



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Vox Populi

The Voice of the People

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Deacon Sam French's Message

First Reading

[Is 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8](#)

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

[2 Pt 3:8-14](#)

The Lord shows great patience.

Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 3:4. 6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 1:1-8](#)

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

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**

Parish Gifting Tree

“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.

My dear Parishioners,

While we continue to walk “Our journey to Bethlehem” we are reminded of the Ministry of John the Baptist. John taught the value of self-control and prayer. He urged his disciples to listen to the inner voice of God in their hearts. The high point of John’s short ministry was meeting with Jesus, as well as baptising Jesus.

Isaiah speaks of God as a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them to his breast, and gently leading the ewes who are due to give birth. This power is very tender, a life-force of faithful and enduring love, a love that gathers and nurtures and reassures. This is the God whom John the Baptist invites us to rediscover this Advent.

With these thoughts in mind, my prayer for each of you this Advent is, we seek a God who can give greater depth to all our encounters.

With prayerful wishes,

Fr Peter de Souza

Advent

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called the “Bethlehem’s Candle.” Micah had foretold the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.



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.

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

Bulletin Publication Please note our last bulletin for the Year will be on the **19/20 December 2020**. We will recommence publishing on **30/31 January 2021**.

Our Christmas Vigil and Day Masses

Please arrive 30 mins before Mass start.

Christmas Vigil: 24/12/2020

4.30 to 5.30 p.m. (School Mass)

6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

8.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Please note all the Vigil Masses will be held at the Our Lady of the Rosary, Cathedral Waitara.

11.45 p.m. Carols

12.00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

8.00 a.m. Our Lady Queen of Peace, Normanhurst

9.30 a.m. Our Lady of the Rosary, Cathedral, Waitara

Live streaming will take place at the Midnight Mass and 9.30 a.m. Mass

Christmas Break From 18 Dec to the 26 December there will be **only one Weekday Mass** at the **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 9.30 a.m.** while the Clergy look forward to their breaks during this time. **During the holiday break live-streaming will take place only on the weekends.**

Boxing Day 26-Dec-20 There will be **no morning Masses** at OLOR and QOP. Vigils Mass for the day will still be on following the usual time i.e., 5 p.m. at OLOR and 5:30 p.m. at QOP.

As Christmas approaches, we have an Urgent Request for COVID Marshals (minimum 10 marshals per Mass): Parishioners interested in helping as COVID Marshals for various Masses during Christmas and the weekends, please contact the Parish office, and we shall get back to you. Your help is a great gift to our community.

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.

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.



Anniversaries

30 Dec – Fr Biju begins his 24th year as a Priest, our prayerful journey for him in the coming year, and our gratitude for the gift of his Priesthood as he shares that gift with us in the Community and beyond. God's Special blessing.

New Appointment

Bishop Anthony has announced a number of clergy appointments, one of the most significant reconfigurations for the Diocese of Broken Bay in many years.

These announcements were made on the vigil of the feast of **St Francis Xavier**, the great founder and missionary who took the Good News of Jesus Christ to the far reaches of the world. He entrusts these changes to the care and intercession of St Francis Xavier, knowing they have been made with the same missionary impetus that characterised his life.

What this means for us here at the Cathedral

Fr Biju Mathew Koikkattil will be the Assistant Priest of the Parish of **Lower North Shore**, resident at Naremburn, effective **15 January 2021**.

And we welcome **Fr Manoj Manuel** comes to us from the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, India through the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes where he is currently Parish Priest at **Narromine, Trangie and Peak Hill**

Bishop Anthony is inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to join him in prayer at this time of significant transition.

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.



Bishop Anthony issued his first Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Broken Bay last Sunday, 29 November for the First Sunday of Advent. Please click the button below to read his Pastoral Letter.

Jesus Christ, our beginning and end

Position Vacant - Youth Minister, St Agatha's Catholic Parish, Pennant Hills (10 hours per week)

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