PARISH NOTICES

1. Wishing Fr. Taliai Hausia & Deacon Roderick a wonderful and restful leave. We hope you both enjoy a well-deserved break.
   Fr.Taliai Hausia on leave from Tues 1st Dec to Tues 15th Dec 2026.
   Deacon Roderick on leave from Mon 23rd Nov to Tues 8th Dec 2026.
2. SATURDAY 5TH Dec: Sacrament of the Sick (During 9.10am Mass)
3. SUNDAY 6TH Dec: Devotion of Divine Mercy at 3pm
4. **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2027.** If you are interested in becoming Ministers of the Word, Communion, Ministers at the Altar. Forms available at the back of church. Fill and return ASAP. Please note these courses fill up very quickly and cannot take more enrolments once at full capacity.
5. **The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton's "Special Hearts Ministry"** are hosting a Table Talk to raise awareness, particularly families with children of additional needs. Sat 5 Dec 2026, 2-4pm, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Please register at tinyurl.com/IDPwD-tabletalk-26
6. BE PART OF OUR GROWING PARISH COMMUNITY! We warmly invite more parishioners to get involved. **We are seeking Readers/Lectors for our Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 7.30am Mass, as well as volunteers to join our Church Cleaning Roster,** helping to keep our church welcoming, clean and beautiful inside and out. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, every contribution makes a difference! Please contact Parish office. We would love to hear from you!



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Don't forget to check our Parish website southmountdruitt.org.au

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
29TH November 2026

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Parish Chairperson: Teresa Samuels

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6.00 pm **Sunday:** 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:
Mon 30th Nov: 9:10am – St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)
Tues 1st Dec: 9:10am – Tues 1st Week of Advent
Wed 2nd Dec: 7.00pm – Wed 1st Week of Advent
Thurs 3rd Dec: 9:10am – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)
Fri 4th Dec: 9:10am – St John Damascene
Sat 5th Dec: 9:10am – Sat 1st Week of Advent

Confession Times:
SATURDAY: 9.45-10.15am & 5.00-5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only (contact Parish Office)

Sacred Heart Primary School:
Email: sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au **Tel:** 9625 8733

1st Sunday in Advent (Year B)

First Reading: ***Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8***
Responsorial Psalm: ***R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.***
Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 1:3-9***
Gospel: ***Mark 13:33-37***



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Belisario; Fabiola Palu; Leone Fakahau & Lose Misiloi

RECENTLY DECEASED: Iluminado M Merjudio, Susan Pereira, Peter Falla and Joselito Merjudio

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



LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
28th Nov/ 29th Nov 1st Sunday of Advent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Sosefo Vaisima Monika Uhatafe
5th Dec/ 6th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Sangeeta Kumar	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
12th Dec/ 13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Helena Manatu Christina Palu
19th Dec / 20th Dec 4TH Sunday of Advent	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Vinod Nagaraja Sangeeta Kumar	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar

Weekly Reflection from Fr Taliai Hausia...

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Church's year does not commence on January 1; instead, it starts today, four Sundays before Christmas. Advent invites us to reflect in two directions: we look back at Christ's birth in Bethlehem, while also looking forward to his second coming at the end of time. St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us of another aspect of Christ's arrival, stating, “We know there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.” St. Paul references this coming in today’s second reading, telling the Corinthians that we await “for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.” The term he uses for “waiting” is ἀπεκδεχομένους, which implies a more intense, expectant form of waiting. Paul employs this same term in his letter to the Romans when he discusses creation's anticipation for the revelation of God's children and our own yearning for the redemption of our bodies. Mark also plays on the literal meaning of this word, as Jesus instructs his disciples to “stay awake,” warning them that the master may return unexpectedly and find them asleep—whether it be “in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” He concludes with the urgent command: “What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!” Later, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus again uses this word, asking Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not stay awake one hour?” He then tells his disciples, “Stay awake and pray.” Jesus emphasizes the need for vigilance because they do not know when the critical moment will arrive. When that moment came, they were asleep and failed to grasp its significance. “Stay awake,” Jesus instructs, urging us to be mindful of the work he has entrusted to us. As we do so, Isaiah’s words become our prayer: “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!”

SCHOENSTATT ROOM LIBRARY

As we approach the season of **Advent**,
All are warmly invited to visit and borrow books to help deepen their faith and prepare their hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Borrow a book. Nurture your faith.
Prepare your heart for Christmas.

