

## ***Parish Notices.***

1. Special Christmas appeal for the homeless takes place this weekend at all Masses.
2. Mass for the deceased relatives on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.
3. Ordination of Rev Mr Jerome D’Rosario (parishioner) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Parramatta Cathedral at 10.30am. All are welcomed.
4. Fr Flor’s farewell on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December after 9am Mass. Please bring a plate.
5. Two new TVs to animate us more in the singing and participation in the Mass have been installed. If there are any young or old persons who would like to prepare the slides, please let me know.
6. Book your Daily Mass Book. To purchase speak to Deacon Rod.
7. Youth Adult Formation on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Hustle Minchinbury at 7-8.30pm. Fr Leo Choi SDB for a talk and discussion on the GOSPEL OF JOHN.



### **Learning moments**

Prepare an Advent wreath that can be used in your group to mark the journey through Advent. Further research the meaning and symbolism of the wreath and the colours of Advent.

Identify ways in which you can enter into the season of Advent in your home.

Create a prayer that you can use throughout Advent.

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY**

**SICK:** Maria Belisario, Annette Buttigieg; Alice Cassar; Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Marjorie Tonks; Fara Vargas;. Maria Llave.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marlon Blando; Nancy Kwan; Raymond Sica; Pero Kotarac; Beverly Panlilio; Rocky Deomampo; Teresita Parducho Alignay; Nadia Gomez; Perla Mansibang; Odile Nicholas; Perla Mansibang; Jaime Bal; Judelyn Gatchalian-Garcia; Douglas Kerr; Anthony Leong; Paul (Saki) Faleono; Thomas Dubier; Roxanne Cavanagh.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Wilhemina & George Lavis. Jess Garcia jr; Epifania & Edilberto Salazar; Lorenza Umbao; John Marjorie William; Aurther and Edith Holmes; Peggy Wheatley; Thomas & Patricia Wiggins; Margaret Smith; Sr Mary Stephen, Marija Blazevic; Jack & Joseph Staszak; Vicenta & Domingo Perales; E. Perafiel; Irene Alfonso; Efipania Flojo; Luis Perales; Teodoria Alfonso; Narciso & Juana Reyes; Elisa & Manuel San Jose; Jesus, Teresa, Edgardo & Antonio Miguel; Pat Oliver Freemay; Linda Camba; Jerry Meyer.

**Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.**



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT (A)

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## From Deacon Rod's desk .....

### Wake Up Call

Why do we have Advent?

You say, "I don't know, it always just comes along," or, "I don't know, no one ever told me." I have heard these answers and others a number of times. Especially this question: if Christ has already been born, what is this Advent waiting about? Are we supposed to have forgotten about his birth? Strangely that is part of the answer.

Our hearts get drowsy and lazy, tired out by the anxieties of daily life. Maybe we distract ourselves from our troubles by working very hard, or by becoming depressed, or becoming fascinated with drink, or sex, or out-of-control emotions, or gambling, or email, or golf, or surfing the web, or pride, or, or, or (you name yours). Whatever it is for you, the very clear message of Advent is, "Settle down for a while." Open the door just a crack and let God in. To help, the Church has a liturgical strategy. Each week's first two readings of the Advent Sundays give the carrot: usually positive, a promise of good. Then the [Gospel](#) hits you with a *big stick* to wake you up. Take the encouraging [First Reading](#) this Sunday. It reminds us of the promise God has made to his people: rightness and justice. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day. What a lovely thing it is to desire such a time. Too good to be true? Just pious thought?

The [Second Reading](#) urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are not yet sure what it means. Love others and be loved. But then comes the [Gospel](#). It tries to wake us up, especially if the above has not helped. "But I am perfectly awake," you say. Alright then, go ahead and read the Gospel. It is the "stick." Signs in the sun, moon and stars, nations in dismay, the roaring of the sea and the waves, people dying of fright, and the Son of Man appearing in the clouds with power and great glory. Will such a shakeup really happen? Maybe much worse is to come, judging from the state of the world today. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of a horrific climate change, of a crash of the entire world economy, or the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say "You are right, I am afraid of these," then go back to the [Responsorial Psalm](#). Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly.

Welcome to Advent.

**John Foley, SJ**

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**      **6.00 pm 1st Sunday of ADVENT (A)**  
**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

**Week day Masses**

Monday	9.10 am	Monday of 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent.
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tuesday of 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent
<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	<b>St Andrew</b>
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Thursday of 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent.
<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	Friday of 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent
Saturday	9.10am	<b>St Frances Xavier</b>

**Confessions**      Saturday:      5.00pm - 5.30pm

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**Baptisms & Weddings:**      By arrangement only

### Questions for Adults

- Q. When Jesus speaks of the 'coming of the Son of Man', to what is he referring?
- Q. In what ways does the image of the burglar work as a call to vigilance and alertness?
- Q. In what ways is Advent like Lent?
- Q. How can you better enter into observing Advent as a time of preparation?

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
<b>26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent</b>	Gloria Cardoza Montana Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Gerry Cardoza
<b>3rd/4th December</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent</b>	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Grace Bandoc Annette Wiggins	Sara Mandonca Jovita
<b>10th/11th December</b> <b>3rd Sunday Advent</b>	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Nathan McKenzie Elija Merjudio	Florita Abloncea Herbie Cruz

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Historical Context – The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity

## Palms Australia – Roll up your sleeves, make a difference overseas

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## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service**



No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

### **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

CHURCH CLEANING:  
3<sup>rd</sup> December: Paul and Eric