



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Third Sunday of ADVENT Year C, 14-15 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 unavailable"*

**Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY

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 (NO EVENING MASS ON THIS DAY)

**** 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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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Fourth Sunday of ADVENT Year C

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the book of Prophet Micah

The Lord says to his people: “You, O Bethlehem of Epharathah, who are one of the little clans of Judea, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.” Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth: then the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be peace.

Psalm

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who are enthroned upon the Cherubim,
shine forth
Stir up your might,
and come to save us

Turn again, O God of Hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand has planted

But let your hand be upon the man at your right,
the son of man you have made strong for your-
self.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the He-
brews

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. The I said, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book, ‘See, Go, I have come to do your will, O God.’” When Christ said, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be done to me according to your word
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ae you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I hear the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoke to her by the Lord.”

Reflection

1. At Christmas we celebrate God’s quantum leap across the divide between heaven and earth, from divine to human.
2. We, too, can transform difficulty and uncertainty in our own lives by making a leap of faith, particularly when we come together as a church community

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

SENIORS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Our senior members of the Church had a great time at the Christmas brunch. The day began with Mass in the Church, followed by a gathering in the Annexe for some delicious food and Christmas entertainment. We also had the privilege of a visit from Santa!!.

Everyone went home full of joy and some goodies from raffle ticket prizes to cupcakes.

We thank everyone who helped out, be it in the preparation, serving, entertainment or the cleaning. Also thank you to those who have donated some food. We must especially thank Ingrid, as she has faithfully made cupcakes every year for this Senior's Christmas brunch and makes sure that everyone goes home with one of her beautifully decorated creations. Most importantly, we thank all of you whom have attended the event. Without you, the fun would not be possible. Looking forward to next year already !

HAMPER

This SUNDAY, 15 December ALL HAMPERS must be in the Church. Kindly ensure that each hamper is marked with the correct CODE (on the sheet which you took home) If you have 1 Code, but made up few hampers for same families, please make sure you mark it clearly (eg. If you have 4 hampers for code A1, please write A1—1 of 4, A1- 2 of 4, etc)

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

(The Joy of the Gospel),

Pope Francis says,

“Whenever we encounter another person in love
[by giving], we learn something new about God.”

We become closer to God,

and therefore, we are happier.

This Sunday, John the Baptist reminds us
that the coming of our Lord requires

a certain emptiness on our part.

We must let go of our attachments,
get closer to Christ, and empty ourselves
of everything holding us back.



Readings:

Third Sunday of ADVENT Yr C
Zephaniah 3:14-end
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT Yr C
Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

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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

Telesia Litia Dunlop, Angela La Sala, Giorgio Fuda, Rajendra George Rasiah, Doreen Anne O'Hara, Giovanni Torcasio, Eugene Mirra, Colleen Nunes, Donald Macleod, Nicholas D'Rozario, Mireille d'Argent **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

is on **THIS SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER** after 6pm Mass.

Weather permitted, we will have it at "Martin Place"
(the back of the Parish Office)

Please bring your picnic rug and nibbles.

We will sing and enjoy carols together as community.

Free Sausage Sizzle!!!



Christmas Nativity Play

For all children who would like to participate in
our Nativity Play for 6pm Christmas Eve Mass,

please join at our next practice on

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER at 4pm in the Church