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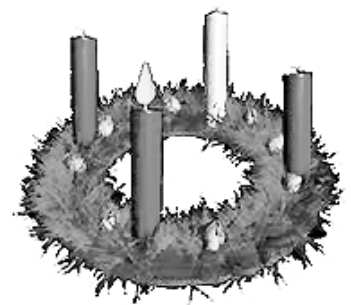
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1st Sunday of Advent – Year B: 28-29 Nov 2020

From the Padre:



The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new year and we are now in year B of the three-year liturgical cycle (Year 1 for weekdays). Advent is a



penitential season where the faithful are called to discipline themselves with self-denial and prayer to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. It is always important to remember that the Lord never wants us to make a show of these things, so that when we are at Christmas parties and end of the year work gatherings, we participate with everyone. Saint Francis of Assisi taught the friars this saying; *"eat of whatever is put before you."* That means we can enjoy the gatherings in good conscience, but without overeating or over-drinking. He said eat *"of"* what is put before us, not *"all"* of it. This way we participate in a good spirit but are still able to deny ourselves without others noticing – thus keeping it secret for God, who rewards what good is done in secret. (Mt 6:4)

Christmas Mass & Confession Times:

Christmas Eve: Confessions 6.30pm – 7.15pm
Family Mass 7.30pm
Confessions 11.00pm – 11.45pm
Midnight Mass 12.00am

Christmas Day: Mass 9.30am

New Year's Eve: 11.00pm **New Year's Day:** 9.30am

READINGS FOR MASS:

Entrance Procession

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.

First Reading *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

*R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

NOTICES:

❖ **Sunday School (Commencing Term 1 2021)**

The Parish is preparing to offer Sunday School lessons for school-aged children in Term 1, 2021. The program will focus on Scripture and Catechism. Lessons will be held in St Bernadette's Primary School, starting at 11am on Sundays during term and finish no later than midday. If you are interested in availing of catechism classes for your children, please let the parish office know.

❖ **Parishioners are reminded to sanitise and to keep a safe distance of 1.5m**

❖ **Altar Gowns** – Volunteers are needed to assist with the washing and pressing of the Altar Gowns every 3rd month. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office.

❖ **Bishop's Christmas Appeal:** This weekend 28-29 November. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal:
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or through the envelopes in the foyers.

❖ **St Bernadette's Holy Scripture Class, online via zoom** – Prepare this Advent for the birth of Christ by joining a 3-week series presented by Dr Brant Pitre. The series will be 1 hour per week for 3 weeks commencing December 1 @8.00pm. To register send your email to jannmbonner@yahoo.com.au or call Jann on 0417 932 189.

❖ **Manning Foundation Christmas Appeal:** Will be held on the weekend of the 5th December. Only through your generosity are our Members able to provide much needed assistance to our most disadvantaged Brothers and Sister at this most special time of year." Giving is so much more than making a donation. It's about making a difference." Envelopes will be available in our Church Foyer should you require a receipt. May God, bless you for your ongoing support of us in our service of the poor. Lorraine Bonisoli.

❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4th December starting at 8.30pm with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction at 7am, followed by Mass at 7.30am. Please write your name down on clipboard in main foyer if you are interested.

❖ **Piety Store** – for any Piety Store enquiries please contact Lauren Chehade on 0451 050 600 or you can email Lauren at lauren@manningfoundation.org.au

❖ Parishioners please be reminded you have free access to the Parish's subscription to **'Formed' an online media platform at www.formed.org** Through this subscription you will have access to thousands of great Catholic content such as movies, video presentations, audio books, talks and eBooks. This is very useful for families with

young kids and parents learning and teaching the Faith. Simply go to 'Sign Up' select 'Sign up as a parishioner' and search for your Parish name and location. You will then be prompted to insert your name and email address.

- ❖ **The weekly Parish Bulletin** and **The Friar's Daily Mass** can be accessed via their webpage: www.friarsofstfrancis.org

YOUTH NOTICES:

- ❖ **Life Night** - 4th December Friday @ 6.30pm, any young Catholics from Years 6 - 12 are encouraged to come to our Teens next Friday for a Life Night of Faith sharing, forming & feeding. Come & join in the friendships, the fun, the food & the discussions. Please RSVP by Tues 1st Dec to megan.stoneham@hotmail.com or 9871 4414.
- ❖ **Youth Retreat** – Sunday 13th December at the Pauline **Shrines at Penrose Park** (120 Hanging Rock Rd, Sutton Forest NSW 2577). Please **RSVP by the 29th of November** to **Roshi 0437061325** or roshi.weerakkody@gmail.com including any dietary requirements or transport needs so we can accommodate you.
- ❖ **Catholic Central:** Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/3195895270470713/> for further information and to RSVP.



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Contributions to Planned Giving:

(Please quote in the reference either your INITIAL & SURNAME or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 5-6 Dec 2020

| | Sat Vigil 6pm | Sun 8am | Sun 9.30am |
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| Readers: | B Hanson | S Carter | E Nott |
| Altar Servers: | Fernandes Family Claire Cabela Ha Family Natalie Higgins | Flitcroft Family Sofia Skocic Damian Chigwidden Chloe Dellas | Louis Burbridge Preston Burbridge Raish Family Lance Rivera Louis Rivera |
| Acolytes: | Ray Cabela | Peter Thomas | Franklin Orji |
| Flower donor: | Advent – No Flowers | | |
| Altar Gowns: | Loretta Mackenzie | | |
| Floral Arrangers: | Advent – No Flowers | | |
| Altar Society: | G 1: Thurs 3/12/2020: Julie Nipperess, Violet Standfort, Nisha Thomas | | |
| Cleaners: | G 5: Saturday 5/12/2020 @ 8.00am: I Cummerford, R Evans, L Cakmakci, C Aquilizan, T Fernandes, Jenni, Zack & Zoe Egan | | |

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:
 Ellie Eagan; Emily Carter; Jan Joyce; Cosimo Arcorace; Isobel Espiritu; and all of
 our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:
 Frieda Piesch; Michael Cleary; Josip Vretenar; Patricia Mary Boreland; Wanda
 Riordan; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmel Mifsud; Oastler Pereira; Ljubica Elisevic;
 Roly; Nouhad & Wahib Maroun; John Steele; The Holy Souls in Purgatory;
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

*Saint Michael the Archangel,
 defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil.
 May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the
 divine power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the
 world seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
 Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us*



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