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SUNDAY 01 DECEMBER 2024	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	YEAR C
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<p>PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm</p> <p>SUNDAY 8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass</p> <p>MONDAY 7:00pm Mass</p> <p>TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00am Mass</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Mass (every First Wednesday includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)</p> <p>SATURDAY 9:00am Mass Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic 9:30am Sacrament of Penance 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION (Confession) Tuesday – Friday Before & after Mass (<i>depending on priests' availability</i>).</p> <p>BAPTISMS 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum booking time: two months in advance.</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION 7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:00am Saturday Mass</p> <p>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.</p> <p>FRIDAY PLAYGROUP Contact the Parish Office.</p> <p>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS Please contact the Parish Office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADVENT</u></p> <p>What is Advent? The word Advent is from the Latin <i>adventus</i> for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and continuing until December 24 (Christmas Eve), as the Mass of the Lord's Nativity begins. Christmas Day is December 25.</p> <p>In 2024, Advent begins on December 1 and ends on December 24 (Christmas Eve), as the Mass of the Lord's Nativity begins. Christmas Day is December 25.</p> <p>During Advent, Catholics celebrate the season with an Advent wreath. The wreaths are made with a circle of evergreen branches (symbolizing life) and hold four candles representing the four weeks of Advent.</p> <p>Why is Advent important to the Catholic Church? This is a period of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas. As Christmas seems to arrive commercially ever earlier each year, the faithful should try to turn our hearts more toward the Lord. Mother Angelica, the foundress of EWTN, once said, <i>'Let's not let the season pass without a depth of spirituality in our hearts that lets us ponder. Ponder the mystery of how, and why, this Omnipotent God, before Whom angels tremble, would come down and live nine months in the most pure and holy woman that ever lived, and ever will live. He was confined in a womb with that Infinite Intelligence, Infinite Power, and the Power of the Holy Spirit'</i>.</p> <p>How do you observe Advent? Advent is considered the Little Lent, as it begins by recalling that Christ will come at the end of the world as Judge, a reminder of the holiness with which we should be prepared to greet the Lord. Thus, although not strictly a penitential season, the faithful should turn their hearts toward Jesus in prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice. In the last part of Advent, we look forward with anticipation and joy to His First Coming, in Bethlehem. One way to do this is to meditate on the</p>	
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Antiphons used in the Mass, each of which represents a messianic title of Christ from the Old Testament.

How do you prepare yourself during Advent?

First, it is a good idea to pray more, possibly including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Franciscan Crown, and the Christmas Novena (see across), all of which call to mind the mysteries associated with the Lord coming into the world.

It is also important to read Sacred Scripture, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, chapters 2 and 3 of the Second Part on the Creed, expresses the Church's Faith in the Incarnation and Nativity of the Lord.

Finally, to truly prepare, it is important to go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able. There are many symbols for Advent: the Advent calendar, Advent wreath with candles, the Jesse Tree, and the Crèche - with the Baby Jesus absent until Christmas Eve. Each of these can be the basis of a family tradition, especially to teach children how to prepare for Jesus' Birth.

What do the four candles of the Advent wreath represent?

First Week: A purple candle.

Second Week: A second purple candle, in addition to the first week's candle.

Third Week: The first two week's candles and the rose candle.

Fourth Week: All four candles. These colors match the liturgical colors of the vestments for those weeks, with purple representing penance and rose representing rejoicing.

The Advent Wreath brings to mind the time before Jesus, when the world was in spiritual darkness. During Advent, we remember the Old Testament days as we anxiously anticipate His Birth at Christmas.



What is the Christmas novena?

This novena is a unique prayer for the last nine days of Advent, beginning on December 16th and ending on Christmas Eve. It will help you to prepare your heart for the Nativity of the Lord. The prayer is:



*Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
At which the Son of God was born
Of a most pure Virgin
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
In the piercing cold
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
To hear my prayers and grant my desires
(mention request here)*

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.

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The above is from: <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/advent/>

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

ROOSTER MASSES 5am Rooster Mass.

