A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!



"WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA."

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive. To be a community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

November/December Mass Intentions: Let us pray for our community as we begin a new liturgical year. May we give thanks for the blessings and challenges we faced last liturgical year and pray for guidance and strength during this coming year. Let us pray for all our faithful departed. We pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Fr Ignatius Mariathas Thambuswamy, a priest of the Diocese of Bunbury, whose Funeral was held on Monday, 23 November at St Patrick's Cathedral. May his soul rest in peace.

General Intentions: Let us pray for peace in our world. Let us pray for the homeless, the underprivileged, those suffering in silence due to domestic violence, for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our young people who are journeying through the parish RCIC. Let us pray for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027.

Prayer Requests: Max McGee, Lynette Amonini, Fr Roy Pereira, Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Angele Haydar, Amie & Joy Dealino, Noah Forster, and Jake Palandri.

Diocese: Let us pray that the fruits of the Diocesan General Assembly be well-received by parish communities across the Diocese of Bunbury.

We invite you to request prayers from our parish community for any of your family members, relations and friends and we will include them on our prayer list. Their consent, however, is required for publication

Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's place has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know.

For each Sunday, we take our focus for the Advent Wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament, we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

The Advent Wreath Responsory often replaces the Penitential Act and therefore leads into the Opening Prayer.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

The Presider blesses the wreath with the sprinkling of holy water:

Presider: May the sprinkling of this water remind us all of gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent, may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The first candle is lit. The first candle is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.

Presider: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we are the clay and he is the potter (First Reading).

Response: COME, LORD, JESUS.

Presider: Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St. Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day (Second Reading).

Response: COME, LORD, JESUS.

Presider: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake' (Gospel).

Response: COME, LORD, JESUS.

Presider: Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

"COME, LORD JESUS."



The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

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

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 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
People: Glory to you, Lord.

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

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

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Keep Watch! Pray!

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)



Hermit at Prayer by Gerrit Dou, 1667-1670

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" Mark 13:35–37

One simple yet profound word sums up today's Gospel: "Watch!" There are many images that help us understand the meaning Jesus wants to convey. Think of a young girl who is excited about Christmas Day. Every morning she goes to her Advent calendar, marks off another day, and counts how many are left. Think of a soldier tasked with being the lookout for the fortress where his fellow soldiers are sleeping. His vigilance could mean the difference between safety and death, as the lives of his fellow soldiers depend on his unwavering attention. Or think of societies long ago in which hunting was the primary way of providing food for one's family. The hunter had

to fix his eyes and ears on the game he was pursuing so his family would not starve. Numerous occupations and hobbies require a person to be highly attentive to the task at hand.

Of the many responsibilities and activities we engage in every day, nothing is more important than the care of our souls and the souls of those entrusted to us. To “watch” spiritually means more than just waiting; it involves active discernment, being alert to God’s voice in our daily interactions, and recognizing His presence in the ordinary and unexpected moments of life. Parents, siblings, friends, neighbours, parishioners, co-workers, and other acquaintances are all people whom God wants to touch and draw close to Himself through our instrumentality. We can only be effective in this mission if we ourselves are vigilant, continuously seeking out the voice of God and responding to His grace. This is especially accomplished through prayer—daily prayer, attentive prayer, and deep prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God and the primary way that He communicates to us, directs us toward His holy will, and transforms us into instruments of His mercy to others.

Do you watch? Do you do so every day, all day? Sometimes we compartmentalize our relationship with God. We give Him our Sunday morning, a moment before each meal, and perhaps a short period of time in the morning or evening. Attentiveness to God, however, must take place all day, every day. It must become the central habit of our lives. As Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Thessalonica, we must “pray without ceasing.” Praying without ceasing can be as simple as offering short prayers throughout your day—thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance in decisions, or offering your work as a prayer. These small acts keep us connected to God and remind us of His presence in every moment.

To pray without ceasing does not mean we must all become cloistered nuns or monks, though some are called to that vocation. For most of us, it means building an interior attentiveness to God, allowing that act to become so much a part of our daily lives that it becomes habitual and automatic. As we cultivate this habit of vigilant prayer, it should naturally lead us to action, such as responding to God’s grace by reaching out to others in love, kindness, and mercy. Our vigilance is not just for ourselves but for those around us.

