



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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### Christ the King



A response to this image on Anthony Fisher's Facebook said, "I don't like that image of Jesus the King, he said he wasn't king himself." That is a fair comment because the image of the king in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But in the biblical tradition a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for his sheep. An ideal king is always at the service of his subjects. Accordingly, Jesus is king. Jesus, our king, rules paradoxically by loving service, humility and the gift of himself. Thus, the power and glory of Jesus the King is unparalleled.

The judgment scene in *Matthew 25:31-46* is a guide to understand what is expected of the disciples of Jesus the King who is at the service of humanity. Interestingly enough the narrative about the Last Judgement does not speak about wrong doings and the punishments for them. It speaks about the failure of the disciples to do good and its consequences. That means avoiding sin does not make the disciple right with God. Discipleship is more than that. Being a Christian disciple is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. That means living a good Christian life is not me-centred but other centred.

It is the ability to see Christ in others that makes a good disciple. What we do to help others, especially the vulnerable, with our love and care is key to Christian discipleship. After the pattern of Jesus the King, a subject of his Kingdom will be concerned about the dignity of all human beings. This will challenge the disciples to go beyond their comfort zones. In an affluent society like Australia, it is not much of a challenge to be concerned about the hardship of poor people. But there are other, unsuspected vulnerable ones, whose life and dignity depends perhaps on you.

If your comfort or lack of it is the reason for family disputes and breakup of marriages, as a disciple of Christ you may have to think again. Children of broken families are vulnerable and in need of parental love, care, and concern. If only you see Christ in them, you will be prepared to sacrifice your own comfort zone to be children-centred in your conflict resolution. As an enlightened disciple you see Christ in the vulnerability of a baby in the womb. And Christ the King will be saying at the Last Judgement, *'When you protected the vulnerable children and babies, you have done so for me. Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'* Our King is at our service; therefore, let us be mindful of those who are subject to our love, care, and concern.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Rosario Poli, Doreen Stanmore, Tony Draybi, Ann Bechiom, Lourdes Zabala, Grazyna Lukasiewicz, Morris Edward Zamora, Olivia & Andrew Casey, Lourdes Zabala, Margarita Kawada, Ray Jarque

**Recently Deceased:** Syd Wells, Lily Morris, George Lattich, Ester Juranic, Milagros Mercado, Evangeline A Aguilar, Celerina B Famosador

**Anniversary:** Licinio Mayarich, Artemio & Marciana Gonzales

**Special Thanksgiving:** Anastasia S.

**Deceased Members and Friends of:** O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Amores & Domingo Families

**Other Intentions:** For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the intention of the Holy Father. All those people who have died of muscular dystrophy & other neuromuscular disorders.



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## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1

**R The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king

until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 1:3-9**

Gospel: **Mk 13:33-37**

## REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 25:31-46

### Scriptural context – Matthew 25

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

### Have you thought? – Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

### Gospel Focus – The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

### Thy kingdom come

*From a discourse of Origen on prayer*

*The coming of the kingdom of God, says our Lord and Saviour, does not admit of observation, and there will be no-one to say "Look here! Look there!" For the kingdom of God is within us and in our hearts. And so it is beyond doubt that whoever prays for the coming of the kingdom of God within himself is praying rightly, praying for the kingdom to dawn in him, bear fruit and reach perfection. For God reigns in every saint, and every saint obeys God's spiritual laws — God, who dwells in him just as he dwells in any well-ordered city. The Father is present in him and in his soul Christ reigns alongside the Father, as it is said: *We will come to him and make our dwelling with him.**

Therefore, as we continue to move forward without ceasing, the kingdom of God within us will reach its perfection in us at that moment when the saying in the Apostle is fulfilled, that Christ, his enemies all made subject to him, shall deliver *the kingdom to God the Father that God may be all in all.*

For this reason let us pray without ceasing, our souls filled by a desire made divine by the Word himself. Let us pray to our Father in heaven: *hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come.*

There is something important that we need to understand about the kingdom of God: just as *righteousness has no partnership with lawlessness, just as light has nothing in common with darkness and Christ has no agreement with Belial,* so the kingdom of God and a kingdom of sin cannot co-exist.

