

1ST December 2019  
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Monday to Friday 8-30am-3pm

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#### St Rose School

Principal - Josie Vescio - Phone: 9982 1467

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[lakesbulletinteam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:lakesbulletinteam@bbcatholic.org.au)

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

8th December

2 Sam 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20  
Lk 23:35-43



## HISTORY & SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH



The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season. Where did this tradition come from, of lighting four candles in an evergreen wreath to mark the weeks preceding Christmas? Like many of our Church traditions, the use of candles in the midst of late fall and winter was originally a pagan tradition. Rev. William Saunders, who wrote an article in the "Arlington Catholic Herald" on this topic, states that "pre-

Germanic peoples used wreaths with lit candles during the dark and cold December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended sunlight days of spring." In a similar vein, Scandinavians "lighted candles [that] were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn the 'wheel of the earth' back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth."

In the middle ages, the Germanic peoples began incorporating a lighted wreath into the Christian season of Advent. It didn't gain widespread popularity until the 1800s and it wasn't until the 1900s that German immigrants brought the tradition to America.

The Advent Wreath is very symbolic. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce *Gaudete* Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness (three candles lit vs. the one that remains unlit).

Various meanings have been assigned to the four candles. One interpretation has each candle representing 4000 years, the Biblical time between Adam and Eve and the coming of Christ. In another interpretation, the first candle represents the patriarchs, the second the prophets, the third reminds us of John the Baptist, and the fourth of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They have also been described as the prophets' candle, the Bethlehem Candle, the shepherds' candle, and the angels' candle.

A fifth white candle in the centre representing Christ can also be used. It is lit on Christmas Eve as a remembrance of Christ coming into the world. Sometimes, all the other candles of the wreath are removed and replaced with white candles on Christmas.

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at Church, it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. We are called to welcome the light of Christ into our lives.

By Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur



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CCD warmly invites all catechists to attend an

## Advent Spirituality Morning

Friday 6 December 9.30am-12pm  
St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills  
Morning Tea provided

Please join us for prayer, reflection, morning tea and friendship  
RSVP: Colleen Smith 8379 1642 or Sharon da Roza 8379 1638



### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

STOP SAYING "THE CHURCH DOES NOT LISTEN TO US SO WHY BOTHER".  
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.  
Join a LISTENING and DISCERNING group and BE HEARD.

Day Group : Will reconvene in the new year .  
Evening Groups:

Wednesdays - 7.15pm at St Joseph Church

Thursdays - 7.00pm In St Rose Church Foyer

It is not too late to join a group. Each session is a stand alone topic.

Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Link for more information: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



### Reminder Fr Bogdan Farewell BBQ

**DATE :** SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
**TIME:** 2.30pm.  
**PLACE :** THE LAKES PARISH HALL & GROUNDS at NARRABEEN



All Parishioners are invited to come along to say good bye and thank you to Fr. Bogdan for all that he has done at The Lakes Parish in a relaxed Aussie BBQ. All Welcome.



### Please Welcome

Fr Eliseus Shin to The Lakes Parish as our new Assistant Priest

### LAUNCH OF FILIPINO CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

You are all invited to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on 14th December, Saturday at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,

23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. This Mass will launch the Nine-Day Christmas Novena Masses to be held in Chatswood, Dee Why and Central Coast. Light supper will be served at the Light of Christ Centre. We also invite you to share your creative talents and join the Parol-Making Contest and Traditional Filipino Dessert-Making Competition. Details of these competitions are available at the back of the church. For any queries, please contact:

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### Why I am a catechist - Deacon David McKenzie



My dad was a catechist, teaching scripture to high school students for many years. This year I had some spare time so thought I should follow in dad's footsteps, albeit with primary school students.

I have the time, so it is not so much giving it up but using time better. I am a newby, so at the moment, I am trying to do it better. If the kids catch some of my love of Scripture that would be a good outcome.



A teaching highlight so far, was when the Year 2 kids answered questions which showed they have been listening and have a good grasp of the Scripture we have covered. I also feel a sense of joy when a student says hello to me in the school yard as I walk to class.

It can be a challenge when a child stares out the window as you are trying to engage the class in the lesson.

To prepare for the lesson I review the teacher's manual and the student work books. If the lesson is Scripturally based, I flag the reading in my Bible and think on who wrote it, when it was written, who it was written for and what it meant to them and what it means to us. I then think on how I can make that reading relevant to the kids.

My favourite topic to teach is anything to do with Bible readings. The students I teach have been baptised into the Catholic faith. SRE helps them understand what the Catholic faith is and what we are called to as disciples of Christ and how we are to live.

I would say to anyone considering joining the Catechist Ministry to "give it a go". The training is informative and helpful and without you a child may not come to learn about God, how God loves them and how they are to love God.



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## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Pauline Bedford, Margaret McNamara, Margaret Collins, Wendy Ochs, Tony Adrian, Berna Banister, Mandy Rossetti, Sharon Frazer, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Trish Townley, Irma Reid, Cath O'Connell, Chris Colman and Sharni Colman.



### Deceased - Fr Barry Nobbs - Funeral Details

A Vigil Mass will take place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood on Monday 2 December 2019 at 7.30pm.

Supper will follow at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St Felix de Valois Church, 550 Chapel Rd, Bankstown on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 11.00am. The cortege will then proceed to Rookwood Cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Anniversary** - Nicky Greco - 25th Anniversary of his death. May he rest in God's peace and love forever.



### Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

4pm Vigil Mass - War Vet's Chapel

5pm Family Mass – Church of St Rose

6pm Family Mass – Church of St Joseph

8pm Vigil Mass - Church of St Rose

Midnight Mass - Church of St Joseph

(Carols from 11.30pm)

### Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December

8am Church of St Rose

9.30am Church of St Joseph

(No Evening Mass)

**There is a 6pm Mass at Manly Parish**



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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



We would like to congratulate and welcome Sadie Neve Whittaker, Beau Reginald Whittaker, Kobe Kate Whittaker, Charles David Mclean, Harry James Patrick Hannan, James Brady Alagich, Matilda Jane Murray, Connor Luke Warhurst, Mary Joyce Whatman & Leo Hudson McKee on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

We ask the Holy Spirit to bless them and their family with a wonderful and lasting faith



The Conferences of St Rose and St Joseph launched their Christmas Appeal on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This year the Society has been stretched to the limits; with drought ravaging the rural sector of the State, and now we face the herculean task of tending to the victims of the savage fires that have cruelly taken human lives and property. In the Christmas Season this year we ask you to remember those whose forthcoming Christmas is going to be one of extreme hardship.

We thank you for the ongoing support you have given so willingly in the past, and may The Good Lord bless you and yours in the Holy Season and the forth coming New Year.

If you would like to go one step further and bolster the dwindling Conferences of this Parish by joining the Society, we would be pleased and proud to welcome you into the Vincentian International Family.

For any queries contact :-

St Rose Conference President: Rex Harding Phone 99440886  
St Joseph Conference: Tom Colman Phone 99705232

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards**  
**Pack of 10 for \$6.00**

**St Vincent de Paul**  
**Columban Calendar \$9.00**



**Parish Pastoral Council**

After a long wait some parishioners have come forward to form a Parish Pastoral Council. I will give more details soon.

Fr Robert



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## What's Happening at The Lakes

See parish calendar on website [www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-calendar](http://www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-calendar)

### BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY

#### ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH?

If you are new to The Lakes Parish, WELCOME. Please provide your details on the 'Parishioner Information Form' available in church foyers or go to:

<http://www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-registration>

Already registered? Please let us know if you:

- Have changed address.
- Welcomed a new child into the family.
- Would like to support our Parish and join our Planned Giving program.
- Plan to enrol your child in one of our Parish Schools.
- If you require a reference for high school.

Privacy laws requires the Parish Priest to have met with the family prior to completing the reference request. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

#### MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is in need of more ministers. We could do with many more Altar Servers and Acolytes. We are also in need of Ministers of Communion and Readers. Our ministries show us that we are called by our baptism to participate in the liturgical life of our parish. If you would like to become actively involved in our parish, please consider joining one of our ministries. You will be rostered on usually once per month. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on the various ministries you could be involved in. [parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au)

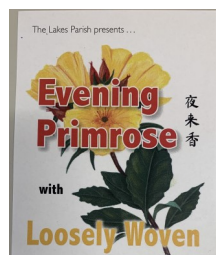


#### EVENING PRIMROSE

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#### LOOSELY WOVEN

Sunday 8th December 2pm  
The Lakes Parish Hall  
21 Lagoon Street Narrabeen.  
[www.looselywoven.org](http://www.looselywoven.org)



**LATEST ISSUE OF  
CATHOLIC WEEKLY  
AND BROKEN BAY NEWS  
AVAILABLE  
IN CHURCH FOYER**

### Liturgical Calendar (Subject to Change)

#### Next Week - Weekday Masses and Devotions

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 2-12-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Eliseus	7:30am
Tue, 3-12-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Eliseus	7:00pm
Wed, 4-12- 2019	Mass - St Rose - Yr K - Fr Eliseus	9:30am
Thu, 5-12-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	9:30am
Thurs, 5-12-2019	Mass—Peter Cosgrove House—Fr Eliseus	10:30am
Fri, 6-12-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:30am
Sat, 7-12-2019	Morning Prayer & Rosary - St Joseph	8:30am
Sat, 7-12-2019	Mass - Adoration, Penance - SJ - Fr Robert	9:30am

#### Next Week Other Events

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 2-12- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Mon, 2-12- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Mon, 2-12- 2019	Community Prayer Evening - SJ	7:30pm
Tue, 3-12-2019	CCD Training - LPH	7:00pm
Wed, 4-12- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Wed, 4-12- 2019	Listening & Discernment Group - SJ	7:15pm
Fri, 6-12- 2019	Men's Connect Group - H2O Café	9:00am
Fri, 6-12- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Sun, 8-12- 2019	Morning Tea - SRF	9:00am

#### Next Sunday Masses

Date	Title	Time
Sat, 7-12-2019	Vigil Mass - St Joseph - Fr Eliseus	5:30pm
Sun, 8-12-2019	Mass - St Rose - Fr Eliseus	8:00am
Sun, 8-12-2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Eliseus	9:30am
Sun, 8-12- 2019	Mass - War Vets - Fr Robert	11:00am
Sun, 8-12- 2019	Mass - Baptism - St Rose - Fr Robert	6:00pm

#### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM..."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13

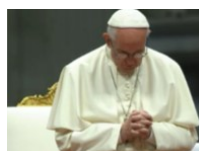


To report concerns or complaints please contact a member from the Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection team.

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<http://www.bbcatholic.org.au>



#### Pope Francis' Prayer.



#### Intention for December - *The Very Young*

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very especially those who suffer, a priority.



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