Reflect today on what should be your primary focus this Advent. If you find you compartmentalize God, reexamine your life in light of today’s Gospel. We are “sleeping” when we only give God a little time here and there throughout our week. We are watchful when every part of our day is marked by an attentive interior spiritual sense turned toward God. Make this a holy and fruitful Advent, and Christmas will take on a new and transforming role in your life.

My ever-present Lord, each day You call to me, morning, noon, and night. You never cease calling me to Yourself, desiring to pour out Your grace upon me. I pray that this Advent be a time of reawakening in my life. For the ways I have compartmentalized my faith, I am sorry and beg forgiveness. Please instil in me the holy virtues I need to stay awake, watching for Your grace and heeding Your gentle voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS



ST. FRANCIS, PRAY FOR US.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: As we begin this season of Advent, we turn to God with anticipation and hope.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and leaders of the Church: may they guide God's people to be open and ready to welcome Christ in new ways through this season of Advent. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for those who hold public office and for all who serve the common good: may they seek justice, protection and peace. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for those who find it hard to hope - the unemployed, the homeless, the lonely and those estranged from loved ones: may they discover God's love and comfort through our care. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for all gathered here today: may we be granted the grace to stay awake, and be alert to God's love in our lives, as we begin Advent. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for our families and other important relationships: may we remain awake to the presence of Christ, and create places of patience, reconciliation and hospitality. We pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for all who mourn: may the Lord console those who wait in hope. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving God, keep us alert in faith and steadfast in hope, so that when Christ knocks, we may be ready. We offer these prayers in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Note: ***Please find someone else to replace you if you are unable to do your roster. Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.***

THIS WEEKEND 28th & 29th November	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	Melvin S	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Cherylynne F Kerry H	Wally C	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Malena C	Peter L	Gobi M
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Sr Pauline	Elaine T	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Daria S Lesley S, Robin W	Helen B, Sophie L Norrie P *EMHC Needed*	Stephen H, Terri P Gobi M *& EMHC Needed*
Children's Liturgy			Marina S Kath F	
Altar Servers			Shelby C, Abel R Abigail R	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Craig F	Youth for Christ
Morning Tea				

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	**Pastoral Care Volunteers**	Jan B	**Readers**	Anne M

NEXT WEEKEND 5th & 6th December	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Kath F & Greeter Needed	Verna LH	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Daria S	Nilda C	Terri P
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Cathy Y	Liz L	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Margaret C, Cheryl N & EMHC Needed (x2)	Cathy R, Sophie L *& EMHC Needed (x2)*	Pauline H & Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			Helen B & Virge R	
Altar Servers	Earl T	Michael H	Dionne L, Abel R Abigail R, Alfonsa, Maria J	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Choir	Music Needed
Morning Tea				

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	**Pastoral Care Volunteers**	Elaine G	**Readers**	Volunteer

CLEANERS	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Toilets	A Parishioner	A Parishioner	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
Cathedral	**Group 1:** 1st week, Fri 5pm **Leaders:** Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B.		**Group 2:** 3rd week, Thu 6pm **Leaders:** John J.		**Thank you!**



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people. Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, legal and ethical standards in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated.

The Eucharistic sacrifice "is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life...."
Lumen gentium 11

30 November Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
1 December Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5.45pm: SMCPS Graduation, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
2 December Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.15am: Josephite Companions Thanksgiving Mass, St. Patricks Cathedral
3 December Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 1.45pm: Thanksgiving Mass, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 5.15pm: Concert, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 6pm: RCIA 2027
4 December Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College – 'Chat with the Chap' 11m: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens
5 December Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
6 December Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 12nn: Filipino Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. All welcome to attend. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every **Friday** from **9am to 9pm**. We are seeking parishioners to commit to an hour each week, joining an existing rostered person, with your choice of an hour that suits yourself. An invitation is also extended to **Parishioners** to join our Relief Roster. **For more information please contact Barbara 0409 585 889.**

PARISH NEWS

GIFT-GIVING: St Nicholas. We give thanks to Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul) for the opportunity for our parishioners to reach out to less fortunate children in our community. They will collect your donated gifts during our Sunday 8am and 10am Masses