So if we want God to reign within us, on no account may *sin rule in our mortal body* but let us mortify our earthly bodies and let us be made fruitful by the Spirit. Then we will be a spiritual garden of Eden for God to walk in. God will rule in us with Christ who will be seated in us on the right hand of God — God, the spiritual power that we pray to receive — until he makes his enemies (who are within us) into his footstool and pours out on us all authority, all power, all strength.

This can happen to any one of us and *death, the last enemy* may be destroyed, so that in us Christ says *Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?* So let our corruptibility be clothed today with holiness and incorruption. With Death dead, let our mortality be cloaked in the Father's immortality. With God ruling in us, let us be immersed in the blessings of regeneration and resurrection.

### ZOOM Bible Study

**Topic: Passion of the Lord According to Matthew**

Time: 7pm-8pm on Tuesday, 24 November. To join send an email request to [info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au](mailto:info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au) and the link will be send to you.



## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

**Tuesday, 24 November - Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac & companions (Memorial)**



Baptised at the age of fifteen, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862: ninety-six Vietnamese, eleven Spanish Dominicans, and ten presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults.

## WHAT'S NEW?

### Confirmation 2020

Twenty-two young people completed their initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday night at St Peter Chanel Church. Archbishop Anthony Fisher laid hands on them and anointed them with Chrism. We congratulate all candidates and pray that they may be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Annelia Itula	Darius Lerotic	Mia Victorino	Selena Nguyen
Antheon Gabila	James Skelly	Natasha Dillon	Stijn Bronswijk
Anthony Zivkovic	Joe Kristianto	Oliver Facer	Timothy Stevens
Bella Kinda	Leon Muscas	Olivia Kardum	Trei Tupou
Brandon Nguyen	Lily Caballero-Garcia	Rima Edwards	
Cruz Carroll	Malakai Sinisa	Sarah Dang	



### First Holy Communion Group 2

Congratulations to the following children who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday, 14 November: Alannah Ayoub, Chloe Baker, Emily Stevens, Giovanni Maimoaga, Giulio Baluyut, Jonathan Tran, Kyanna Maimoaga, Martina Marki, Savannah Medrzejewski, Sienna Massie, Danni Sinisa.

As they welcome Christ into their hearts, we pray that Jesus may guide them all the days of their lives.





## Candle Light Mass for the Faithful Departed

**Next Friday, 27 November at 8PM** there will be a candlelight Mass for all the deceased people parishioners would like to pray for. All the names of November Masses will be listed and prayed for at the Candlelight Mass. You may purchase an electronic tealight candle with a special paper bag from the church store as a set for \$2. You will then need to write the names of your dearly departed loved ones and place the bags on the steps in front of the altar for the candle light mass.

### Christmas in Covid

Recently it was announced that Religious Service for Christmas could be conducted outdoors with a congregation up to 500. It helps us because since we



started taking bookings some of the Masses were booked out already. Therefore some of the Christmas Masses, if not all, will be outdoors. Knowing the numbers will help us organise the Masses this year. Therefore keep booking for Christmas Masses by providing contact details, number of people attending and

your choice of Mass. Let us have good Christmas Celebration.

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### The Christmas Schedule are as follows:

#### Thursday, 18 December

7.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

#### Saturday, 19 December

7.00pm Carols Night

#### Thursday, 24 December

7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, 12.00 midnight Solemn Mass

#### Friday, 25 December

8.00am Christmas Mass, 10.00am Christmas Mass

### Christmas Giving Tree

As in the past years, the Parish will be working with Vinnies to prepare and distribute Christmas hampers. You may start thinking about your Christmas gifts you wish to donate and will be able to place under the tree in the month of December. Please label wrapped gifts with who they may be most appropriate for (i.e. child, woman, man).

Your generosity will help bring a smile to those less fortunate. Thank you!



### Carols 2020 and Singing at Christmas Mass

The Parish Carols this year will be held on **Saturday, 19 December** at 7PM.

