



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday of ADVENT Year C, 7-8 December, 2024

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

*Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is
"temporarily unavaila-
ble"*

**Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY

DEC 13TH, FRIDAY

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - BEGINS WITH MASS AT 10AM (NO 9AM MASS)
(MASS IN THE CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH IN THE ANNEXE)

DEC 15TH, SUNDAY

HAMPER MASS AT 6PM
CAROLS NIGHT AT 7PM AT MARTIN PLACE (BEHIND PARISH OFFICE)

DEC 17TH, TUESDAY

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH
(COMMUNAL AND INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION)

DEC 24TH, TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES ARE:
6PM CHILDREN'S MASS
8.30PM FAMILY MASS
11.30PM CAROLS FOLLOWED BY MIDNIGHT MASS

DEC 25TH, WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES ARE 9AM AND 11AM
(NO EVENING MASS ON THIS DAY)

DEC 26TH, THURSDAY

BOXING DAY - MASS AT 9AM

JANUARY 1ST, WEDNESDAY

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS AT 9AM

**** NORMAL MASS TIMETABLE BETWEEN BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY ****

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
Valerie Ferreira
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North

Primary School
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Acting Principal
Mrs Monique Fallace

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
Ph. 9700 3663
Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Third Sunday of ADVENT Year C

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-end

A reading from the book of Prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
On the day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival

Psalm

Surely God is my salvation
I will trust, and will not be afraid
for the Lord God is my strength and my might
he has become my salvation
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation

Give thanks to the Lord
call on his name
make known his deeds among the nations
proclaim that his name is exalted

Sing praises to the Lord
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near
Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
he has sent me to bring good news to the poor
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him
“What should we do?”
In reply John said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”
Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”
Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money for anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the things of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people

Reflection

1. We may feel God is calling us to express godliness in very down-to-earth, practical ways.
2. Being faithful in our everyday lives prepares us to receive the King, whenever he comes

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

SPA Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation thank all our fellow parishioners for their continuing support for donations towards buying eggs to supplied Alyssum Seekers Resource Centre, food bank. Last weekend we raised \$659.20 Thank you.

HAMPER

Please remember to bring the hampers **no later than SUNDAY 15 December 6pm**. Kindly ensure that each hamper is marked with the correct CODE (on the sheet which you took home) If you by any chance missing out from taking one from the list, please feel free to make on hamper and mark it as 'SPARE'.

ALL hampers will be delivered on **MONDAY 16 December** morning. The St Vincent de Paul wishes to have some helpers delivering the hampers on Monday. Please contact Parish office on 97003781 if you are able to help. It involves lifting

some heavy hampers

ADVENT RECONCILIATION NIGHT

is on **TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER** at 7pm in the Church. This will be both individual and communal reconciliation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We all know them as VINNIES. They work to help those who are struggling in so many different ways. At this time they are in desperate need of more members to help cover works in the Endeavour Hills area. Both the Bread Run and the Conference are calling out for people who can volunteer some of their spare time to help, ensuring that those who are most in need are getting the help they desperately need. If you are interested: Please call the Parish office if you are interested and upon making phone call please let us know if you wish to join Conference or the bread run

Christmas Nativity Play

We are hoping to have the children to proclaim the Gospel through their act at Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm Mass.

Therefore, we are on the lookout for all nativity characters :

Joseph, Mary, King Herod, the Three Wise Men, Shepherds and Angels as well as narrators, and let's not forget the Inn Keeper!

Please contact Parish Office **URGENTLY** if your child wishes to be part of it. We will start the practice on **TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER** at 4pm in the Church

Readings:

Second Sunday of ADVENT Yr C

Baruch 5: 1-9

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

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Zephaniah 3:14-end

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Peter Taylor, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell *and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Angela La Sala, Giorgio Fuda, Rajendra George Rasiah, Doreen Anne O'Hara, Giovanni Torcasio, Eugene Mirra, Nicholas D'Rozario, France Desribe, May Bonhomme, Brian Stanley Gatt, Luigi Albanese *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Resources to teach body safety

Teaching children and young people about body safety is an important part of keeping them safe from child sexual abuse. It can be hard to know how to start these conversations, so we have developed a range of tools and resources to support you.

My superhero voice storybook

We developed a children's storybook as a culturally inclusive and safe resource for adults to start conversations with the children and young people in their lives about child sexual abuse. Written by Yvonne Sewankambo and illustrated by Nea Valdivia, My superhero voice follows Nour as she learns different cultural practices that help the people in her life speak up and get help when something makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

The storybook is available in e-book format, and has also been translated into 10 languages. For English version please click this link ['My superhero voice' – English](#)

Parish Carols Evening

Our annual Carols evening this year will be on SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER after 6pm Mass. Weather permitted, we will have it in the Martin Place (the backyard of the Parish Office) Please bring your picnic rug and nibbles.

We will sing and enjoy carols together as community.

If you wish to present one or two carols individually, please let parish office (97003781) know in advance and we will fit you in the program.

However, you will be required to bring your music equipment.

Seniors Christmas Brunch

Friday, 13 December 2024

Mass is 10am in the Church

follow by brunch in the Annexe

Please register no later than 9 December
for catering purposes.