



Bohernabreena Parish

St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 22nd December 2024 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled



In the **first reading**, the prophet Micah assures the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem He will send to them the long-expected ruler.

The third stanza of today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 80), is a prayer for God's blessing on the Davidic king, of Whom we sing in the first, "O *Shepherd of Israel, hearken; from Your Throne upon the cherubim, shine forth! Rouse Your power and come to save us!*" (vv 2-3).

The **second reading**, taken from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us to be thankful for Jesus Christ's Self-offering, the perfect sacrifice of loving obedience that liberated us from sin. In obedient, willing eagerness to do God's will, ("*Behold, I come to do Your will*"), Christ gave Himself in the place of all other ritual sacrifices offered as the means of sanctification.

In the **Gospel**, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. We see here how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

Life messages: 1) **We need to carry Jesus to others as Mary did.**

Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the Spirit of Christ,

through Whom Christ is reborn in us and thus enables us to share His love with all whom we encounter. We do so by offering each of them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate, caring love. Let us take the time to visit others during this Christmas season, especially the sick and shut-ins, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God.

2) We need to bless and encourage the younger generation.

Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. Grandparents, parents, teachers, and leaders are responsible for encouraging those around them. By complimenting and encouraging one's spouse, children and friends, let us show them how valuable they are to us and to God.

3) We need to recognize the Real Presence of the *Emmanuel*

(God is with us) in the Holy Eucharist, in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the praying community. The hill country of Judea is right here in our surroundings. Let us convey Jesus to people around us by our acts of love, kindness and forgiveness. (frtonyshomilies.com)



Christmas Parish Office Hours

The parish office at St. Anne's will close on Friday 20th Dec 12.30pm and will reopen on Friday 3rd January 2025.

The parish office at Holy Rosary will close Monday 23rd Dec at 12.30pm and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025.

Mass Intentions



St Anne's Church

Sunday 22nd December, 8.30am

Patrick (Pat) Cotter, (10th Anniversary)
and Teresa Cotter.

Josephine Haughey, (8th Anniversary)

We also pray for Eddie Sullivan whose funeral took place on Friday.

Holy Rosary Church

Sunday 22nd December, 10.30am

For Parishioners' Intentions

BOHERNABREENA - ST ANNE'S & HOLY ROSARY, ST MARTIN DE PORRES

PARISH TEAM:

FR. JAMES DALY, PARISH PRIEST 085.2513 730

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Mass Times St. Anne's:
Sunday 8.30am Friday 10am

HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE

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Secretary: Deborah Brown
Office open 10.30am-2.00pm Mon & Tue

Mass Times Holy Rosary:
Sunday 10.30am
Monday 10am (except bank holidays)

ST MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH OFFICE

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Office open 10.00am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs

Mass Times St. Martin's:

Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 12.30pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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Timetable for Christmas Services in our parish grouping



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be available in our Churches at the following times:

St. Anne's Church	Following 10am mass, Friday 20th December
Holy Rosary Church	Following 10am mass, Monday 23rd December
St. Martin de Porres Church	6.15pm - 6.45pm Saturday, 21st December 10.30am - 11.30am Tuesday, 24h December

MASS TIMETABLE:

Tuesday 24th December (4th week of Advent) St. Martin de Porres Church, 10.00am

Christmas Eve Masses

Holy Rosary Church	5.30pm
St. Anne's Church	6.30pm
St. Martin de Porres	7.00pm & 9.00pm

Christmas Day Masses

St Anne's Church	8.30am
Holy Rosary Church	10.30am
St. Martin de Porres	12 noon

Thursday 26th December, St. Stephen's Day St. Martin de Porres Church 11.00am

Friday 27th December St Martin de Porres 11.00 daily (no Mass in St. Anne's Church)

Saturday 28th December - Feast of the Holy Innocents St Martin de Porres Church 11.00am

Saturday 28th December - Vigil Mass St Martin de Porres Church 7.00pm

Sunday 29th December - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

St. Anne's Church 8.30am / Holy Rosary Church 10.30am / St. Martin de Porres 12.30pm

Monday 30th December Holy Rosary 11.00am

Tuesday 31st December - Friday 3rd January 2025 St. Martin's 11.00am (no Fri Mass in St. Anne's)

Saturday January 4th - Vigil Mass St. Martin de Porres Church 7.00pm

Sunday 5th January St Anne's Church 8.30am / Holy Rosary 10.30am / St. Martin's 12.30pm

Monday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Rosary Church 10am / St. Martin's 11am

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th January St Martin de Porres Church 10.00am

Friday 10th January St. Anne's Church 10.00am

Usual Mass schedule resumes.....

All of our masses will be live streamed via Church Services TV (internet dependent)

To join these masses please go to www.churchservices.tv/bohernabreena or follow the link on our website bohernabreena-parish.com or on Facebook.

PARISH CELL COMMUNITIES Come and See

A series of six presentation evenings to help people explore their faith.

3 Mar to 7 Apr 2025
Running for 6 consecutive Monday's

7pm to 8.30pm
Holy Rosary Church

For further details contact us at.....

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Coeliac Hosts

Please note that consecrated Coeliac Hosts are available during Holy Communion. Just let the Priest/Deacon/Eucharistic Minister know when you come forward for Holy Communion.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Holy Rosary each Mon following 10am Mass