Our first practice will be a 'getting together' one on **Thursday, 3 December** at 8 Wallace Street, Sefton beginning at 7PM. Do please encourage your friends to join us. Keep in mind the Midnight Mass as the Parish Choir is responsible for the music there.

To join the Parish Choir and sing at the Carols as well as Christmas Mass, contact me on [maureen.hynes@bigpond.com](mailto:maureen.hynes@bigpond.com) or on 96445818 or 0407268180. ~Maureen Hynes

### Thank You!

#### Thanks for supporting the CWF November Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal**. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable community that our CWF ministries and agencies support. For more information, please visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/)



### St Vincent de Paul Society - Berala Conference

The Berala Conference is always looking for volunteers. Whether you would like to do home visits, social visits, help with fundraising, office duties or just join a team of people who are determined to make our community a better place for all - we would love for you to join us! The time you contribute is up to you and the rewards are indescribable! **For more information, email [amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amanda.gahan@syd.catholic.edu.au).**



## NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

### Deceased:

Abate, Franco	Chan, Archie	Hayes, Peggy	Manley, Larry
Abate, Grace	Chiu, Mark Man-Wah	Heath, Jacqui	Manley, Mary
Abate, Lucia	Chong, Al	Hoang, Peter	Manley, Michael
Abate, Luciano	Chong, Anna	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Manley, Patrick
Abraham, Dioneria	Christophe O, Kabore	Hung, Peter	Maria
Abraham, Jaime Felicio	Cicuto, Maria	Hynes, Mary	Maria Madelena
Abraham, Lifardo	Constantin, Louise	Hynes, Stephen	Mariano, Maria Portia
Almeda, Leonida	Cowan, Barbara	Hynes, Tom	Martin, Maria
Angel	Cox, Hazel	Ibardolaza, Consuelo	Martin, Pablo
Anis	Curraw, Dulcie	Ibardolaza, Donald	Martins, Anna
Antulov, Dunja	Cuu, Peter Johshep	Ibardolaza, Felixberto Sr	Martins, Antonio
Baptiste, Gavin	Cvitan, Benjamin	Ibardolaza, Ledema	Martins, Jose Luis
Baptiste, John	Cvitan, Frane	Ibardolaza, Purita	Mata, Agnes
Baptiste, Malcolm	Cvitan, Kristina	Isabelle	Mata, Beng
Baptiste, Michael	Cvitan, Marita	Jacob, Alysius	Mata, Leonie
Baptiste, Percy	Cvitan, Mate	Jacob, Enid	Mata, Simon
Baptiste, Thelma	D'Souza, Adrienne	Jarque, Jose Rene	Mata, Victoria
Baresa, Don Ivan	D'Souza, Pascal	Javier, Alfredo	McDonald, Leonard
Baudille, Colin	Dalrymple, Peter	Javier, Edilberto	Michael, Jack
Baudille, Santina	De Jesus, Conceilao	Javier, Fernando	Michael, Joyce
Bauluck, Anita	Dela Cruz, Melchor	Javier, Josefina	Mills, Philomena
Bauluck, Cleney	Dela Cruz, Zenaída	Javier, Maria	Mills, Raymond
Bauluck, Michel	Derrick & Frank	Javier, Norma	Mills, Stella
Benjamin, Albert	Dodig, Luka	Joe & Glo	Mitri, Hanne Azzi
Bolonia, Astrid	Downie, Gertrude	Johnson, Ian	Mitri, Nemer
Bolonia, Fatima	Downie, Stephen	Johnson, Jack	Moore, Sam
Bolonia, Gloria	Duffy, Edna	Johnson, Mavis	Moore, Theresa
Bolonia, Mamerto Sr	Duffy, Edward	Joseph	Morris, Siobhan
Boyd, Vincent	Duffy, Ted	Kabore, Sidonie	Mortillero, Antonio
Byrne, Joan	Dung, Johshep	Kai, Poon Kee	Mortillero, Rufina
Byrne, Vince	Edwards, Marie-Lise	Kamal	Mortillero, Simon
Canicola Rev	Ellis, Ian	Kawada, Lilia	Munarriz, Angelo
Capra, Concetta	Fernando, Br Terry	Kensey, Charles	Murphy, Lil
Capra, Felicia	Ferrer, Elizabeth	Kensey, Kathleen	Nazareth, Avelino
Capra, Grace	Fiast, Nick	Kocijan, Drago	Nazareth, Maria Beatriz
Capra, Grazia	Fitzpatrick, James	Ladner, Jan	Ng, Anthony
Capra, Maria	Flores, Avelino	Lang, Seah Jui Lang	Ng, Ellen
Capra, Nick	Flores, Cipriano	Le Mottee, Noel	Ngan, Chan Ah
Capra, Nicola (Brother)	Ford, Glenn	Le Mottee, Patricia	Nghi, Maria
Capra, Nicolo RV	Ford, Paul	Le, Maria Teresa	Nguy, Anna
Capra, Rev Nicolo	Forrester, Norman	Lee, Tan Lay	Nguyen, Annie
Capra, Salvatore	Forrester, Sybil	Lenette, Wilia	Nguyen, Ca
Capra, Salvatore (Brother)	Fr Elias	Lewis, Betty	Nguyen, Maria
Capra, Salvatore (Father)	Fr Maurice	Lewis, Neil	Nicola, Capra
Capra, Sam	Fraietta, Agazio	Lim, Nellie	Nohra, Alice
Capra, Sigismundo (Brother)	Fraietta, Lisa	Lorence, Francis	Noronha, Joseph
Capra, Rosa	Fraietta, Vincenzo	Louie, Damien Timso	Oh, Peter
Carpio, Anita	Gabrielle, Mary	Ly, Anna	Orrock, Pat
Carpio, Arturo	Gazzard, Kath	Lynch, Aidan	Orrock, Ren
Carpio, Gener	Geraldine	Lynch, Patrick	Perica, Jelka
Carvalho, Teddy	Geronca, Marylou	Lynch, Violet	Perica, Jerko
Casaliatre	Gill, Kathy	Maceri, John	Perica, Julka
Castro, Isidro	Git, Regina Poon Seu	Manalaysay, Godofredo	Perica, Sime
Castro, Miguela	Gouveia, Fatima	Manalaysay, Zenaída	Peter
Cecile	Gouveia, Jose Manuel	Manganaro, Filip	Pham, Johshep
	Guillena, Wennie	Manganaro, Rosa	Pincombe, David
	Gutierrez, Veneranda	Manley, Agnes	Poon, Justina
	Hawley, Barry	Manley, Bridie	Portelli, Joseph

