



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Vox Episcopi

The Voice of the Bishop

Click here to read Bishop Anthony's Message

My dear Parishioners,

With **Advent** we begin "Our journey to Bethlehem". The first reading puts this yearning into an image that "We have all withered like leaves blown by the sin wind." Isaiah proposes the dead leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives, but he also calls us to look for a better day.

"Jesus said ... 'Be on your guard, stay awake ... ' " (Mark 13:33) He wants us to focus on our task here and now, and while we wait, we can enjoy His gifts as He promised. Paul assured us of this promise in the second reading: "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."

We pray this Advent: Come, Lord Jesus visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen.

With prayerful wishes,
Fr Peter de Souza

Restored Monstrance

As an act of gratitude, might I ask all the donors and faithful to join in this celebration on **29 Nov 2020, OLOR Cathedral, 9:30 AM Mass**



Curious about Catholicism, or Christianity in general?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and practice, and why? Do you think you might like to become a Catholic?

Free information and discussion sessions start very soon. Come and see with no obligation. Contact

Peter (Parish Christian Initiation Team Leader)
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If you are a parishioner and would like to be a friend or become part of the RCIA team to help those on the journey, please also contact **Peter**.

First Reading [Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8](#)

May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4](#)

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

Second Reading [1 Cor 1:3-9](#)

The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation [Ps 84:8](#)

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

Gospel [Mk 13:33-37](#)

We know not the hour the Lord will come.



Advent The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

Advent Prayer

Leader : Lord, you are the light of the world.

All : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Leader : Heavenly Father, we long for our plan of rescue and redemption to be realized. Give us hearts that see Your beauty and wait in hope for You to make all things good and new again.

All : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Leader : May Your light and love shine brightly in our hearts, spreading hope and peace to those around us.

All : Amen.

Mass of Inclusion, where we recognise the ability and dignity of all on **6 December 2020, Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara 11:00 AM**



Message from the Fr Peter

“Our journey to Bethlehem” during this time also invites you to reflect as a “Community of faith” on our Parish Gifting Tree. This is an opportunity, for each of us to stop and focus on what best way we can gift of our persons, for our personal growth, and that of our community, in whatever capacity we are in.

Let us ask ourselves, how can we best use our time, our talents and our treasures to be of greater and richer use. We are invited to open our hearts in prayer, and our hands in an act of commitment, so that our journey stands enriched when we carry the incarnated Lord on our travels.

On behalf of the Clergy of the Parish, I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you in advance for considering this, and my prayer is for us to walk together in faith. Let us pray for the star of “Bethlehem” to guide us through.

Small Change to the Roman Missal

The new Liturgical Year will bring about a small but significant change in the Trinitarian ending to the Collect Prayers in the Roman Missal, where the word ‘one’ will no longer be used when identifying God. [The Bishop’s Commission for Liturgy has written a letter which explains this further.](#)

Please Pray while we decide

The Pastoral Missionary Council and our Liturgy Committee are discerning the best way they can to meet the demands of Christmas and the upcoming services.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur during this time. May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

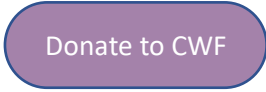
NOVEMBER MASSES

Our priests will be accepting offerings for November Masses to be said for the Intentions of the Faithful departed.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a Faithful loved one, please take *November Masses* envelope from the vestibule, fill in the details and place it on the plate during the offertory. **Please note that all Mass intentions offered will be prayed for at all Masses in November, however, the names will not be printed on the bulletin.**

Charitable Works Fund Nov 2020 Appeal - Thank YOU!

Your generosity supports the Charitable Mission of the Diocese, which is in turn ours, in this climate. **I thank you for your support, you make the Charitable works happen.**



Celebrating our Catechists

The past two weekends, were very special as we heard stories of a faith sharing journey. **I take this opportunity, once again, to thank our Catechists, for their persons and generosity, and I invite you to join me while I pray for them and their ministry in our public schools.** I also ask you to say a special one for those who are coming into the ministry for the first time so that they may be accompanied by our prayers too in their discerning.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. Shout-out to all those who donated cleaning products, your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.

My Gratitude to those who are returning back to various Ministries: Given the circumstance surrounding the COVID pandemic, thank you for making the effort. I trust the Lord will be with you to keep you safe through these unprecedented times.

As we welcome families and friends during Christmas, we request for urgent COVID marshals. Parishioners interested in helping as COVID Marshals for various Masses during Christmas and the weekends. Please contact the parish office and we will get back to you. Your help is a great gift to our community.

Yakhumndeni Orphans Appeal Christmas Stall Christmas Order List



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas cakes \$20 • Christmas loaves \$15 • Plum pudding med \$10 • Mini plum puddings \$5 • Christmas biscuits \$6 • Jams, chutneys, pickles \$6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky Road \$4 • Advent wreaths with candles \$20 • Christmas wreaths small \$15 • Christmas wreaths medium \$20 • Felt Christmas decorations \$3 (bird, star, tree, angel) |
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Call **Helen or Gerry Schyvens on 9487 1563** to place order.

Sacrament of Penance is available on request, **and also on Saturdays from 9:00 to 9.30am at the Cathedral.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843.**