Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent. The Liturgy wants to prepare us for Christmas, now at the door, by inviting us to meditate on the Angel’s annunciation to Mary. The Archangel Gabriel reveals to the Virgin the Lord's will that she become the mother of his Only-Begotten Son: “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High” (Lk 1:31-32). Let us fix our gaze on this simple girl from Nazareth, at the moment she offers herself to the divine message with her “yes”; let us grasp two essential aspects of her attitude, which is for us the model of how to prepare for Christmas.

First of all her faith, her attitude of faith, which consists in listening to the Word of God in order to abandon herself to this Word with full willingness of mind and heart. Responding to the Angel, Mary said: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word”. (v. 38). In her “behold” filled with faith, Mary does not know by what road she must venture, what pains she must suffer, what risks she must face. But she is aware that it is the Lord asking and she entrusts herself totally to Him; she abandons herself to his love. This is the faith of Mary! Another aspect is the capacity of the Mother of Christ to recognize God’s time. Mary is the one who made possible the Incarnation of the Son of God, “the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages” (Rom 16:25).

She made possible the Incarnation of the Word thanks to her humble and brave “yes”, Mary teaches us to seize the right moment when Jesus comes into our life and asks for a ready and generous answer. And Jesus is coming. Indeed, the mystery of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem took place historically more than 2,000 years ago but occurs as a spiritual event in the “today” of the Liturgy. The Word, who found a home in the virgin womb of Mary, comes in the celebration of Christmas to knock once again at the heart of every Christian. He comes and knocks.

Each of us is called to respond, like Mary, with a personal and sincere “yes”, placing oneself fully at the disposal of God and of his mercy, of his love. And go to prayer, and maybe to confession, cleanse yourselves… this will be good. But keep well in mind: if you feel this longing to be better, He is knocking: don’t let Him pass by! In the mystery of Christmas, at Mary’s side there is the silent presence of St Joseph, as he is portrayed in every Nativity scene. The example of Mary and Joseph is for us all an invitation to accept, with total openness of spirit, Jesus, who for love made Himself our brother. He comes to bring to the world the gift of peace: “on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased” (Lk 2:14), as the choirs of Angels proclaimed to the shepherds. The precious gift of Christmas is peace, and Christ is our true peace. And Christ knocks at our hearts to grant us peace, peace of the soul. Let us open our doors to Christ!

Many Blessings,

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM.
Administrator - Adelaide Cathedral Parish.
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20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16.
Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear my prayer.
Communion Antiphon: Behold, A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

25th December : The Nativity of the Lord
(Vigil & Midnight Mass)

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7
Responsorial Psalm: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.
Communion Antiphon: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

25th December : The Nativity of the Lord (Daytime)

Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.
First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10.
Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.
Communion Antiphon: All The ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

27th December: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger.
First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1-6,8-9.
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Universal Prayer Response: Lord hear our prayer.
Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.
Please respect the social distancing norms, sanitise your hands and either scan the QR code displayed at each door or record your name by hand each time you enter the church. As a public health measure the Archbishop has also asked Catholics to refrain from congregational singing at Mass for the present. The Covid Marshalls for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Peter Balan.

Today the children will perform their Christmas Play at 11am in the Ellengowan Hall, and the Choir will celebrate our annual Advent Carol Service at 8pm tonight at St Patrick’s Church in Grote St. All Welcome.

Mass times for Christmas Day:

Midnight: Solemn Mass  
(Registration is Essential. Details on how to register can be found on the blogspot.)  
7am: Low Mass  
9.15am: Sung Mass

Please note that there will be NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day.

2021 FSSP calendars are now on sale for $15. Christmas cards are also on sale for $10/pk of 10.

If you are interested in being part of a group who would be prepared to cook the occasional meal for any families in need, please let Marguerite Wills (0421 084 268) or Lucia Snelling know (0407 378 159).

Date claimer for next year: Wednesday 20th January, Catechism and Activity day for children. If you are interested in helping to prepare or run an activity for this day, there will be a short meeting after the Children’s play today.

The last Tuesday Holy Hour for the year is this Tuesday from 10am to 11am.

Please see the community blogspot for other information.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Miki Caputo, Anne Russell, Christopher Boast, Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh’s father), Thomas Smyth, Charlene Armour, Germaine Mernik, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson’s mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

10th January: The Baptism of the Lord.

