



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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First Sunday of ADVENT Year C, 30 November-1 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 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

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
Ph. 9700 6068
Acting Principal
Mrs Monique Fallace

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
Ph. 9700 3663
Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Second Sunday of ADVENT Year C

First Reading

Baruch 5: 1-9

A reading from the book of Prophet Baruch

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show you splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the Everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him

Psalm

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with shouts of joy

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced

Restore our fortunes, O Lord
like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

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

Brothers and sisters:

I thank you God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus, and this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is the best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountains and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Reflection

1. Embracing change is hard for us all, but is necessary for the Church if it is to communicate God's message faithfully to the widest possible audience.
2. That John never speaks of himself might offer us a liberating example of where the Church's focus lies and how it can most effectively function.

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

SPA Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre is a non-profit organisation in Melbourne - Footscray and Dandenong. Over this weekend the SPA Social Justice group is again asking for your support though donations to buy/supply eggs to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, our way to help Asylum Seekers here in Melbourne.

The members of SPA Justice Group thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

HAMPER FOR THOSE IN NEED

As we entered ADVENT Season, we have our HAMPER LIST out to fit the theme of 'time for giving' in our parish. The list have the recipient's details. Once you pick one family, take the TOP sheet out (colour) for your reference. Please put your name and contact number on the sheet underneath it (white) for our reference. Once hamper made, please mark it with the CODE which is on the sheet you took. Please bring the hamper no later than SUNDAY 15 December 6pm. ALL hampers will be delivered on MONDAY 16 December morning.

SENIORS BRUNCH

is on **FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER**. Start with **Mass at 10am** in the Church (please note **NO 9am Mass** on that day) followed by brunch in the Annexe. Sign up sheets are out next weekend. Please indicate if you need transport. If you wish to bring something to share, you are welcome to indicate in the sign up sheet to whether you are bringing 'sweet' or 'savoury'

CAROLS EVENING

is 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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION NIGHT

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

PIETY STALL

As we are in the Advent season now, just a reminder that we have the following items in our piety stall.

1/ ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

Advent reflection booklet which will be good to help you doing your personal reflection in your own time and space. We still have a few copies left available from our piety stall. This year's theme is 'Hope Reigns' Cost is \$7 each.

2/ Special candle to count down the Advent are available at \$7 each

NATIVITY PLAY (CHILDREN)

In keeping with our annual traditions, we will have our children proclaiming the Gospel in action. 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 the Parish office if you wish your child/children to take part in the play and we will allocate them to a suitable character. We will organize the practice times once we have a sufficient number of actors/actresses

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: For Conference please call 0428991008. and for the bread run please call 0455049050

Readings:

First Sunday of ADVENT Yr C

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

Luke 21: 25-36

Second Sunday of ADVENT Yr C

Baruch 5: 1-9

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

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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, Giovanni Torcasio, Russell Sugunasekera, Anura Wijesingha, Rudolph Rance, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Renea Jolicoeur, Joseph D'Argent, Simone Desriebe **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](#)



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