



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

First Sunday of Advent | Year A Cycle II | 30 November 2025



Prepare

Jesus compares the terror of the end times with that of the flood that destroyed the earth in Noah's time. Why should the coming of the Son of Man strike fear in us? Because if he is the Son of God, then he will break into our sinful world like a cleansing fire, a wild storm, or a violent revolution.

Since he is the Life, that life which is opposed to him has to give way. Since he is the Truth, then false claimants to truth must cede to him. And since he is the Way, then the false ways have to be abandoned. And all of this will hurt. The best way to prepare is to watch, pray, and renounce our sins.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society will once again be holding a Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 13/14 December. Please help them to support families who are struggling with the continuing cost-of-living crisis. Through your donations Vinnies will provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia, and our local area. Envelopes will be available on the pews and can be added to the regular collections.



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Enveloped in the Peace of God

We all long for peace on earth. Despite our best efforts, however, our communities are often marked by conflict and violence. This situation leads us to the humbling recognition that peace on earth is somehow beyond the unaided capabilities of human beings. We must acknowledge that peace is God's gift. We must work for peace, yes, but we must also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for peace in our homes and among our loved ones. Nations will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles only when they are willing to submit their disputes to the wise judgement of God.

Peace is the fruit of union with God. Like the tribes of Israel who went on pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem, we also need to make pilgrimage to God. We must journey away from self-centred preoccupations to God. Like the people Jesus mentions in today's Gospel, we can so easily get caught up in the affairs of life and forget God completely.

We must journey to God, but the wonderful message of Advent is that he journeys to us first. We marvel at the God who came to us as a babe at Bethlehem, who is among us now in word and sacrament and community, and who will come again in glory at the end of time. On that day the peace of God, which we experience partially now, will envelop us fully.

God's Word Fr Cielo Almazan OFM

Today Matters

There is a story about a clock that was very anxious about the future, its mind always looking forward. It ticked twice every second, 120 times a minute, 7,200 an hour, 172,800 a day, and 63,000,000 a year. That would be 630,000,000 ticks in ten years! At the thought, the clock collapsed due to nervous exhaustion. But when it came to its senses, the clock realised that it was silly to tick twice every second - once was enough. It only needed to act one at a time.

As the Church begins a new liturgical year with Advent, the word of God directs us to the importance of the "now" in contrast with the past and the future. Today matters, and we must see the value of redefining the past and defining the future by identifying ourselves with the present. We must live our days one day at a time.

In the Gospel, Jesus emphasises the significance of our "today," of our now. He compares his contemporaries with those who lived in Noah's days. Those who perished in the Great Flood wasted their today in petty and passing pleasures. They became careless with the things of God and failed to work for their salvation. Jesus does not want us to suffer the same fate. He calls us to watchfulness: "Stay awake!"

The summons to be watchful, to be "ready" or "prepared" (Hebrew, *hetoimoi*), is also a call to be alert, to be attentive - every second, every minute, one at a time - to God's will for us today. Besides being watchful, the apostle Paul urges us to "put on the armour of light" (v 12). It means that the grace we received in Baptism must bear fruit in our conscious life. This is the path towards the "days to come" that Isaiah prophesied in the First Reading. The prophet saw the coming of a new and peaceful order in the future, and this is only possible if we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (v 14) today.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, let us remember the significance of our today. Let us discern and be conscious of God's plan for us that we may not fail to respond to this plan today.

366 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Advent Reflection Mornings

Join Deacon Paul to reflect on the History, Mystery and Majesty of this sacred season. Come along to the Reynolds Room on Thursday mornings after 9:30am Mass for a cuppa and a chance to contemplate with joyful anticipation the Coming of Christ this Christmas.



Kids Club Christmas Party

Let's celebrate Jesus' Birthday! KidsClub is having a very special Christmas celebration. Join us for games, activities, craft, food and lots of fun! Saturday 13 December in the Reynolds Room from 3:00-4:45pm. Then come along afterwards to the Vigil Mass at 5pm. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.



Seaside Youth Group Christmas

Come along for our last gathering of the year and our first Christmas Party together! We will celebrate our new beginnings and Jesus' beginning, with fun, games and pizza! Saturday 13 December after the 5pm Vigil Mass and finishing at 7:30pm, in the Upper Room. All youth aged 10-17 invited – and friends! Enquiries to 4332 2216 or theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au



First Friday Christmas Cuppa

It's time for our Christmas Get-Together! We wish you a Merry Christmas, so join us for a very special Christmas Cuppa, some treats and a good ole chin-wag! Bring a plate to share. First Friday 5 December after the 11:45am Anointing Mass. All welcome!



Communion Under Both Kinds

Those wishing to receive the Chalice need to line up on the left-hand aisle for the Host then go to the left to receive the Chalice. As is the Church custom the minister will give you the Chalice to consume a small amount of the Precious Blood and then you will hand it back to the minister.

N.B. After the minister says 'The Body of Christ', or 'The Blood of Christ' we reply with: 'Amen'.

A reminder that the Church allows us to receive the Host either on the hand or on the tongue. If receiving on the hand, please place your hand well out in front of you for the minister to place the host upon. If receiving on the tongue, please open your mouth wide enough and place your tongue out so that the minister does not contaminate their hand with saliva.

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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

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



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Lowe and Lane-Aranibar families whose children are being Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Francis Xavier 3 December.

1st Friday Anointing Mass

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the 11:45am Mass on Friday 5 December.

1st Saturday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturday 6 December following 9am Mass for one hour, concluding with Benediction.

Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service for residents will be held at Killarney Court Killarney Vale Tuesday at 11am.

Bus to Mass on Sundays

If you know someone in our parish who would like a lift to 9:30am Mass on Sunday mornings, please let them know we have a parish bus available. Ring 4332 2216 during office hours to book.

A Charter of the Church Life of the Diocese of Broken Bay

Please find the Charter on our information tables. It is a "document to be discussed, discerned, implemented and reviewed under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Broken Bay in collaboration with the clergy, faithful and all members of the Diocese" – Bishop Anthony.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church Invitation

All are invited to a Christmas Service and Carols on Wednesday 3 December at 10am, with a guest speaker and morning tea to follow. RSVP to Fran Beek by 1 December on 0401 302 517.

Marriage Preparation Programme

Catholic Engaged Encounter offers a preparation weekend for couples contemplating marriage at St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills. See www.engagedencounter.org.au or call 0408 162 038.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Laura Tribbia, John Keating.

Anniversaries: Cath Melville.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke.

Families: Fletcher & Trussell.

Sick: Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Graham Heuneberry, Marlene Pennings, Eamon McRory, Donny Daniels, Julie Fletcher, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Teddy Williams, John Cox, Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Jonah & Eleanor Appleby, Georgie Lawrence, August Blake-Blundell, Adison & Eden Hughes.



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**Sacred
Gifts**

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Christmas Gifts are In!

Buy something really Christmassy this year!
We are open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. Also weekdays by appointment. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.