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.


Responsorial Psalm: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.


Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear my prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Liturgies & Activities (21st Dec - 10th Jan)

Mon Commemoration of St. Peter Canisius.
Tue Novena for Christmas.
Wed Novena for Christmas.
Thu Novena for Christmas & Christmas Eve.
Fri Nativity of the Lord.
Sat St. Stephen, the first Christian Martyr.
Sun Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.
Mon The Holy Innocents.
Tue St. Thomas Becket.
Wed Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas.
Thu Pope St. Silvester I & New Year’s Eve.
Fri Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.
Sat St. Basil and St. Gregory.
Sun The Epiphany of the Lord.
Mon St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
Wed St. Andre Besette.
Thu St. Raymond Penyafort.
Sun The Baptism of the Lord.

Parish office Closure from Dec 23 to Jan 3

The Cathedral Parish will be closed from 23rd December 2020. 1pm and reopen on January 4th, 2021 at 9.30am. The Parish office staff wish you and your families a Blessed & Holy Christmas and a Happy 2021.
Dear family and friends,

On behalf of the clergy, Office Staff, Sacristans, Events and Music Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, and CLC of Adelaide Cathedral Parish, I wish you a Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2021. I offer my wishes, blessings and prayers through the prayer of St. Joseph prepared by Pope Francis as he proclaims 2021 as the year of St. Joseph.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Many Blessings,

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Compliance with Revised COVID Protocols

- Please enter your names and contact details in the sheets provided at the entrance the church if you do not have a smartphone.
- It is mandatory for all public activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code. Please check in using the QR code if you have a smartphone. The app makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy.
- Please follow the safety instructions of the designated COVID Marshals when you are attending services in all churches of the Parish. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Appeal on Dec 24th/25th for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Once again we will be conducting the annual Christmas Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with a special collection at all Christmas Masses. This Appeal is an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its range of programs and services. We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Live streaming of Christmas Mass on Youtube and broadcast on Channel 44

We are pleased to announce that all Christmas Masses will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese Youtube Channel. A short carols service and the midnight Mass will be aired from St. Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on Channel 44 on Friday, December 25th at 11am. We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know who would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Mehmet Rende
Deceased Anniversaries:

St. Marys: Robin Storer, Bridget McManus, Stephen Stefani, Peter Byrnes, Anthony Kelly & James Robertson.
Holy Name: Bruno Bosco, Ferraro & Bosco families.
St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Sydney Cochrane, Whippy family, Doris Painter, Ron Sen, Lois Harding Joyce Wickham, Margaret Hawkins, John Dinan, Evelyn Smith, Theresa Du Moulin, Mary Jordan, Jean Murray, Barbara Shield, Mary Leela, Mary Jildose & Lorna Fyfe.
Sick: Emeritus Archbishop Philip Wilson, Hayley Reilly, Anton Sylvester, Joseph Bauer, John Taylor, James Hann, Maria Carroll, Alana Roscio, Kate Hall, Nikki Bowler, Wanda Nowak, Stanley Lynch, Angela Musico, Philip Harding, Tony Romeo, Emily Swan, Elizabeth Romeo and Julie Nelson.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

Christmas Mass being broadcast in the Cathedral Hall and Mary McKillop Plaza

If you are struggling to book into Christmas Mass, we are pleased to share that the Cathedral will have overflow options into Cathedral Hall and Mary MacKillop Plaza where Masses will be broadcast on large screens. Those who book in for Mass will have priority into the Cathedral, but for those who have missed out or were unaware of the need to book, these options will be available. In the first instance, we strongly encourage booking via www.trybooking.com/BJYNO. This will secure your spot for Mass and avoid disappointment.

Online Mass Bookings for Masses up to January 3rd 2021

The online links re Trybooking for all Christmas, New Year and Masses up to January 3rd 2021 in the Parish are opening for bookings. The links will remain open until we have reached the capacity permitted within the current COVID-19 restrictions for each week. Please note that links for weekend Masses close at 4pm each Friday. We request that all our parishioners make their bookings online since numbers will be limited. The Parish office is closed for make booking via the phone so please request you friends and family to help with the booking process in case you do not have access to the internet. Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021!