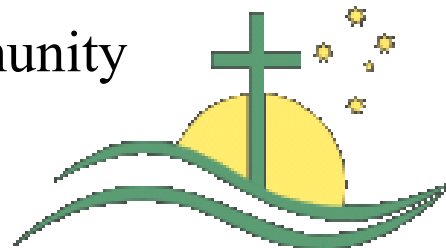




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First Sunday of ADVENT, 26-27 November, 2022

Advent: a guide for the perplexed

Advent is not only one of the great seasons of the Church's year; it's the beginning of the new liturgical year, though maybe it doesn't always feel that way. For some of us, perhaps, Advent is not a season we fully engage with. As the work year hurtles towards its conclusion and we get caught up in all the busyness, Advent tends to recede into the background.

But Advent is supposed to be a time of spiritual renewal: a chance to start again, to come home if we've drifted away, to rediscover the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Jesus comes to make his home among us and within us. Advent offers us a chance to rediscover this.

So it's worth spending some time thinking about what Advent is, why it exists and how we might enter into it more intentionally. In the next 4 weeks we will include a short reflection on the theme of each Sunday during Advent, which this Sunday will be HOPE

Hope doesn't come from nowhere. The hope of God's people in the Bible comes from the fact that God made them specific promises: of peace, of an eternal kingdom to be established by the Messiah, of a creation finally healed and at rest. So the readings for this week focus especially on God's promises. Becoming acquainted with these promises is a good first step in coming to a deeper knowledge of who God is

(extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

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/ckqSj-CDpUo>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Senior's Christmas brunch on THURSDAY, 8 December

At South School Hall

It will start with Mass at 10am (in the Hall)

**Follow by some music entertainment (live and recording)
of course FOOD and Raffles**



Carols evening on SUNDAY, 11 December

from 7pm to 9pm

At Martin Place (behind the Parish Office)

Fr Chris Monaghan will be singing with his group

All are welcome (bring your picnic rug)

Sausage Sizzle will be provided

Advent Reconciliation is on TUESDAY, 13 December at 7pm

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
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy starts this Sunday at 11am Mass and will be held every Sunday during Advent. We encourage children up to grade 6 to join in.

The plan for NEXT YEAR is to run this program ONCE A MONTH, any assistance from those willing to help out would be greatly appreciated

SENIORS EVENT

Our next Seniors lunch will have a Christmas feel, it will be held on THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER in the South School Hall. Commencing with Mass at 10am and followed by lunch and live music. Sign-up sheets will available be at the gathering space and in the foyer.

If you wish to donate some food but not attend, please feel free to either contact the parish office on 97003781 or write on the sign-up sheet as 'Not attending, but donating food' and also please specify if you are donating savoury food or sweets.

HAMPER

We are always very thankful knowing we have many generous members in our parish. This year, our hamper list was gone within a week. All families on the list have been taken care of.

If you still wish to give a hamper, but missed out on picking up a family from the list, please feel free to make a hamper and mark it as 'SPARE'. Every year we always receive last minute requests from families who desperately need our assistance.

All hampers must be sent to the Church by Sunday 11th December, before the 6pm Mass. The agencies will be picking them up on Monday the 12th December in the morning.

If you are able to assist in delivering the hampers on Monday 12th December, please call the parish office and we will advise you on the necessary details.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year our Christmas Carols are to be held in Martin Place, the garden at the rear of the Parish office (weather permitting). Fr Chris will be singing for us. However, we hope some of our choir groups will also choose to participate. We will provide a Sausage Sizzle during the night. Please bring your picnic basket and mat if you wish. If you wish to sing



please contact the parish office so that we are aware in advance.

The evening will start after 6pm Mass (ie. start around 7pm until 9pm) and don't forget, there will be a free sausage sizzle for everyone

JUSTICE GROUP—EGG COLLECTION

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre is a non-profit organization in Footscray (Melbourne). Over this weekend our parish 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 our Parish Justice Group thank you for your on going support and kindness.

THANK YOU To the Parishioners of SPA, Monica Evans would like to thank you for your prayers, kind messages and support during her recent illness. It was very much appreciated. Also a big Thank You from Ray Evans and Family

WORKING BEE

We are planning to hold a working bee prior to Christmas. It will be on Saturday the 10th of December, from 8.30am to 11am. If you can spare some time, please come and join us. Bring your gardening tools. The more hands available, the quicker we can tidy up our church garden for Christmas



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you to all the children who brought back some beautiful Advent decorations for this weekend! If you forgot to take yours back to the Church, please remember to bring them next weekend. Next weekend, the theme is "LOVE," and so we're asking all the children to take home (at the end of each Mass) a pink heart. Bring it back next weekend, decorated, and include on it your thoughts and ideas of one way that we can show Jesus' love to those around us. We'll place them all on the cross.

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will place sign-up sheets next weekend. 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.

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Collette Demiziere, Marcia 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

Antonio Laratta, Malia La'akulu, Tony Brennan, Henry Logotuli Peteru, Alice Florindo, Tatsuo Fuwa, Russell Sugunasekera, Carla Corso, Penny Tamplin, Jules Balancy, Myrtle Pereira, Egbert Lespoire, Abel Tirant, Dylan Eleonore, Renea Jolicoeur, Brian Stanley Gatt, Norma Eoosey, Indira, Lionel Raymond, Balamar, Helen Fernandez, Mass for the intention of the giver **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



Readings:

First Sunday of ADVENT Yr A

Is 2: 1-5;
Rom 13: 11-14;
Mt 24: 37-44

Second Sunday of ADVENT Yr A

Is 11: 1-10;
Rom 15.4-9;
Mt 3: 1-12
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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