## Deceased (continued)

Portelli, Sylvia  
Ribet, Marie-Anne  
Ridolfo, Felicia  
Ridolfo, Francesco  
Ridolfo, Mariano  
Rizzo, Conceta  
Rizzo, Nicola  
Robinson, Dr Tracy  
Ryan, Des  
Ryan, Hope  
Ryan, John  
Sanchez, Fely  
Sargent, Jack  
Sargent, Nell  
Sastrias, Josē  
Scanlan, Alphonso  
Scanlan, Mary  
Schwartz, Betty  
Scully, Anthony  
Scully, Charles  
Scully, Christy K  
Scully, Mary  
Scully, Paul  
Simms, Harley  
Simms, Rita  
Simon, Tony  
Sinclair, Aileen  
Sing, Francis Tan Ping  
Singson, Corazon  
Smith, June  
Smith, Monica  
Soon, Eddie Tan Cheng

Spora, Fr Mark  
Starr, Jum  
Starr, Reg  
Steel, Arthur  
Steel, Marge  
Steel, Renee  
Tang, Poon See  
Taylor, Raymond  
Taylor, Robynne  
Teléa, Alosina  
Teléa, John Pemasi  
Teléa, Uisa  
Thanh, Anna  
Thibault, Marie  
Ty, Peter  
Uther, Prof John  
Van Soi, Peter Nguyen  
Vasquez, Lorenzo  
Vasquez, Perpetua  
Victorino, Chona  
Vinh, Anna  
Vu, Maria Yen  
Waddups, Leo  
Wadieh  
Watfa, Habib  
Wong, Churn Tai  
Wong, Kiu Chun  
Wong, Mary  
Wong, Tung Hai  
Woods, Michael  
Zorilla, Aurita  
Zrilić, Živko

