

ARE YOU READY FOR ADVENT?

Today we want to be ready and well prepared for whatever it is that we are expecting to happen. We want everything to be on time. We don't want to waste time waiting for something, not knowing when it will happen.

This also applies to our discipleship journey. We want to know when the Lord is coming. So that we can prepare and be ready for His coming. But, as Jesus tells us; *"about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father"*. It might sound pessimistic. It might even prompt some doubts in faith. But Jesus does not intend to discourage us. He assures us that His coming is certain, but that its coming will be unexpected.

The season of Advent returns and a new liturgical year begins as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent today. We will hear again and again these words: *"The hour is at hand, you must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."* Advent invites us to enter into the stage in which *"the coming of the Lord"* is promised but, as for when it will happen, no one knows. The timing is not the crucial matter; it is our preparation that matters.

The Advent season provides us with an opportunity to prepare and be ready. It invites us to be an Advent people, waiting for the Lord's coming. It calls us to be active in waiting confidently for his coming, setting our hearts on God, and deepening our relationship with God and His people. Saint Paul says, *"We instructed you how to live in the way that pleases God, and you are so living, but make more progress still."*

Advent announces that the Lord's coming will happen soon. It is a time of preparation. It calls us to ourselves, because we know that the Person who is coming has the power to change our lives, and that He will take us into his own Kingdom where we will share true joy and the fullness of life. We must always be ready because He comes at an unexpected time, with no great fanfare or grand parades.

The Lord comes again because He loves us and wants our salvation. Advent is a time to remember God's great gift, the gift of his own beloved Son, made human to be one like us. The Son then shared His Father's love by giving His own life for everyone who comes to Him. During this season of Advent, we are invited to give, in return, our gift to God by preparing ourselves for his coming.

This is the time, as today's gospel reminds us, *"therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."*



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1st December, 2019

First Sunday of Advent
Year A

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

8th December, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent
Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Isiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies

Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00-5.45pm or anytime by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

2020 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2020 Columban Calendar at only \$8 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Place your contribution in the envelope provided and drop it into the SVDP Poor Box at the back of the church.



The Way
Advent and Christmas
Daily Reflections
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Praying For You

Recently Deceased

Verlie Murdock

Death Anniversary

Darren Vernede

Our Sick

Gerry & Annette Greenway,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Natasha Curran,
Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,
Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne,
Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas



Feast Days this Week

Dec 3	Tue	St Francis Xavier
4	Wed	St John Damascene
5	Thu	St John Almond, St Birinus, St Hedda
6	Fri	St Nicholas
7	Sat	St Ambrose of Milan

Rosters for 30 November/ 1 December, 2019

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Bette Lyra Theresa Spicer	Richard Serrano	Kaye Cox	Richard Serrano	Remi Biju, Pam Davies Lloyd Davies, Cigi Dcruz Vivian Loh, Ludette Van Der Spil	Lucas Morphet, Jemima Pinto Aldric Ratnasekera, Ayden Ratnasekera Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Yvonne Padua	Jenny Mills	Ann Ralston	Gerard Peters	Ann Ralston, Russell Lally Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Andrea Martin, Joel Thomas Josies Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Theresa Walker Hanna Allen	Ben Gradisen	Jane Fernandez	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Michael Ayeni Anne Brink, Jim Brink Lorna Mitchell, Maureen Byrne	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Nicole Oo Alexandria Newman, Isabelle Phillips Erin Pickering, Yatumika Shelvan
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 7/8 December, 2019

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Bette Lyra	Aya Van Ingen	Lynette Lieveaux	Aruna Ratnasekera	Christy Ravanez, Bridget Soh Vivian Loh, Sandra Wren Remi Biju, Pam Davies	Elsa Rehart, Ashton Rica-Franca Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villian
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jackie Hall	Jeanette Pedulla	Deb Wild	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Ann Ralston Russell Lally, Peter Mack	Michael Almen, Tom Antu Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Elaine Curran	Cecilia Jacob	Ciara Jacob	Dan Hewitt	Servite Sister, Carolina Hayward Kerry Keys, Geraldine Pereira Helen Magness, Angela Bushby	Seren Adams, Able Biju Aron Biju, Thomos Armoogum J C Bonlongan, Khryzia Casas

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Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, 19th Dec at 7.00pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place with several priests present. Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is also at:

St Francis Xavier Armadale, Thursday 5th Dec, 7.00pm.

Good Shepherd Kelmscott, Wednesday 11th Dec, 7.00pm.

St Joseph's Queens Park, Thursday 12th Dec, 7.00pm.

Sacred Heart Thornlie, Tuesday 17th Dec, 7.00pm.

Thank You

Thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross for their donation of \$250 in support of our Youth attending ACYF.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses this weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Thank you to all that have helped out with this roster. Watch this space for the new roster coming soon!



