



*We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 24 -12 - 23

*This week : 2Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Next week : Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40*

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. We ask you to send your blessings on this community who gather around this wreath. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

The fourth candle is lit.

Celebrant: Come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love.

All: Teach us to walk in the path of wisdom.

Celebrant: Come, flower of Jesse, sign of God's love for all people.

All: Save us without delay.

Celebrant: Come, Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice.

All: Shine on those who walk in the valley of darkness.

Celebrant: Come, Emmanuel, God's presence among us.

All: Save us, Lord our God.

Celebrant: As we draw near to the end of this this Advent season may almighty God let the light of the Word made flesh shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Please join in singing the remaining verse of the hymn on page 2.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES



are available on the pews in both our churches.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plates along with the normal collections over the next few weeks.

Our Christmas Celebrations

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday 23rd December

5:30pm Vigil Killara & 6:00pm Vigil at Lindfield

Sunday 24th December

8:30am Lindfield; 9am Killara; 10:15am Lindfield



CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS:

Children's Vigil Masses:

Sunday 24th December:

5:30pm at Killara

6:00pm at Lindfield

Mass of Christmas Night:

Sunday 24th December

10:30pm at Lindfield

preceded by a Service of Carols at 10:00pm

Christmas morning:

Monday 25th December

8:00am at Lindfield

9:30am at Killara

10:15am at Lindfield

(no evening Mass on 25th December)



The sacraments for the children 2024

All the details (including dates) regarding our preparation programmes and the celebrations of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2024 can now be found on our website at:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au



'Sacraments'



'Children's Sacraments'

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

*We abstain from the joyful words
of the Gloria
during these days of Advent
as we prepare our hearts
and our community
to celebrate once again the birth
of the Lord Jesus*

THE PSALM

Ps 88 (j89): 2-5, 27, 29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

ENTRANCE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and deaths dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

The fourth candle is lit.

We join in singing one more verse of the hymn:

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of human kind.
Bid eve'ry sad division cease,
and be yourself our Prince of Peace. **Refrain**

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: BLESSING SONG

1. We bless you Lord for this gift of bread
Fruit of the earth work of human hands
By your word this gift is made
The bread of life given for all.
Bless'd be our God forever more.
2. We bless you Lord for the gift of wine
Fruit of the vine work of human hands
By your word this gift is made
The bread of life given for all. Bless'd be our God

3. We bless you Lord for all gifts of life
We work with them to make the world with you
By your word all things converge
All formed in Christ all made anew.
Bless'd be our God forever more. **Mark
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow at the following words in bold):
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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 1:38)

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his
will for me be done. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion: COME TO THE WATER

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Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!
2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **Frank Anderson © 1979, Chevalier Music.**

Recessional: TELL OUT MY SOUL

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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