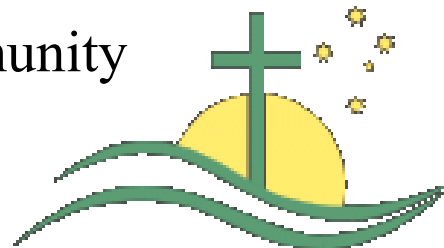




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Third Sunday of ADVENT, 10-11 December, 2022

## St Paul Apostle Catholic Community 2022

Advent Reconciliation is on **TUESDAY, 13 December** at 7pm  
(during the service priests will also give individual reconciliation or blessing)

Christmas Eve Masses are:

6pm (Children's Mass),  
8pm, 10pm and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses are: 9am & 11am  
(no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

### Weekday Masses

**Monday**  
9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

**Saturday**  
6pm Mass

**Sunday**  
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also  
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow  
[https://youtu.be/fg0\\_u5CDYMo](https://youtu.be/fg0_u5CDYMo)

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 10am—10.30am**

### Recognising the presence of God *(extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine)*

At the heart of Advent is the idea of God's presence: the presence that came in the form of a little child in Bethlehem, the presence that surrounds us every day and the presence that will come and bring creation to its intended glory. In their writings and speeches on Advent, many popes have reflected on this presence, and how Christian hope is born from an understanding that God is closer than we could possibly imagine. To help deepen our experience of Advent, it might be good to reflect on the words of a few recent popes—words that display a profound spiritual simplicity and attentiveness to this presence.

Below is from Pope Francis who reflected that **"Advent is a call to hope"**

'Our God is the God who comes,' Pope Francis said on the first Sunday of Advent in 2020. Speaking towards the end of the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, he knew the pain of that year was very real, threatening to lead us into 'pessimism, closure and apathy' instead of the true joy of discipleship. That joy is found in knowing that God never abandons his people or his promises, which is why 'Advent is a continuous call to hope.'

He went on:

The Lord never abandons us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats.

#### Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)  
Fr Luke Bulley CP

#### Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)  
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

#### Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP  
Fr Brian Gleeson CP  
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP  
Fr Luke Bulley CP

#### St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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Mr Tim Hogan

### Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

When promises are fulfilled, when a long-awaited hope has been met, there is only one reasonable response: joy. When the Magi from the East saw the star above the place where Jesus was, Matthew says, 'they rejoiced with very great joy' before prostrating themselves in worship (2:10). The shepherds likewise 'went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told' (Luke 2:20). The third week of Advent is an opportunity to experience the 'very great joy' of knowing Jesus

(extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During this Advent season, we have our children's liturgy every Sunday, the plan for NEXT YEAR is to run this program ONCE A MONTH. We are hopeful however to have more volunteers available and possibly hold it more than once a month.

### SENIORS EVENT

The event was a great success. Thank you to all volunteers who have given of their time to organize this event. A big thank you to Peter, also the choir from the school, who entertained everyone with live music. And of course to all who have attended, the event would not have happened without you all.

We hope to hold more events in the New Year.



### HAMPER

This is to remind you that ALL hampers must be sent to the Church by next Sunday, 11th December, before the 6pm Mass. The agencies will be picking them up on this coming

Monday the 12th December in the morning (before 11am) to deliver them to the families.

If you have spare time to help delivering these hampers, please come around 10.30am-11am to the church, as the St Vincent de Paul group needs more hands to deliver them

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our Christmas Carols will be held this SUNDAY, 11th December from 7pm (after Mass) to 9pm, in Martin Place, the garden at the rear of the Parish office (weather permitting). Fr Chris will be singing for us. However, we do hope some other groups (choir or any group) will get up and sing also. We will provide a Sausage Sizzle during the night. Please bring your picnic basket and mat if you wish. In the event that the weather is not suitable for an outdoor event, we will move it to the school hall.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Last weekend the children brought home little people cut-outs to be decorated as representations of the JOY that God has given them. This weekend, as they return the decorated little people cut outs, they will receive 'paddlepop sticks' to take home. We ask them to decorate it, as their reflection of what God's gift of PEACE means to them



### MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will place sign-up sheets this weekend (10th/11th December). For those who are listed as our parish ministers, you are invited to put your name down at the Mass you wish to be a part of. Please note that we may not be able to take all of you in, but we will do our very best to include you as minister at the Mass of your choice. We will contact you once the roster is completed.

### This weekend we pray for:

#### *Those whose sick*

Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Collette Demiziere, Mercia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

#### *Those who have died*

Rosetta Alberti, Vernon Law, Edna Alice Fonseca, Royston D'Silva, Antonio Laratta, Malia La'akulu, Tony Brennan, Henry Logotuli Peteru, Rebecca Tirant, Egbert Lespoire, Trevor Fernandez, Maria Vu Thi Nang, Mass for the intention of the giver **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

*May they rest in peace*



#### **Readings:**

#### **Third Sunday of ADVENT Yr A**

Is 35:1-6, 10;  
Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11: 2-11

#### **Fourth Sunday of ADVENT Yr A**

Is 7:10-14 ;  
Rom 1:1-7 ;  
Mt 1:18-24

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