and preparing. Waiting focuses on what God does; preparing focuses on what we do. These divine and human activities come together in Christ.

WELCOME TO THE Parish of Cororooke



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Moderator: Maureen Finn 0428329231
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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: Christmas Eve Mass

24th December @ 7.00pm

Commentator: M Allan

Reader: M McCarthy

LAY LED: 27th December @ 9.30am

Commentator: L Darcy

Reader: C Grist

Leaders: A McCarthy & L McGuane

Communion Minister: M Carmody

ST JOSEPH'S: Christmas Day

25TH December, 10.30 am

Family: Convery Osborne

Minster: A Convery

Leaders: B & C Hickman

27th December @10:30

Family: Manson/Everett

Communion: R Manson

Lay Leaders; T & D Ryan

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's: 20-27th Dec- K Speirs/D McCarthy

St. Joseph's: December – D Melville.

Counters: 20th Dec: J Finlay

3rd Jan: L Darcy

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Paatsch, Coad
McCarthy, Edith Monaghan, Patti Sushames,
Stewart Jackson, Jim Martin

SICK: Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,
Leah Spokes, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn,
June Turner, Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum,
Josie Paatsch, June Turner

Advent Wreath Prayer.

*Jesus is the cornerstone. We are a
Christ-Centred Church.*

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

*By living a prayerful life centred on
the Eucharist may we open ourselves
to your wisdom and the Spirit
working in the community of the
Church. ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Giving birth is painful. Change can be
frightening. Mary trusted in God and
let herself be led by the Holy Spirit so
that we can say:*

ALL: Come Lord Jesus.



Christmas Mass, St Brendan's@7pm, Christmas Eve.

THANK YOU.....

*To Les & Keith for their annual
generous donation for flowers for St
Brendan's Church at Christmas in
memory of their brother, Francis.*

Birthday Wishes to Fr Dan Arundell...

*Congratulations on attaining the stately
age of 90 years young! Wishing you
good health and hearty celebrations!*