

P A R I S H N O T I C E S continued...

Sacred Heart Parish 50th Anniversary

2026 will be a significant year for our Parish as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. The Pastoral Council has decided that this milestone will be commemorated over three days, from 11–13th June. This celebration will also incorporate the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** on 12th June – the feast of our Parish.

The Program for these celebrations amongst other things will include:

1. Solemn Mass on Friday 12th June 2026
2. and a Dinner Dance on 13th June.

We are also seeking Parish Memorabilia

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we are putting together a book of treasured memories from across the decades. Parishioners are invited to bring in any memorabilia connected to the Parish—such as photos, documents, historical items, or anything that reflects our shared journey of faith.

If you have items you are willing to lend, please bring them to the Parish Office. Photos and documents will be scanned and given back to you immediately.

Your contributions will help us honour our history and celebrate the life of our Parish community.

SAVE THE DATES for 2026

12th June Solemnity Mass

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-7pm

13th June

Parish 50th Anniversary dinner dance

More information to come.....



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1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) 30th November 2025



From Deacon Rod's desk

First Sunday of Advent – Year A Reflection

Today marks the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year. Advent is a season of hope and preparation—a time to awaken to God's presence and live in the light of Christ. The readings today speak with urgency: *"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep... the day is at hand"* (Rom 13:11-12). Isaiah invites us: *"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord"* (Is 2:5).

In the Gospel (Mt 24:36–44), Jesus warns that His coming will be sudden, like a thief in the night. No one knows the day or the hour. This is not meant to frighten us but to awaken us. Advent is not passive waiting—it is active vigilance. To "stay awake" means living each moment with faith, hope, and love, ready to welcome Christ whenever He comes.

Our world often lulls us into spiritual sleep—business, distractions, and anxieties. Advent calls us to "come to," to be present, to let God enter our lives now. When we walk with Him, even the darkest valleys are illumined. Night itself becomes holy, and peace replaces fear.

This week, ask: Where am I spiritually asleep? What needs light in my life? Let us put on the armour of light and live today what we hope forever. For the Son of Man is coming—perhaps not in thunder, but in the quiet dawn of grace breaking upon us.

"Stay awake, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come"
(Mt 24:42).

Sunday Masses 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 1st December: 9:10am- Monday of the 1st week of Advent

Tuesday 2nd December: 9:10am-Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent

Wednesday 3rd December: 7.00pm- Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday 4th December: 9:10am –Thursday of the 1st week of Advent

Friday 5th December: 9:10am – Friday of the 1st week in Advent

Saturday 6th December: 9:10am –Saturday of 1st week in Advent

Confessions: Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm

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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 shall bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yeild its increase.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
<i>29th/30th November</i> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
<i>6th/7th December</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
<i>13th/14th December</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
<i>20th/21st December</i> <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Maria Fe Verceluz Fadi Antown



Church Cleaners - 6th December- Nelson & Lydia



PARISH NOTICES

1. There is still time to donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. All Donations are tax deductible when you complete your details on the envelope or online. Scan the QR code to donate online



2. All groups that use the Fr Ashton Hall or Schoenstatt Room, please email or call the Parish office to book the dates you require for 2026. Please ensure that if there are changes to the dates you book and/or you no longer need the booking, please contact Parish office.

3. Order your copy of the **Daily Mass book for 2026**. Priced at \$36. Put your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church if you wish to order.

4. Senior's group (last for 2025) on Tuesday 9th of December after the morning mass. Senior's group will resume in February 2026.

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 7PM

FOLLOWING VIGIL MASS

CHOIR PERFORMANCES

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A VISIT FROM SANTA!

**LET'S JOIN TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!
BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS, PICNIC BLANKETS & YOUR SINGING VOICES!**



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK: Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Dalveno Bronsan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margie Trinidad; Bayani Baybay, Floris Jovida; Janet Sarkis; Joseph Tomicic, Pedro Punongbayan Sr; Manuel Jr Tibayan; Diogenes Orantia, Ivy Chua, Charlotte Nebriaga ; Delia Caruso; Adoracion Corpin; Maria Roelita Agorto; Gloria Molina; Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of November