

Sunday 28th November 2021



Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year B

## First Sunday of Advent Year C

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

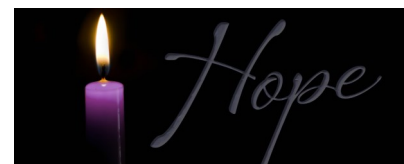
In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

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**HAVE YOU thought?**

**Waiting, waiting, waiting ...**  
*I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.*

**Let us pray**

**Baptism:**

*Orlando Velluto, Sylvie McCormick, Eva Jahja*

**Sick:**

*Mary Healy, Jill Griffiths*

**Anniversary:**

*Franco Liburti, Joan Stewart*

*Mary Therese Rogers*

*Keith Rogers*

*Christina Hayes*



Please refer to the following Archdiocesan guidelines and resources for the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>



**DECEMBER: Month of the Immaculate Conception**

- Monday: Nov 29th Blessed Denis & Redemptus, martyrs of our Order
- Tuesday: Nov 30th St Andrew, apostle
- Wednesday: 1st St Edmund Campion & Companions, martyrs
- Thursday: 2nd St Bibiana
- Friday: 3rd St Francis Xavier
- Saturday: 4th St St John Damascene



**Religious Discrimination Bill Update:**

Archbishop Comensoli said the draft bill is a significant improvement on the second exposure draft.

‘It had been our hope that the bill would go further in protecting religious freedom,’ he said.

‘However, we think that this more limited bill will still be an important recognition of the rights of people with a religious faith to express religious beliefs and engage in religious activities.’

Archbishop Comensoli also backed the provisions in the bill that protect the ability of religious organisations to hire people who share their faith and values.

We want the freedom to hire people for the sake of our mission, just like other non-faith-based organisations,’ he said © melbourne catholic.org

Parish Roster 1st week 5.12.21	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lectors	John Reddie	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Special Ministers	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Data Projector	Cristiano	Dials	Teresa Meyer
Covid Marshall	Clare Sabatino Carmel Cristiano	Leo Mary Callea	Teresa Meyer Angela Hogarth



*Come along to our pre Christmas Healing Mass.*

*Followed by lunch in the Marion room.*

*When: Tuesday, 14th December, 11am*

Contact:

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Wishing all the children from our Parish Sacramental program and St Finbar’s Year 6’s a life blessed with faith and love as they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next two weeks.



**Christmas Giving Tree for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.** Most of the tags have been taken ... and the hampers are starting to come in. Thank you!

Please bring your hampers in **by next weekend.** We will deliver them to BASP about **Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** ... which allows the Brigidines’ volunteers to distribute them before the end-of-year rush.

Your gifts are very much appreciated ... messages of thanks from previous years ...

*Thank you so much for kids gifts and food. Love you. God Bless you."*

*Thank you to help you ...! and my child love you .... Merry Christmas and happy new year*

*What a beacon of hope and love through action! So very blessed by your kindness, support and generosity.*

Thank you! To help on delivery day ... call Philip 0423 109-506



**NATIVITIES IN THE MARION**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR NATIVITY SET WITH THE PARISH, PLEASE BRING IT ALONG TO THE MARION ROOM FOR FR IAN TO SET UP.**

**THANK YOU, FR IAN RANSON**



**SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

*St Finbar’s Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*