



# *Bandon Parish Bulletin*

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## *Fourth Sunday Of Advent*



*'Wishing you every blessing  
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.  
May His peace fill your home'.*

As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that God chose to dwell among us, bringing light, hope, and peace and great joy into our world.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your vibrant faith, your active involvement, and your generous support.

Your dedication, whether through service in ministries, prayer, or financial contributions, is a blessing that keeps our community thriving throughout the year.

*Together the clergy and staff of Bandon Parish, wish you and your loved ones a very Happy, Holy, and blessed Christmas.*

*We pray God's Blessings on you for the New Year.*

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

7:10-14

#### *The maiden is with child.*

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 Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'!'

#### *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 23:1-6. R. cf. vv. 7,10*

*R. Let the Lord enter!  
He is the king of glory.*

- 1.* 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.
- 2.* 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.
- 3.* 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.*

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## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

1:1-7

#### *Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.*

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.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 1:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.**

**Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*1:18-24*

***Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.***

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.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**There will be one collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

*This collection is for the priests of the parish.*

*Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.*

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2026

Offertory envelopes for 2026 can be found at the entrance doors of the Church.  
Numbered envelopes for parishioners involved in the Income Tax Relief  
to Charities are available from the sacristy.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:30am in St Patrick's Church Penitential Service 7:30pm in St Patrick's Church
<b>Tuesday December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:30am followed by Confession
<b>Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:30am followed by Confession 12 noon Confession St Patrick's Church 6:00pm & 8:00pm Vigil Masses in St Patrick's Church
<b>Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:00am Gaggin 10:30am & 12noon St Patrick's Church
<b>Friday December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:30am in St Patrick's Church
<b>Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:30am & 6:00pm Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Church
<b>Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Mass at 9:00am Gaggin 10:30am & 12noon St Patrick's Church

**There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 after 9:30am Mass.**

### *A Short Christmas Blessing*

*Lord,*

*Fill us with your grace,  
May the blessing of peace rest upon us;  
May the blessing of love flow out through us and  
extend to those around us,  
May all blessings of the Lord be ours at Christmas  
and in the New Year.*

*Amen*



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