

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE FOUR MASSES EACH WEEKEND FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

THE ADVENT SEASON is a time of preparation for Christmas BUT in the Scriptures in Advent **we look ahead beyond Christmas this year** to the next coming of Jesus: either at our death (when we come to him) or at the end of the world as we know it. Advent (as an active season of expectation, preparation and waiting) becomes for us all a dress rehearsal for whenever is that next coming of Jesus

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



WEEKDAY MASSES AND SAINT'S DAY THIS FIRST ADVENT WEEK

MONDAY 8 a.m. TUESDAY 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY (St. Andrew) 9 a.m. THURSDAY 7 p.m. FRIDAY 9 a.m. AND FRIDAY (Filipino Nazarene Mass) 7 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession and forgiveness). Our priest is in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.20 p.m. to 6.50 p.m. and on Saturdays 4 to 5 p.m. **At other times** by appointment (98258154).

WORKING BEE NEXT SAT. DEC. 3rd from 8 a.m. for a couple of hours weeding & tidying up our grounds. Gear like hoes, spades, gloves etc.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNGSTERS' RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2023

There are **changes** because Cathedral Confirmations are much earlier.

- 1. FIRST RECEIVING OF RECONCILIATION IN 2023**
- 2. FIRST RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION IN 2023**
- 3. RECEIVING OF CONFIRMATION 2023**

THERE ARE **NEW** PAGES UNDER OUR NOTICEBOARD WITH ALL THE DETAILS OF ENROLMENT, PREPARATIONS, AND CELEBRATIONS.

ADVENT FRIENDSHIP DAY FOR ALL KIDS IN THE PARISH. It's more fun if we're together! Kids aged 5-12 are invited to a time of discovering our Faith through friendship, games, songs, stories & prayers. Please join us on Sunday 11 Dec., 11:AM-12:30 PM. Refreshments provided plus gifts and prizes for kids. Registration sheet is available at the church foyer. Organised by our Catechists & helpers. Others welcome to assist. (WWCC may be needed) Please contact our Parish Secretary Tracey 98258154 or Cynthia, our Catechist Coordinator on 0431640922

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS MASSES

WE NEED

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th) 5.30 p.m. Altar Servers
CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th) 7.30 p.m. screen operators
CHRISTMAS (Midnight Mass) 12 Midnight collectors
CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25th) 8 a.m. ushers
CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25th) 10 a.m. Offertory
No Mass here Christmas Night (Sunday see foyer roster)

. ROSTER FOR THE NEXT LORD'S DAY

Dec. 3/4	Sat. 5.30 p.m.	Sun. 8 a.m.	Sun. 10 a.m.	Sun. 5.30 p.m.
Commentator Reader	Angela Agius TJ Bruce	Marc Ghignone Cosette Noujaim	Gloria Rivera Craig Pinnell	Beverly Fraser Julee Shijo
Communion Ministers	Marque Kane Noel O'Donnell	Abella Bernabe Susan Ives	Sharon Ama Angela Jong	Zelinda Murphy Andrew Fraser
Servers	K. Villaverde Jasmin Kamal Nathaniel Beshai	Michael Bernabe	S. Riviera-Flower Jerome Ama	Anthony Raheem Jessica Samaan

MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE (This will appear regularly).

Child sexual abuse is a **crime**. The appropriate people to deal with crime are the **police**. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Or there is the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office 93905810 which has a legal obligation to report crimes to police. Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer MAJA PETKOVIC is also available through the Parish Office for support and guidance.