Christmas Family Mass Acting out the Nativity Story



We invite all children in primary school to participate in acting out the story of the birth of Jesus at the Family Christmas Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December. Please register in the foyer. Rehearsals will be held in the church on Fridays 13th and 20th December at 4.30pm.

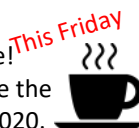
Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winners will be drawn after 9.30am Mass, 22nd December. All proceeds to aid parish funds.



First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 -11am. For everyone! Join us for the last Coffee Corner for 2019! Why not come along and share the Christmas spirit. This Friday, 6th December. We will return 7th February 2020.



Marycare Volunteers

Insurance Forms are required to be completed by all of our Volunteers. Please collect a form from the glass cabinet in the church foyer if you have not completed one previously. Place the completed form in the Parish Office In Box in the foyer or return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Enquiries to Marycare Co-ordinators or the parish office.



There are so many ways you could assist your local Vinnies this Christmas. Donate to the Poor Box (any donation over \$2 is tax deductible), utilise our Christmas Appeal Envelopes, purchase a Columban Calendar, swap a pack of Christmas Cards in exchange for a gold coin donation, donate your unwanted clothes in the Vinnies' Bins or why not volunteer your time at the Call Center in Canning Vale ! God Bless!

Flowers for Christmas

We once again are asking parishioners to help with the purchase of flowers for our Christmas decorations. There is a container in the foyer to take your donation. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Come along and meet the fabulous and friendly choir members and let's make Christmas extra special. Practice is every Monday night from 7pm to 8.30pm, in the church. Please use the Corfield St entrance. New parishioners are especially encouraged to join us for fun and friendship while serving the needs of the parish with music. Enquiries: Suzanne 0423 771 796 or Brenda 0414 098 705.



Christmas Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will sing for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Practice has begun, but not too late to join us Mondays from 3pm (with 3.30pm start) to 4.30pm in the Church. Parents are welcome to stay. Carols will be sung for the half hour prior to Mass on Christmas eve. All enquiries to Suzanne Bazzica 0423 771 796.



Pre-ACYF Music Concert

St. Emilies Canning Vale youth group would like to invite all parish youth to a music concert on 7th Dec at their parish hall. This large gathering of energetic, excited and faithful youth is the penultimate Inter-Parish event before the much anticipated ACYF. Join us for Vigil Mass at 6:30pm with dinner available for purchase at 7.30pm, followed by the concert starting at 8pm. See notice board for more information.

ACYF Closing Mass

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB warmly invites all parishioners to join him, the Bishops and thousands of young Catholics of Australia as they celebrate the closing Mass of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival Tuesday, 10th December on the oval of Trinity College at 6.30pm. More details on the notice board.



Good Shepard Parish & School Christmas Picnic

Special guest appearance from the Three Wise Men!
Friday, 6 December, 6pm to 9.30pm. Please see notice board for more information.

Buckets For Jesus Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

In support of earthquake victims in the Philippines. Saturday, 14th December, 6.30pm FACPI Clubhouse 1 Catherine Street, Bedford. Book online @ trybooking.com/BHAYL See bulletin board for more information and other fundraising events.

Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you to bring your Family & Friends to enjoy this evening of Christmas carols at 7.30pm with thanksgiving Holy Mass celebrated By Fr Alver Delacano at 8pm, followed by fellowship and light supper. Friday, 6th Dec, St John & Paul's Church, Willetton.

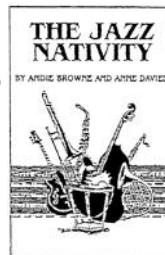
St Munchin's School News

Dear Parishioners,

A beautiful young mum in our school is looking for someone (perhaps a retired teacher) to guide her as she writes a story about the journey of her life. English is her second language and she is hoping to find someone who can read her work and check her use of the English language. She has an incredible spirit of hope and gratitude with an incredible story to tell. If you have some spare time and could support this beautiful mum, please contact Lisa Harrison (Assistant Principal) at St Munchin's School on 9234 7555.

The Jazz Nativity

Come one, come all to An Evening on the Green! The school is proud to be presenting 'The Jazz Nativity' brought to you by Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Thursday 5th December 6pm. Kindy, Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2 will be presenting their own special items to you! This will be performed on the school oval and whilst a few chairs will be set out, you are encouraged to bring your own chairs and picnic blankets too. Mozzie repellent is highly recommended! ☺ Our stage will be the steps in front of the undercover area facing the oval as well as the area in front of the Year 3s and IT room.



WA Young Salesian Summer Camp

Summer Camp 6-10 Jan 2020

Are you between 12-15 yrs or starting Year 7 in 2020? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. Only \$200 (\$40 a day). Contact Fr Philip, visit the website or contact Graham on 0418 979 600 for more info or to pick up a form. Places are filling fast!

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