

St Cecilia's Catholic Church
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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 December 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Michael Shadbolt (d'ced 4 December 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Baker, Alfie (Alfonsus) Beus, Patrick Michael Foster, John Horton-Crundall, Catherine Margaret Lyons, Barbara Iona Daphne Van Reyk

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 10 am Mass today is a Memorial Mass for two brothers, Michael (Emidio) Dell'Orso and Maurice (Mauro) Dell'Orso. Michael was born on 6th August 1962, and passed away of natural causes on 14th March 2020. Maurice was born on 31st July 1967, and passed away of natural causes on 7th November this year. We welcome many members of their family who are joining us for this Mass. We particularly welcome Michael's wife Robin, and Maria Dell'Orso, who mourns the passing of two of her four children. May Michael and Maurice rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Masses will be celebrated at St Cecilia's at the following times:

5 pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December) in the hall

9 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December) in St Cecilia's Church

10 am Mass on Christmas Day (Thursday 25th December) in St Cecilia's Church

The first of these Masses is in the hall because the numbers who attend are too large for our church. We are trying to organise 50 extra chairs for this Mass so that everyone can sit down. If anyone can help with even a few chairs, please let Fr Kevin know.

At the 5 pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, the children of our parish will present a **Nativity Play** which tells the Christmas story. We invite children from Foundation to Year 2 to volunteer for roles in this play. No special costumes are required: just use whatever you have at home. We also invite children in Year 3 and above to volunteer as readers at this Mass. We'll have a **rehearsal** for all of this in the hall **at 10 am on Christmas Eve**. Please contact Rita Zambruno at rita.zambruno@hotmail.com if you would like your children to be involved.

Do you know anyone who might like to join us for Mass at Christmas? Please invite them to come along with you so that we can all celebrate Christmas together.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Our Glen Iris Conference has had another active year helping people. Every person we visit says thank you when our volunteer Vincentians meet them. Sometimes the financial aid we give people appears modest – enough to help them get through the next few days to overcome a temporary difficulty – but at the time of giving, it is a huge help to our companions.

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Appeal, **envelopes** are available **in the narthex or foyer** of our church, or perhaps you could contribute a \$20 or more supermarket or other store gift card that we can pass on to someone in need this Christmas. Please have your contribution for collection at Masses during December or pass it on to Vincentians David Maiden or Paul Townshend. Or you could **donate online** at vinnies.org.au or **phone 13 18 12**: please mention "Glen Iris" so that the funds donated are credited to our Conference. We appreciate your financial support and prayers.

WEEKDAY MASSES: As well as our Christmas Masses, this week we have weekday Masses at 9:15 am on Monday 22nd December, Wednesday 24th December, and Friday 26th December.