

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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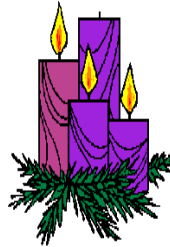
THE FOUR MASSES EACH WEEKEND FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

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 MASS THIS THIRD ADVENT WEEK. NO FURTHER WEEKDAY MASS UNTIL DEC. 19 MONDAY 8 a.m. as Brother Pat will be in hospital for surgery and then convalescing. **Carmelite priests from Varroville will celebrate the Lord's Day Masses this weekend.**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession and Forgiveness) When he returns our priest will be available each evening the week before Christmas; so Monday 19th to Friday 23rd **from 6.20 to 6.50 p.m.** **SATURDAYS** a priest available at Holy Spirit Carnes Hill 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. **SATURDAYS** priest is available at St. Francis Xavier Lurnea 4.00- 4.30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADUATING STUDENTS (YEAR 6) who will be prayed for in the Church and acknowledged in the Hall this Monday evening.

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 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 **this Sunday 11 Dec., 11:AM-12:30 PM.** Refreshments provided plus gifts and prizes for kids. Organised by our Catechists & helpers. Others welcome to assist. (WWCC needed)

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| GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS MASSES | WE NEED |
| CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24 th) 5.30 p.m. | see foyer roster |
| CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24 th) 7.30 p.m. | screen operators |
| CHRISTMAS (Midnight Mass) 12 Midnight | collectors |
| CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25 th) 8 a.m. | USHERS 5.30 / 7.30 |
| CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25 th) 10 a.m. | Offertory |
| No Mass here Christmas Night (Sunday) | Servers |

ROSTER FOR THE NEXT LORD'S DAY

| Dec. 17/18 | Sat. 5.30 p.m. | Sun. 8 a.m. | Sun. 10 a.m. | Sun. 5.30 p.m. |
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| Commentator Reader | TJ Bruce Angela Agius | Michael Bernabe Maria Gatto | Mario Lizada Catherine Pinnell | Mary Almeida Angel Albarico |
| Communion Ministers | Maria Doculara N. O'Donnell | Abella Bernabe Sally Espino | Edna Rodriguez Tonette Aguilar | Andrew Fraser Yohan Perrera |
| Servers | K. Villaverde Jasmin Kamal Nathaniel Beshai | Michael Bernabe | S. Riviera-Flower Jerome Ama Chiara Beretta | Anthony Raheem Emilio Petkovic 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.