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**4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)
 23rd December 2018**

Dear Parishioners,

"A man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year old son waiting for him at the door. The little boy asked his Dad, 'Daddy, may I ask you a question?' 'Yeah sure, what it is?' replied the man. The boy asked, 'Daddy, how much do you make an hour?' 'If you must know, I make \$50 an hour,' answered his Dad. 'Oh,' the little boy replied, with his head down. Then he continued, 'May I please borrow \$25?'

The father was furious, 'If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard everyday for such childish frivolities.' The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down and started to think: Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$25.00 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

'Are you asleep, son?' He asked. 'No daddy, I'm awake,' replied the boy.

'I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier' said the man. 'It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$25 you asked for.'

The little boy sat straight up, smiling. 'Oh, thank you daddy!' he yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money and started to get angry again. The little

boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

'Why do you want more money if you already have some?' the father grumbled. 'Because I didn't have enough, but now I do,' the little boy replied. 'Daddy, I have \$50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you.'

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness."

The author of this story is unknown. But it has a great message for us to think about this Christmas. What present are we going to give to our loved ones?

Time is the most precious gift you can give to someone. Why? Because that's what life is made of. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time.

In the gospel story of the visitation of Mary, Mary gave to Elizabeth her greatest gift of all: her time. Any woman who has travelled while pregnant can tell you that it isn't fun. For Mary, the trip would have been especially gruelling: She travelled to a town 80 miles away, likely on a donkey, without the comfort of paved roads, air conditioning, or shock absorbers. She's been told that she is pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. She's also learned that her cousin Elizabeth, believed to be too old to conceive, is expecting as well. Without hesitation, she quickly came to the aid of Elizabeth.

It is not enough to just say relationships are important; we must prove it by investing time in them. Words alone are worthless. Our children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true, which shows itself in action. Relationships take time and effort, and the best way to spell love is "T-I-M-E." Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm

St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Rosary before Mass at 9.30am)
 (Anointing: 1st Friday); Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

Confession

St Mary's Church:
 Fri 7.30am-8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm

St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church
(school term only)

Parish Office Christmas Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from lunchtime Friday, 21 December 2018 and will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019



Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care

To view a list of Christmas Mass Times in languages other than English visit <http://multiculturalcare.org.au/>

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 24th: (7am and 10am masses are as per normal)

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

Tuesday 25th: **Christmas Day** (see Christmas mass times)

R/ All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Wednesday 26th: **St Stephen (Feast)**

R/ Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Thursday 27th: **St John (Feast)**

R/ Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Friday 28th: **The Holy Innocents (Feast)**

R/ Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.

Saturday 29th: **5th day in the Octave of Nativity**

R/ Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 45: 8

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.

Lighting of Advent Candle Responses

Priest: Lord Jesus, the angel Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary.

R/: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Priest: Lord Jesus, the angels sang at your birth of the peace given to all people who enjoy God's favour.

R/: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Priest: Lord Jesus, the angel came to strengthen you in the garden in your time of need.

R/: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

First 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading: Rom 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 1:38

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.


Communion Antiphon: Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3;

2nd reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

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Thank You!

2018 Volunteers Thank You Evening
was enjoyed by all as Fr Lam thanked the volunteers who helped in any way throughout 2018. Your efforts have helped to form a vibrant and compassionate community.



Drought Appeal Thank You

A total transfer of \$5766.15 has been made, from both parishes, to Fr Jamie at the Roma Parish this week for distribution to the families of his area in most need. In particular the families in the Mitchel area will be helped with this funding over Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, especially the girls from Mt Alvernia College, Kedron "Sisters in Stitches" who learnt to make scrunchies, advertised and sold them, purely with the intent of contributing to our appeal. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has sent in excess of \$9000 combining donations from Brisbane parishioners including some from our parishes. Indonesian Catholic Family and the St Ita's School Community have all sent substantial contributions to Roma Parish. So a huge Thank You to everyone who helped. You have made a difference.—love in practice.

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This raffle is our major fundraising activity for 2018.

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<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

St Ita's 5pm Mass
(4.30pm Carols)

St Mary's 7pm Mass
(6pm Carols & children's nativity)



Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield 7am Mass

St Ita's 8am Mass

St Francis 9am Mass
(8.30am Carols)

St Mary's 9am Mass
St Mary's 5pm Mass

