



St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
21st December 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

| PARISH SCHEDULE | |
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| SATURDAY | |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| 6:30pm | Mass |
| 7:30pm | Mass (longer liturgy) |
| SUNDAY | |
| 8.00am | Mass |
| 9:00am | Mass |
| 10:15am | Mass (Italian) |
| 11.15am | Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday) |
| TUESDAY | |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| THURSDAY | |
| 7:30am | Adoration |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| FRIDAY | |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| BAPTISM | |
| 1 ST & 3 RD Sunday | 11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment |
| CONFESSION | |
| Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment | |
| WEDDINGS & FUNERALS | |
| By appointment | |
| PARISH CONTACTS | |
| Parish Priest | Fr. Wilson Donizzetti |
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| PARISH OFFICE HOURS | |
| Monday & Wednesday | Closed |
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| Mass intentions | | |
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| Sat | 6:30pm | |
| | 7:30pm | |
| Sun | 8:00am | |
| | 9.00am | |
| | 10:15am | Anna Nocciolino Rosa, Michelle Scafidi, Pietro Macri and family Agnello & Arfuso families |
| | 11:15am | |
| Readers | | |
| Sat | 6:30pm | Adriano Sanzone |
| | 7:30pm | Neocatechumenal Way |
| Sun | 8.00am | Anne & Greg Diamond |
| | 9:00am | Zoran Vukojevic |
| | 10:15am | Italian Mass |
| | 11:15am | Brazilian Mass (2nd Sunday of the month) |
| Servers/Acolyte | | |
| Sat | 6:30pm | Campbell, Alicia, Enzo, Pio, Carlos & Elyssa Brad |
| | 7:30pm | |
| Sun | 9:00am | Thineth, Ahinsa, Luke, Grace, Abigail, Tess, Joseph, Gebriel & Jonathon Eugene & Pedro |
| | 10:15am | Giovanni |
| Children's Liturgy | | |
| Sun | | No Liturgy due to the School Holidays |
| Hospital | | |
| YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH | | |
| <p>Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.</p> | | |

Thank you!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

There is a quiet consistency running through today's readings, a kind of steady drumbeat beneath the surface, reminding us that time itself is not accidental. Isaiah speaks of a sign yet to come, the Psalmist proclaims the Lord who enters His own creation, Paul announces a promise long prepared, and Matthew finally shows us that promise stepping silently into history. Christianity, unlike many of the stories we tell ourselves, does not imagine time as a circle we endlessly repeat, nor as a blur of meaningless moments. It is a story with a direction. Time moves—patiently, deliberately—toward fulfilment in Christ. Isaiah's prophecy of a virgin conceiving is not merely a prediction, but a seed planted in history. It waits. It grows slowly beneath the soil of generations. Psalm 24 echoes this waiting world, calling on creation itself to lift its gates, as if history knows Someone is coming. By the time Paul writes to the Romans, that waiting has sharpened into proclamation: the gospel is not a new invention, but a promise made "long ago," now revealed. God does not rush His purposes, nor does He forget them. Salvation unfolds like a long journey, stretching from David's throne, through the prophets, into the quiet home of a carpenter. It is here, in Matthew's Gospel, that the grand arc of salvation narrows to a single human decision. Joseph stands at the crossroads of history without realising it. He is not asked to understand the trajectory of time or the theology of incarnation. He is asked to trust. Before the angel speaks, Joseph already leans toward mercy; after the angel speaks, he leans fully into obedience. In doing so, he places his own plans beneath God's larger design. The fulfilment of centuries rests, in part, on his willingness to believe that God is at work even when circumstances suggest otherwise. This is perhaps the most unsettling truth of all: God's plan advances not only through prophets and kings, but through ordinary people who choose trust over control. Joseph's obedience reminds us that faith is rarely loud or dramatic. It is often hidden, costly, and misunderstood. Yet it is precisely this kind of faith that allows time to reach its fulfilment. In trusting God's plan of salvation, as Joseph did, we step into the great movement of history—not as passive observers, but as willing participants in the story of "God with us."