TWILIGHT ADVENT RETREAT. On Friday, 4 December 2026, from 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Fr Pierre Repuyan, our Cathedral Dean of the Cathedral, will be leading our annual parish twilight advent retreat. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation and to go on retreat is an excellent way of opening our hearts and minds to the grace of the season. In this advent retreat, we will come together and reflect of how 'wonderfully we are made in God's image' based on Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*. If you intend to attend, please let us know by calling the Parish Office. (Please bring a plate to share.) (Please see poster on page 13)

2026 ADVENT PROGRAM. Copies of this year's Advent Program are available in the Cathedral Cloister. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate by joining an existing parish group, forming a new group, or undertaking the program individually or together with family members. For those who would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the Parish Office.

PIETY STALL

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND THOUGHFUL GIFTS. The Parish Piety Store, located in the Parish Office, now has a selection of Christmas Cards available for purchase. Also available are the much-loved **Columban Art Calendars** ($11). The Piety Store also offers a variety of books, rosaries, small ornaments and thoughtful gifts and is regularly restocked with new items. Open during Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm.



BAPTISM. We pray for Stella Joy, Gabriel Anthony and Rose Agnes D'Agostino who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING
Josephite Companions are invited to the end of year gathering. Mass, The Year in Review, Kris Kringle and Hospitality.
Place: Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money St, Bunbury
Date: 2 December
Gathering Time: 9.45am
Mass: 10.15am
Bring a friend. Plate of food for a shared

meal. Kris Kringle Gift up to value $25 Contribution to Community Christmas Lunch – Wrapped gift with age and gender clearly marked. Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day. H. Brown 0478 783 990 or helenbrown.hb@gmail.com

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS. As per our parish practice, there will be no individual Mass Intentions throughout November. Please write the names of your departed loved ones on the Mass Offering Envelopes available in the Cathedral Cloister and pews, and place them in the November Mass Offering Basket on the altar steps. Alternatively, envelopes may be dropped off at the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9am–3pm. All offerings will be included at the next Masses.

OUR PARISH IS SEEKING NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS. Our Cathedral Parish is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults experiencing vulnerabilities and seek to increase the number of Safeguarding Officers within the Parish. This role involves being a point of contact for our parish community on Safeguarding requirements, support for the Parish Priest, the Cathedral Dean and the parish to raise awareness of our collective responsibility around safeguarding, and to help ensure the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are implemented. This position will work closely with the Dean of the Cathedral. Our Cathedral Parish Safeguarding will be administered in cooperation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Training and ongoing support will be provided. If you would like to be part of a vibrant team or like more information, please contact the Parish office : 9721 2141 or seek information through the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: 9721 0517 or safeguarding@bunburycatholic.org.au.

FRIENDS IN PRAYER GROUP ADVENT PROGRAM. **During Advent** the "Friends in Prayer Group" will be meeting each Friday afternoon from 4-5 pm in the Cathedral Children's Liturgy Room. **Advent Programme Booklets** are available in the Cloister or from the Parish Office M-F. 9am -3pm. All are most welcome… come as you are! Further contact please ph Connie 0407970014 or Kath 0408236310.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATECHIST MASS. On behalf of Bishop George, I would like to invite all Catechists to our Mass to be held on Sunday December 6th at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury. Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the new Pastoral Life and Mission Centre. This invitation is open to all Catechists even if you are not active in the Ministry at the moment. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Sr Pauline.

BISHOP GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CatholicCare: reminder, if you have not already done so, to please return your CatholicCare donation envelope and place it in the Offertory basket. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible. Spare envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you require an envelope, please contact the Diocese on 9721 0500.