## Deceased Members and Friends of Family:

Abraham  
Amores  
Baldoria  
Baptiste  
Baraba  
Barcan  
Barrett  
Bukala  
Buterin  
Domingo  
Dubravica  
Duffy  
Erwin  
Evans  
Florendo  
Forrester  
Gabrielle  
Grasic  
Jacob  
Jansen  
Johnsen  
Kensey  
Lisica  
Lopez  
Marsh  
Martin  
Matask  
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McManus  
Medved  
Mitchell

Mitri  
Moore  
Mortillero  
Moses  
Mujic  
Ng  
Ng  
O'Dwyer  
Orlovic  
Raymond  
Ricketts  
Rodrigues  
Ross  
Said  
Sargent  
Scully  
Simms  
Sostaric  
Uisa  
Vincent  
Yip  
Ylanni  
Zorilla  
Zrilic

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them. May  
the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

Advent, four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas, starts next weekend, 29 November. The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. In our Church, marking the Advent season, we put up an Advent Wreath and light candles each week.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to Christmas. The wreath itself, which is made of greens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God and the unending life we find in Christ.

The candles have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each weekend. Three of the candles are purple, the liturgical colour, that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

**The first candle**, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

**The second candle**, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**The third candle** is pink and symbolise joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent reminds us of the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

**The fourth candle** marks the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizing the song of the angels: "Peace on Earth to the people of good will." The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.



## OTHER NOTICES

### Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Join the people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting **November 29th** you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>  
Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org).

### Why Celebrate Christmas?

A series of Friday night presentations on the Sunday Mass readings during Advent, followed by questions from the audience. Where? 1880 Hall, Saint Peter's Parish, Surry Hills  
When? Friday nights: **November 29 and December 4, 11 and 18** from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. For whom? Everyone is welcome. By whom? Dr. Ken Brimaud, LL. B., STD of the Catholic Institute of Sydney and the Angelicum University, Rome.

### Parish Missionary Internship for young Catholics: Seattle, USA

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, on the outskirts of the US city of Seattle is seeking young adult Catholics (10-30) who wish to spend a one year internship spreading the gospel to youth and young adults, while gaining valuable experience serving in a vibrant parish environment.

Missionary interns will live and work in a team setting with other parish interns participating in daily prayer, Mass and evangelisation efforts in the parish and greater community. If you're interested in the program, please contact Sr Maria Caeli OP- Director of Missionary Internship Program at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Email: [smcparmeter@starofthesea.net](mailto:smcparmeter@starofthesea.net)

### CatholicCare supporting seniors

CatholicCare Home Care services for seniors can help parishioners navigate the complicated My Aged Care system and provide services for seniors so they can live life to the full. Call 13 18 19 to for one of our Home Care Specialists to talk you through the process.

### CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19 today.

### Got your wedding plans under control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Choose any of the coming weekends: Nov 7-8, Feb 20-21.

### Parent Line: 1300 1300 52

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer ?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on Wednesday, 25th November 2020, 12.30pm – 1.30pm. To book call Family Spirit 13 181 9 or [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)

### Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au).

### JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney here. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help. Please visit: <https://aus.jrs.net/en/jesuit-refugee-service/> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families.

29 NOVEMBER		1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	9AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Bob KENSEY	Roland JAVIER
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Christine KENSEY	Susie MRAVUNAC
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Michael CHOW	Maris MARSH	Joshua LU
Cleaners SPC: Malia & Mefiposeta Pei		Altar & Sacristy: Group 6 Korina Kinda, Antoinette Boudaher		
Saturday 8AM		28 NOVEMBER		
LECTOR FOR MASS		Jann ROCKLIFF		

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** Looking for volunteers to help clean church once a month starting December. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

### Just for Laughs

What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realize you have a fever? Self, I so late.