PARISH EVENTS

Dear Parish Community,

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us pause to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas: God's love made visible in the humble manger of Bethlehem. In a world often filled with noise and haste, this holy season invites us to rediscover peace, hope, and joy in Christ. May your hearts be filled with gratitude for the gift of faith, and may your homes radiate the light of Christ's love. Let us continue to support one another as a community united in prayer and service, sharing the Good News with all we meet. I also want to express my deepest thanks to all our parish volunteers. Your generosity, time, and dedication make our parish a vibrant and welcoming home for everyone. From liturgical ministries, sacramental programs, office, morning teas to outreach programs, your service reflects the love of Christ in action. We could not do this without you! As we look toward the New Year, let us embrace it as an opportunity for renewal—renewal of our faith, our commitment to love, and our desire to serve. May 2026 be a year where we grow closer to Christ and to one another, living as true witnesses of His mercy and compassion. On behalf of our parish team, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. May the Lord's presence guide you always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace,

Fr. Wilson Donizzetti

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Join us in our **2025 Christmas Nativity Play at St Kieran Church. Teens and Children, all welcome to fulfil the many roles of the nativity play.** We'd love to see you at rehearsal dates

Saturday 20th Dec 9.00-10.00am,

Monday 22nd Dec 9.00-10.30am

Tuesday 23rd Dec 9.00-10.30am

Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday 24th Dec at 6.00pm (All participants to arrive at 5:40pm)

NO MASS ON THE 24TH MORNING

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE



24/12/2025

6.00pm – Mass (new time)

11.30pm- Carols

12.00am- **Midnight Mass**

25/12/2025

9.00am Mass (English)

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA

Is 7,10-14

In quei giorni, il Signore parlò ad Acaz: Chiedi per te un segno dal Signore, tuo Dio, dal profondo degli inferi oppure dall'alto. Ma Acaz rispose: Non lo chiederò, non voglio tentare il Signore. Allora Isaia disse: Ascoltate, casa di Davide! Non vi basta stancare gli uomini, perché ora vogliate stancare anche il mio Dio? Pertanto il Signore stesso vi darà un segno. Ecco: la vergine concepirà e partorerà un figlio, che chiamerà Emmanuele.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 23

Ecco, viene il Signore, Re della gloria.

Del Signore è la terra e quanto contiene: il mondo, con i suoi abitanti. È Lui che l'ha fondato sui mari e sui fiumi l'ha stabilito. **R.**

Chi potrà salire il monte del Signore? Chi potrà stare nel suo luogo santo? Chi ha mani innocenti e cuore puro, chi non si rivolge agli idoli. **R.**

Egli otterrà benedizione dal Signore, giustizia da Dio sua salvezza. Ecco la generazione che lo cerca, che cerca il Tuo volto, Dio di Giacobbe. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

Rm 1, 1-7

Paolo, servo di Cristo Gesù, apostolo per chiamata, scelto per annunciare il vangelo di Dio – che egli aveva promesso per mezzo dei suoi profeti nelle sacre Scritture e che riguarda il Figlio suo, nato dal seme di Davide secondo la carne, costituito Figlio di Dio con potenza, secondo lo Spirito di santità, in virtù della risurrezione dei morti, Gesù Cristo nostro Signore; per mezzo di Lui abbiamo ricevuto la grazia di essere apostoli, per suscitare l'obbedienza della fede in tutte le genti, a gloria del Suo nome, e tra queste siete anche voi, chiamati da Gesù Cristo –, a tutti quelli che sono a Roma, amati da Dio e santi per chiamata, grazia a voi e pace da Dio, Padre nostro, e dal Signore Gesù Cristo!

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia

Ecco la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a Lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele: "Dio con noi".

Alleluia!

VANGELO

Mt 1,18-24

Così fu generato Gesù Cristo: Sua madre Maria, essendo promessa sposa di Giuseppe, prima che andassero a vivere insieme si trovò incinta per opera dello Spirito Santo. Giuseppe suo sposo, poiché era uomo giusto e non voleva accusarla pubblicamente, pensò di ripudiarla in segreto. Però, mentre stava considerando queste cose, ecco, gli apparve in sogno un angelo del Signore e gli disse: «Giuseppe, figlio di Davide, non temere di prendere con te Maria, tua sposa. Infatti il bambino che è generato in lei viene dallo Spirito Santo; ella darà alla luce un figlio e tu lo chiamerai Gesù: egli infatti salverà il suo popolo dai suoi peccati. Tutto questo è avvenuto perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto dal Signore per mezzo del profeta: «Ecco, la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele, che significa Dio con noi. Quando si destò dal sonno, Giuseppe fece come gli aveva ordinato l'angelo del Signore e prese con sé la sua sposa.

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.