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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B

**28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER,
2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100



1.5M

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 7PM

****As there will not be a barrier when speaking to the priest everyone must wear a mask.**

(There will be no Adoration or Mass on that evening)

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PARISH MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY EVENINGS OF 15TH & 22ND DECEMBER.

(Fr Chris will be assisting with reconciliation at another parish on 15th December)

Christmas Hampers



Vinnies Christmas food hampers will be delivered on the 12th December and we need help with certain items to include in the hampers. We are in need tin hams, custard, and puddings to add to the other foods provided by our local catholic schools. Baskets will be placed in the front foyer area up until the weekend of the 5th–6th December. Lists are also in the front foyer for any person who could assist with deliveries this year on 12th December.

Thank you for your continued support & encouragement.

Ministry Roster for Christmas

The lists for the ministry rosters for Christmas are now in the foyer. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the relevant list. Thank you!

We still need volunteers for the following:

8.30pm Mass: Acolyte, Data Operator & Musicians
Midnight Mass: Data Operator & Musicians
9.30am Mass: Reader, Data Operator

Confirmation Dates



All those children who received First Eucharist last year will be preparing for Confirmation this year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 8th December, Wednesday 9th December & Thursday 10th December.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARISH MASSES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish Community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

Parish Office Hours

If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

At this stage the office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am – 3.30pm.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.



PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent

29th November, 2020

First Reading

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your
ways and harden our hearts against
fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down – at your Pres-
ence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any
god but you act like this for those who
trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that
integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our
sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused
himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave
us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we
the clay, you the potter, we are all the
work of your hand.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us
see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine
forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord,
come to our help. *(R.)*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine
your right hand has planted. *(R.)*

May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, the man you have given your
strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Je-
sus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially in
your teachers and preachers; the wit-
ness to Christ has indeed been strong
among you so that you will not be with-
out any of the gifts of the Spirit while
you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ
to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last
day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined
you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is
faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel accord-
ing to Mark

*Stay awake! You never know when the
Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in
charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Living the Gospel – Stay Awake!

By the time the Church begins to cele-
brate Advent as a period of preparation
towards Christmas, the stores have
been filling with Christmas parapherna-
lia for weeks. It starts out small with a
few decorations and wrapping paper
and eventually takes over every retail
outlet. In the midst of this excess of
Christmas consumerism, it is often diffi-
cult to draw attention to the season of
Advent and the need to prepare spiritu-
ally for the celebration of Christmas. It
is important to stay awake, as we are cau-
tioned in this week's gospel. Awake to
what is happening around us in the
world and awake to what is happening
within us.



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Timely Living and the End of History

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

Gospel Focus – The Doorkeeper

The image of the doorkeeper from this week's gospel is an interesting one. It is not unusual to hear references to people being 'gatekeepers' today in relation to projects or groups working together. The role of the gatekeeper, or the doorkeeper, is to maintain a watching brief – to be alert to dangers or distractions and to ensure that everyone who is important to the process is invited to participate. Today's gospel reminds us that as believers we are to be the doorkeepers, or gatekeepers, of the Kingdom, watching for dangers and welcoming in all those who wish to enter.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * In what ways does our society need a call to 'Stay awake'?
- * How is it possible to challenge attitudes of complacency in society?
- * How can you demonstrate that faith is an important aspect of life?
- * How do you nurture your spirituality and faith?

Questions for Adults

- * What does the call to 'Stay awake!' mean for your life?
- * What appear to be the things that challenge the importance of religious belief in society today?
- * How do you nurture your spirituality and faith?
- * During this time of Advent, how can you encourage others to properly prepare for Christmas?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * What are some things you look forward to?
- * How do you get ready to prepare for them?
- * Today we begin Advent – what are we preparing for in Advent?
- * Jesus asks us to watch out and be ready as we make our preparations to celebrate Christmas.
- * How can we make Advent a time of preparation this week?

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Watch out and be ready!

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Let's Get Ready

Complete these sentences

I get ready for church by

I get ready for school by

I get ready for bed by

I get ready for Christmas during Advent by

During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.



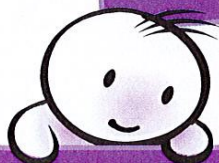
Christmas

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Jesus

prepare

season



arrival

Advent

is the when
we for the
of at

Parramatta Diocesan News

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Position Vacant

Sacramental Coordinator: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. **Applications close Thursday 10th December.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Catholic Outlook Magazine

Summer 2020/21 Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early December. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

2021 Vacation Care places still available

There are still places available for January Vacation Care in 15 Catholic Out of Hours School Care centres throughout the Diocese. You may be entitled to up to 85% rebate. Lots of fun activities planned! Bookings close 7th December. Details <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/vacationcare>.

Young Adult Faith Formation

Sunday 6th December at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm.

Seminarian Andrew Rooney will speak and lead discussion on virtue ethics, particularly the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Seeking New Enrolments for English and Citizenship Classes

Commencing on Tuesday 9th February 2021, located at Mamre House, CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. This is a program which supports Refugee Families. English classes run Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 2pm. Citizenship classes run Thursday 10am to 12pm. Free childcare is available for children aged 0 to 5 years of age. If you are interested in enrolling in English or Citizenship Classes and require childcare for your child/children at Mamre Crèche, please contact the Crèche Co-ordinator, Iolanda Martino on 8843-2506 or 0430 736 646 or Email Iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways



Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session:

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on

Saturday 12th December from 10am to 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown.

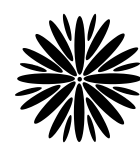
Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

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Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2020/2021



As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email info@schoenstatt.org.au or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au


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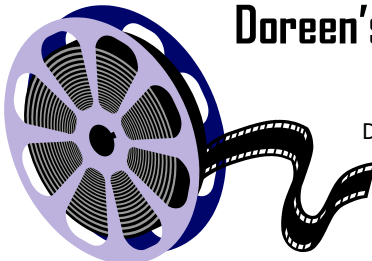
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Solutions

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B



Christmas

Rearrange the following words
to complete the sentence below

Jesus

prepare



season

Christmas is the **season** when



arrival

we **prepare** for the **arrival**

Advent

of **Jesus** at **Christmas**.