SPIRITUALITY HUB END OF YEAR MASS. You are invited to celebrate the Spirituality Hub End of Year Mass on Tuesday 15th December at midday at Holy Family Church Kirup. Lunch will be provided after Mass so please advise your attendance for catering purposes. More information deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com

An invitation

Parish Advent Twilight Retreat

I praise you
because I am

Wonderfully made

Psalm 139:14

Based on Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*

Led by Fr. Pierre Repuyan, PhD, VG
Dean of the Cathedral



ALL WELCOME

4 December 2026, Friday
5.30pm-8.30pm, Parish Hall
Please bring a plate to share.



2026 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
So that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."
John 3:16

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

DATE	ADVENT LITURGIES	TIME
28 Nov; 5,12,19 Dec	Reconciliation (1st Rite)	5pm-5.40pm
4 Dec – Friday	Advent Twilight Retreat	5.30pm-8.30pm
15-23 Dec	9-Days Advent Novena Masses "Simbang Gabi"	6pm
DATE	**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**	**TIME**
24 Dec - Thursday	Christmas Carols	6pm
24 Dec - Thursday	Family Christmas Mass	6.30pm
24 Dec – Thursday	Christmas Vigil Mass	9pm
25 Dec – Friday	Christmas Midnight Mass	12 midnight
25 Dec – Friday	Christmas Day Mass	8am
25 Dec – Friday	Christmas Day Mass	10am

CARMELITE MONASTERY, GELORUP

DATE	ADVENT LITURGIES	TIME
24 Dec – Thursday	Christmas Midnight Mass	7pm
25 Dec – Friday	Christmas Day Mass	8.30am

ST. JOHN OF GOD BUNBURY HOSPITAL
DALYELLUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DATE	ADVENT LITURGIES	TIME
25 Dec – Friday	Christmas Day Mass	10am



FR. NATHAN BARRIE

As we begin the season of Advent, it is hard to miss that Christmas seems to have already arrived in many parts of our city. Christmas lights are up, “Merry Christmas” banners are on display, and shops have been selling trees, decorations, food and gifts since September.

There is nothing intrinsically wrong with enjoying these preparations, but the Church invites us to take a different approach, a different order. Advent is a season of patient expectation. Rather than rushing towards Christmas Day, we are invited to journey through these weeks with prayerful hearts, preparing ourselves for the birth of our Saviour.

The world around us can make Christmas feel like something to be organised, purchased and celebrated as quickly as possible. Advent reminds us that Christmas is first and foremost about a person: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who comes among us as a child. Let us not allow the busyness of the season to distract us from this great mystery. May these weeks help us to empty our hearts for the newborn King to make His home. May we “stay awake” to the presence of the Lord in His first coming in the manger, and to His daily presence in our lives, so as to be ready to meet Him at His second coming, or our own departure from this life.

I love you all. God bless us.



FR. PIERRE REPUYAN

I commend with gratitude the wonderful efforts by my fellow Cathedral priests, Fr. Joel and Fr Nathan, who ‘held the fort’ as it were during my annual leave. I also would like to thank Seminarian Chris De Freitas, the Parish Pastoral Council headed by Helen Brown, Brian Castieau and Mike Freeman of the Parish Finance Committee for their dedication to our parish. And to everyone in our parish, for your ministry and prayers, a big ‘thank you’ from the bottom of my heart.

I am thankful to parishioners’ responses to my homily last Sunday which I tried to share the ‘unlikely’ parallel themes of dementia and Christ the King. In the face of dementia, or whatever illness one may be experiencing, our identity ‘as image and likeness of God’ does not diminish. Christ our King guarantees this, ascertained by the truth that he did not become less of a God when he became like us except sin. Further, while one of the signs of dementia is memory loss, God never forgets his people. So much so, Christ our King walks with everyone, most particularly with our sisters and brothers who are experiencing dementia, through the valley of death and darkness. Christ is our King who never abandons His people, nor will we ever experience defeat. Victory will always be with those who allow Christ’s presence to reign in their hearts.

I have shared to my father your comforting assurances of your prayer for his health condition. My family will always be thankful for all your thoughts and prayers during this time of challenge. May God dearly bless you always.



STEPS OF *LECTIO DIVINA*

1. **Prepare (Silencio)**: Take a few moments to quiet yourself, get in a comfortable position, and become aware of God's presence.
2. **Read (Lectio)**: Read the Scripture passage slowly, out loud if possible. Listen for a nudge: What words or images is the Spirit drawing you toward today?
3. **Meditate (Meditatio)**: Re-read the Scripture passage, lingering over the person/word/phrase that captured your attention. Let your imagination engage the story/text. Reflect on how it might intersect with your life today.
4. **Pray (Oratio)**: Read through the Scripture passage another time, allowing the Scripture to lead you into a prayer/response to God. Talk to God about what has come to mind, and how He might be inviting you to respond.
5. Contemplate (Contemplatio): Rest in the awareness of God's presence, remaining open to anything else the Holy Spirit might stir in your heart. If your mind wanders, gently redirect your thoughts toward God. Simply be still. Expect nothing. Enjoy a moment of fellowship with God that goes deeper than words. God loves you.

