

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

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We urge every parishioner to be fully vaccinated, but we do not check people's vaccination status or exclude anyone. We must wear masks inside. We can use the QR Code coming in **or** leave our details on the foyer page. Inside we must allow 2 square metres for each, and in a pew: one and a half metres between non-related persons.. Please keep this distancing at all times even coming to Communion in single file. Communion will be brought to those outside. Vaccinated people with masks are allowed to sing, as is a small choir. We can have 160 people in the Church nave, 20 in the foyer as well as the people outside.

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (c)

**ADVENT**, which means '*coming*', is a season of preparation for all the ways Jesus will come to us: in life, at our death, and at the end of time. The preparation is a joyful time of prayer and reconciliation. **Firstly**, we prepare for his coming in the Mass celebrating his birth 'CHRISTMAS'

In the readings from Scripture in Advent *we look back beyond the first Christmas* to the longing in the Old Testament for the coming of the Messiah, Christ. This helps us to appreciate our privilege now in knowing Jesus, and in sharing his life, worship, and loving work.

In Advent Scriptures *we look ahead beyond Christmas this year* to the next coming of Jesus: at the death of each of us (when we come to him) or at the end of the world as we know it. Advent (an active time of expectation, preparation, reconciliation and waiting) becomes for us like a dress rehearsal for that next coming, whenever it may be.

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### MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY **5.30 P.M.** SUNDAY **8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.**

**FIRST COMMUNION.** Children of our Parish who attend any school are eligible, provided they already began receiving Reconciliation (Confession).

**ENROLMENT EVENINGS** for parents to enrol children in the reparation

**For all the fathers: next Sunday Dec. 5th at 6.45 p.m.** in Church.

**For all the mothers: Sunday week Dec. 12th at 6.45 p.m.** in Church.

Both of these meetings take place after the 5.30 p.m. Sunday Mass concludes. These meetings are definitely not for the children but for adults.

Parents who are not Catholic are very welcome but not obliged to come.

If your child received Reconciliation here earlier this year, there is no need to bring Baptism & Reconciliation certificates of, but otherwise there is.

**RECONCILIATION** (*Confession & Forgiveness*). Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Room Saturdays 4 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30 to 6.55 p.m.

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS** next Saturday. See Electoral Commission hyperlink: <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Local-government-elections/Local-Government-Elections-2021/Candidates/Liverpool/Mayoral>

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** MONDAY (*no Mass*) TUESDAY (*St. Andrew*) **7 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY (*Advent Mass*) **9 a.m.** THURSDAY (*Advent Mass*) **7 p.m.**

FRIDAY (*St. Francis Xavier*) **9 a.m.** FRIDAY (*Nazarene Mass*) **7 p.m.**

**COLLECTIONS.** The **first** supports all the priests active in Sydney Parishes.

The **second Mass collection** supports our Good Shepherd Church and Parish.

For the second collection we can give **cash** either on the plate or through a new **Tap & Go terminal** in the foyer. With this device you enter the amount you wish to donate, then tap your debit/credit card. Then you select whether or not you want a receipt. If you do choose one, it will be printed. **Cash given** on the collection plate or through the Tap & Go does not attract any tax-deductibility.

For the second collection we could give using **Parish envelopes** marked for each Sunday. They help us remember to give consistently and the Parish to have a consistent income. Please contact the Parish Office for a set of these envelopes.

For the second collection we could arrange a **direct deposit** into the Church account. Please contact the Parish Office for the account details.

Monthly **direct debit** donations are a very good option some have chosen: once a month the credit/debit card will be debited a set amount decided by you. Please contact the Parish Office so a direct debit form can be emailed to you.

**Parish envelopes, direct deposit, direct debit** attract 30% tax-deductibility.