



Holy Family Catholic Parish

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First Sunday of Advent, Year A

27 November 2022

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A speak of readiness for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the first reading we hear that God will establish His kingdom and we must be ready to walk in the light of God. In the second reading Paul warns us to be awake. In the gospel Jesus warns us not to be unprepared, as people were in the days of Noah. This is a time to prepare for our Lord to come into our hearts.

If Jesus returned tomorrow, are we genuinely ready to face him? Or would we be thoroughly relying on an all-forgiving Lord to allow us more time to prepare ourselves? Jesus has already made it abundantly clear that we need to be awake and aware that he may return at any moment.

It is very easy to go about our lives and forget that Jesus will be returning at an hour that we cannot predict. Let's keep it in mind, however, and live our lives as if he is returning at any moment. This way, we will not be caught out and can have confidence in the outcome of our meeting with the Lord.

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First reading: Is 2:1-5 <u>Responsorial Psalm</u>: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf v.1. (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. <u>Second reading</u>: Rom 13:11-14 <u>Gospel Acclamation</u>: Ps 84:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia! Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 84:13

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

<u>READERS</u>	26 & 27 November 1st Sunday of Advent		3 & 4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	
Vigil	Karen Watson	Worrell Jacinto	Grace Jacinto	Paul Gaha
Sunday 9am	Rebekah Banga	Mia Devi	Anthony Day	Annie Day
Sunday 5pm	Christiana Okwuofu	Tuporo Mataele	Yolanda Diola	Chrisanne Marisol

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is a special month to pray and remember all of our deceased loved ones, parishioners and friends who have gone before us in faith.

Throughout November, a Book of Remembrance will be available. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. You are also welcome to use the special envelopes that are available in the Church foyer to make an offering for November, or beyond. We ask that you please print names clearly.

<u>What's On</u>

 26 & 27 Nov 28 Nov 29 Nov 	SVDP Christmas Appeal Catechist meeting - 7pm Parish Meeting Room Year 4 and Year 6 attending 9am Mass
 3 Dec 9 Dec	Church Cleaning - "Team A" Holy Family Carol Night - 7pm
 16 Dec 	Whole School End of Year Mass/Farewell to Year 6 S

- 16 Dec Whole School End of Year Mass/Farewell to Year 6 Students 11.30am
 17 Dec Church Cleaning "Team B"
- 19 Dec Last day of Term 4

Ministry of Altar Serving - Training

Altar Server training for all (<u>old and new</u>, <u>male and female</u>) who wish to join this ministry will commence during Advent. To join, please speak with Father Henry or contact the Parish office on 9059 4134.

With joyful hearts, during October we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:



Jasmine Pullan, Isaac Khan, Gabriel Vergara, Macie Stoten, Annabelle Chaperon.



We pray ... For for those who are affected by the floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and those affected by war: that God will grant peace, justice and healing to all involved during these times.

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all in our book of remembrance.

For the sick and homebound: Dawn O'Donoghue, Ann Marie Praud, Phil Clarke. *May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers.*

For our recently dearly departed: Josephine Ooi, Marian D'Cruz, Jennifer Malone, Lorraine Morrison, Margaret Rose, Michael Brezinski, Joyce O'Keefe, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Gerald Barbara, Jeanette Morand, Angelita Z Molano.

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.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edgee LeClerc, Fr Peter Caruana, Giuseppe Lanzafame, Mee St Guillaume, Sr Patricia Murphy OLN. *Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.*

Visiting the Sick and Homebound: Please contact the parish office if you or a family member would like to be visited or receive Holy Communion.

2022 Mass Attendance Count - 12 November to 27 November:

The annual mass attendance count will continue in our parish this weekend. This weekend will include the *Age and Gender Count*.

Please complete one form per family and leave the form in the basket provided.

Incarnate - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2022

Incarnate is a 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November 2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023).



There are still a few books available for purchase for \$5 each.





Congratulations to the parish children who received the Sacrament of their Holy First Communion on Sunday 20 November. May you continue to regularly receive, appreciate and treasure the gift of the Lord in the Eucharist. Thank you to Father Henry and Mrs David for helping to guide the children and their families through this special time.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal: 26/27 November 2022

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Members invite you to help local struggling families again this Christmas. Recent cost of living increases due to rises in the cost of food, energy bills and petrol have been some of the largest in recent times and has seen inflation surge. Whilst it has affected us all, it has affected the marginalised in our community more acutely, and there is only so much you can cut back on the necessities of life. On top of this families in private rental are dealing with large increases in rent, whilst others in the community have recently lost a job, are escaping family violence or are struggling on reduced income.

Please give to this appeal and help us to provide support for those in our community who need it the most. As the Conference has only volunteer members, all of the money raised by this Appeal will be used to assist the families in need. We are seeking monetary donations with which we will buy gift cards to give to some of these families.

There will be appeal envelopes on the Church pews which you can use to make a cash or credit card donation, and these can be placed in a collection box at the back of the Church. You may also wish to take them away and return next week with your donations. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes please include your details on the appeal envelope. Please return the envelopes by the week-end of 10/11 December 2022.

If you wish, you may also donate on-line directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference by following the below link to our fund-raising page. You can also scan the QR code on the Vinnies Christmas Appeal poster in the Church and this will also take you to the fundraising page.

https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/holy-family-parish-ingleburn-st-vincent-de-paul-fundraising-page

Any monies donated through this link get allocated directly to the Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Thanking you so much for your support.



CATECHISTS NEEDED. "Let the little children come to me". (Matthew 19:14)

If you are interested in being trained as a Catechist now, to be available to start helping in the schools at the beginning of 2023, we would love to hear from you! It will help the parish in planning for our involvement with the schools next year. We could do with some more help. Please contact the parish secretary (parish office 9059 4134), or leave your name and contact details on the clip-board on the catechist table in the church foyer.

Once you have completed the short training, you would be teamed-up with a trained catechist and start helping in a class. You might remain as a helper, or eventually take your own class It is a very enjoyable and wonderful opportunity to serve God!