



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for December**

For Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week's Vox Populi comes from Dr. Joanne Wright. She is a practising Catholic in the Diocese of Broken Bay and a Psychiatrist. She recently spoke at a forum on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill hosted by 'Health Professionals Say No', a group of health professionals who opposed the introduction of physician assisted suicide and euthanasia.

(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)



First Reading
Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 125: R.v.3

Second Reading
Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation
Lk 3:4, 6

Gospel
Lk 3:1-6

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:
Mon to Sat 7:00 am

QOP Church:
Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45 am
Sat 7:30 am

Korean Mass
Tue, Thu 7:30 pm
Wed, Fri 10:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:
Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

QOP Church:
Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00 am

Filipino Mass 3:30 pm
(Every 2nd Sunday of each month)

Korean Mass
Sat 7:30 pm
Sun 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

**THANK YOU to those who stay after
Mass to clean the pews.**

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation
OLOR Cathedral Saturdays from 9 am to 9:30 am
Queen of Peace Church Saturdays 4:30pm-5:15 pm
Exposition every First Friday of the month from 10am- 10pm

Private Prayer Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer from 8am-8pm. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code, hand sanitise and to wear a face mask. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the chapel.**

Cenacle QOP Church Thursdays after 8.45am Mass
On hold from 9th Dec -6th Jan 2022, and will resume on the 13th Jan 2022.

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

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The Bethlehem Candle (2)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We ask you to bless this candle, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, and your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy and gladness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



REFLECTION BY Fr Roger Delmonte

Advent – a time to return

Many of us are already anticipating Christmas. We are waiting not just the opening of our state or interstate borders, the further easing of restrictions, the return to normal way of doing things, and the freedom to travel around and re-connect with family and friends. We are also waiting to return to Church after many months of doing online masses, to return to the Lord and encounter his presence more deeply in our lives.

Our first reading this Sunday speaks of the return of the Jewish exiles into their homeland, rejoicing that they were remembered by God. Similarly, we are happy to see ourselves and other people returning to Church. Yet whatever our reason maybe, it is still a moment of grace for us. Advent is indeed a time to make people feel welcome, especially those who have been away. It is a great season to start afresh, to return to a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another.

St. John the Baptist in our Gospel today also calls us to return to the Lord. He reminds us of our need for spiritual renewal in preparation for the commemoration of Christ's birth. To prepare the way for the Lord is to make straight the winding roads of our moral uncertainties and inconsistencies; to fill up the ravines of our past shortcomings and failings; and to level down the peaks of our pride and arrogance. Yes, we need to repent of our sins and prepare our hearts to receive the Gospel.

Dear friends, the call of advent exemplified by John the Baptist is also our call to real life and real truth. Let us pray for the grace to return to the Lord: to overcome sin and persevere every day so that whatever persecution and temptation may come our way, we will always be free, open, and ready to welcome Him not only at Christmas but in all the days of our life. Welcome back!!!

Fr Roger Delmonte

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCE REPORT is available from the back of the churches. Please help yourself.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING:

Tuesday 7/12/2021 at Queen of Peace Normanhurst at 8.45am

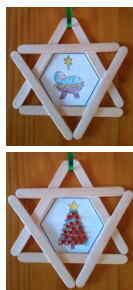
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacramental Program returns to our Parish. This weekend we welcome our six newest members to the Cathedral Parish as they receive the sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for:
Tomas, Mikyla, Nathan, Jacob, Jaeger and Zachary. Remember their parents in prayer as they commit themselves to teaching their children to love God and his people.
Marie Gately—Sacramental Coordinator

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS —St Vincent de Paul will be doing hampers again this year. If you would like to make a hamper please contact Shirley Kelynack, Regional President Hornsby 0401 041 443; 9476 4999 or Shirleymyra@optusnet.com.au We would like the hampers back by Wednesday 8th December Thank you.

KIDS Christmas Star Craft activity.

On our Parish facebook page, our e-bulletin and our Website we have a Kids Craft Activity on how to make Christmas Stars Decorations. If you have no access to this the instructions can be requested via email from the parish office.



YAKHUMNDENI CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Advent wreaths, Christmas cakes (incl gluten free), plum puddings, date loaves, biscuits, jams, rocky road etc. To order please contact Helen Schyvens on 9487 1563.

QUEEN OF PEACE VINNIES

This weekend (4 and 5 December), Vinnies Queen of Peace Conference is conducting the annual Christmas Appeal to help those in the local area needing some assistance. Usually, we have two appeals during the year, namely winter and Christmas. Unfortunately, due to lockdown, we did not have a winter appeal this year, so we are relying on the Christmas appeal to raise funds to assist those in need. Envelops are on the seat or can be collected from the table at the entrance of the church. Donations can be given in cash, cheque or credit card. Please return them after mass or next weekend. Any donation will be appreciated.
Thanks, Queen of Peace Vinnies.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently : Betty Borg (Fr Robert's mum) • Richard Thomson • Ofelia Morales • Theresa Rodrigo • Patricia Symmington • Sister Christopher Neal IBVM • Bishop Bill Wright • Jessie Formby

Anniversaries : Caterina Di Losa Randazzo • Mrs Bodh Singh • Nona & Louis Noach

We pray for the sick : Allan Ivers • Lisa Kaye Willatt • Pauline Carr • Martin Palisi • Lisa Hogarth

LAST BULLETIN FOR 2021 WILL BE ON 19 DECEMBER 2021

We will recommence publishing a bulletin from 30th January 2022 onwards.

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.

Our Journey into Advent. "Advent 1:23." At Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

In order to further support the implementation of this project, a Whatsapp group has been set up to send a message each day at 1:23pm to remind participants to pray. This service is available to everyone in the Diocese, and will commence on 28 November concluding 24 December. To receive these messages, please invite parishioners to join the Whatsapp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JgJNDFGGQFcBAy9fUfXvda>

Our Themes:

Wed 8 Dec 7-8pm - Community – Ecclesial (Church) gathering

Building together a culture of vocation for all the baptised. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1877)
30 mins – A united message reflecting the voice of the bishop at the service of his people. (Colossians 2:2-3)

Wed 15 Dec 7-8pm - Common good – justice and peace

30 mins – Authentic Catholic education for the flourishing of human and faith development. (Evangelii nunti, n. 22)
30 mins – Justice and mercy place the poor at the heart of the Church. (Matthew 25:40)

Those wishing to participate in the programme, please call in the parish office on 028379 1700, to book in.

Curious about Catholicism, or Christianity in general?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and practise, 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 on Mobile 0411389300 or via email rcia.hornsby@gmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to anyone who is joining us for the first time today, or has only begun to come to Mass here recently. It's great to have you. Please pick up a welcome pack from the back of the church. Thanks for building your spiritual home with us.



HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS?

Please let the parish know if you have changed your address, email or credit card details so we can update our data system. Thank you.