START (16 to 24 December) * *Please note: all Masses remain at the usual times.
24/12

CHRISTMAS EVE:

CHILDRENS MASS 5.30pm: Nativity Play, 6pm Mass
24/12

CHRISTMAS EVE:

FAMILY MASS 9.00pm

25/12 CHRISTMAS

SOLEMN MASS 12am Midnight Mass
25/12

CHRISTMAS MASS 8am Mass
25/12

CHRISTMAS MASS 10am Mass

Children are invited to dress up as a nativity character for all the Christmas Masses.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THIS WEEKEND: BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES

When: Vigil & 8am & 10am Masses

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help provide them with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishops Christmas Appeal thank you

Sunday 01 December: First Sunday of Advent Year c

Tuesday 03 December: St Francis Xavier

Wednesday 04 December: St John Damascene

Friday 06 December: St Nicholas

Saturday 07 December: St Ambrose

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Baruch 5:1-9, Ps 125. R. v.3, Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 03 December

Place: Boyet Remolador

Date: Tuesday 10 December

Place: Evelyn & Virgilio Cobol

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

When: Christmas Eve 5.30pm, followed by the 6pm Christmas Mass. Children and youth up to 17yrs are welcome to participate. *Practices will be on: Sundays, 01, 08 & 22 December 4pm-5.30pm in the Church.* Costumes will be provided. If interested, please email the parish office.

LEGION OF MARY MEETING:

Every Thursday, 5.30pm in the Church meeting room.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY: MONDAY 09 DECEMBER

Since the 08 December is on a Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on the Monday.

When: Monday 09 December, 7pm Mass.



WORKING BEE, CHURCH DECORATIONS & PUTTING UP OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Saturday 14 December,

after 9am Mass. For inside and outside of the Church. Please bring gloves, cleaning items, etc. for the working bee. Please come & help to make the Church ready for Christmas. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Denise Robens from our parish who received one of the highest levels of teacher accreditation: the HALT accreditation. (HALT stands for Highly Accomplished & Lead Teacher Accreditation). Denise is now one of 366 HALT accredited teachers in NSW and has been teaching for more than 30 years as a school teacher. God bless!

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP Come and prepare for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. **When:** every Tuesday in Advent, from 03 Dec, 7pm-8pm in the Church. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. All are welcome!

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Thanksgiving to God-Wedding Anniversaries. **Death Anniversary:** Michael Albert Hinchliffe. **Prayers for the Sick:** Maria Spiteri, Steve Eggleton, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Mario Cauchi, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Ernesto Modelo, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella. **Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK TWO – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 07/08 DECEMBER

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Trish Warda	Valeni Rodrigues
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Chris Hersey Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Maz Lirio 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Marilou Pugoy 2. Katie English	1. Deepa Cijo 2. Cijo Mathew
MUSIC	Amen Choir		Manny, Bruce & Co
HOSPITALITY		Mal Weber	Deepa Cijo & Cijo Mathew
CLEANING TEAM	Rebecca Locke, Johan, Augustina Nwaorgu, Zon Lupisan, Bebs Perez, Ancy Presty, Dari Boni		

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

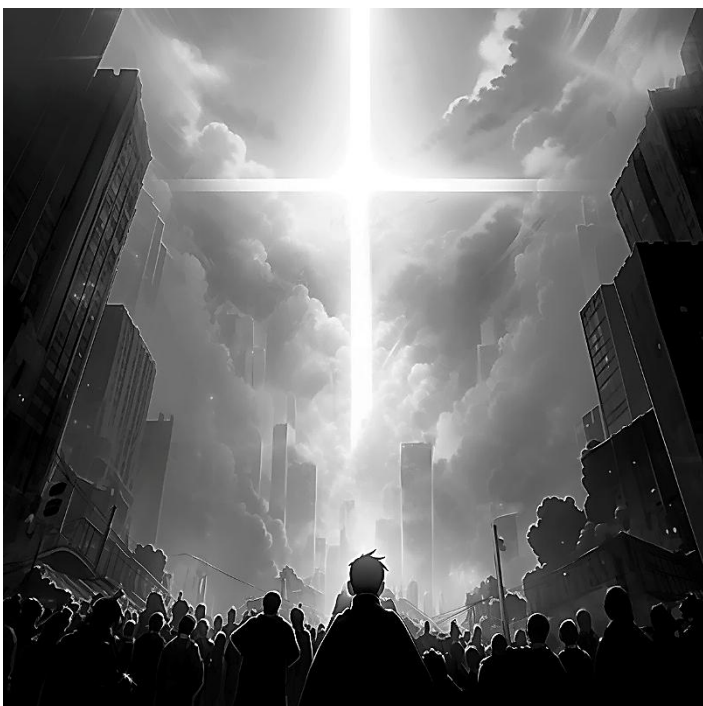
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.