30 November Monday	St Andrew, Apostle	Rom 10:9-18 Ps 18:2-5 Mt 4:18-22
1 December Tuesday	Tuesday of 1st week of Advent	Is 11:1-10 Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
2 December Wednesday	Wednesday of 1st week of Advent	Is 25:6-10 Ps 22 Mt 15:29-37
3 December Thursday	St Francis Xavier, priest	Is 26:1-6 Ps 117:1,8-9,19-21, 25-27 Mt 7:21,24-27
4 December Friday	Friday of 1st week of Advent St John Damascene, priest, doctor	Is 29:17-24 Ps 26:1,4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
5 December Saturday	Saturday of 1st week of Advent	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 146:1-6 Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8
6 December Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT	Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 84:9-14 2 Pet3:8-14 Mt 1:1-8

PPC POST – Helen Brown, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent and continue to grow as a parish community, there are many signs of faith, service and fellowship to celebrate.

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate in our Advent Retreat on Friday 4 December. This will be a wonderful opportunity to pause amidst the busyness of the season, reflect on God's presence in our lives, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Before the retreat, we invite everyone to share in a community meal. Please bring a plate to share as we gather together in fellowship and friendship.

Last weekend we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King with great reverence and joy. Following Mass, Fr Pierre led the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which was both a majestic and prayerful witness to our faith. It was a beautiful expression of our devotion to Christ, our King, and a sight that inspired all who participated. A sincere thank you to our Hospitality Team, under the leadership of Seminarian Chris De Freitas, Grace Monka, and Cathy Rechichi, for coordinating the sausage sizzle and social gathering that followed the 10.00am Mass. Opportunities such as these strengthen the bonds of our parish family and remind us of the importance of sharing life together.

The Parish Pastoral Council was pleased to have four representatives attend the recent Diocesan PPC Revisioning Workshop. The workshop provided an opportunity to listen deeply to the experiences and insights of others from across the Diocese, engage in meaningful dialogue, and allow the Holy Spirit to move in and through all participants. The workshop offered valuable reflection on the mission and future direction of parish pastoral councils and how we can continue to serve our parish community faithfully.

ADVENT is a time of preparation, celebration and hope.

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Taken from https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/look-ahead-in-hope

Advent began in the fifth century and developed its present form many centuries later. As with Lent, it began as a fast before a feast. It also inherited the purple of Lent that we associate with penance and fasting. But the association of Advent with purple is less penitential than we might think.

In the Roman world **purple was a colour reserved for Emperors and kings**. The dramatic entry of the emperor into regional cities was called his **advent**. The local people looked forward to this because it brought visitors, imperial gifts and economic growth.

In the Church the time of Advent represented Jesus' coming as the newborn king. The season referred to **the expectation of his coming** and his **actual arrival**. It is an image of reality and hope.

In the weeks before Christmas we celebrate the coming of the Son of God to join our world at Christmas. And so, this is a time to **prepare for his coming**. We celebrate his coming to us in love as we celebrate Advent and look ahead in hope to the coming of the Son of God at the end of time to judge the world.

Many of the Advent Mass readings are taken from the Book of Isaiah. It was written both before and during the exile of the people of Judaea that threatened the hope of God's people. Isaiah gives voice to the distress of Exile but also evokes an unquenchable hope. It represents the sadness of exile, loss of home, culture, language and temple. These keep alive the people's hope of return to a new Jerusalem where God will rule over a faithful and prosperous.

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"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:37



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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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6pm Saturday	BB 201	BB 320	CHANT	BB 516	BB
8am Sunday	AOV2 003	AOV1 129	AOV1 126	AOV1 153	AOV1 080
10am Sunday	AOV1 057	AOV1 006	AOV1 049	AOV2 002	AOV1 124
6pm Sunday	AOV1 124	AOV1 115	AOV2 003	AOV1 126	AOV2 004
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