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Holy Name Catholic Parish

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28 November — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Fr Paul

This coming week we end the month of November, a time when we have a specially remembered our loved ones who have gone before us in faith and the souls in Purgatory.

We recall the words from the book of Maccabees:

“it is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.” We remember the famous words of St Monica, the mother of St Augustine: “lay this body anywhere and be not concerned about it; all I ask is that you remember me at the altar of my God.” *Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

This Sunday, we begin the four-week Season of Advent. Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ. We live between two comings of Christ – His first coming in humility at Bethlehem, and His second coming in majesty and power at the end of time.

On the one hand, the Advent liturgies in a sense take us back to Old Testament times to the promises God made to the prophets and people of Israel that the Messiah would be born to them from the house of David and his reign and sovereignty would last forever.

On the other hand, the Advent liturgies prepare us for the second coming of Christ in glory.

Let us enter into Advent, a time of preparation, waiting and expectation.

What shall I do to prepare for the coming of Christ anew this Christmas?

Be assured of my continued prayers and good wishes, *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the key symbols in the Church’s Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas.

Today, we bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause and pray together with a longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

We pray together:

*God of grace and promise,
At the beginning of the Advent season,
We gather as a community to prepare for the
coming of Jesus.*

*We ask you now to bless our Advent Wreath and
all who gather round it.*

*May it remind us of the first coming of
Jesus in the Incarnation, of His continued
coming in our hearts and our world today,
and of His future coming in glory.*

*The wreath is now blessed with
Holy Water.*

Priest: *May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning or end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God’s never ending love for us.*

All: *Come Lord Jesus.*

Priest: *As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.*

All: *Come Lord Jesus.*

Priest : *May we find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.*

All: *Come Lord Jesus.*

The first candle is lit.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	29 November	No Mass			Monday of 1st week of Advent
Tuesday	30 November	Mass	9.15am		St Andrew, apostle
Wednesday	1 December	Mass	9.15am		Wednesday of 1st week of Advent
Thursday	2 December	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of 1st week of Advent
Friday	3 December	Mass	9.15am		St Francis Xavier, priest
Saturday	4 December	Mass	5.00pm		Saturday of 1st week of Advent
Sunday	5 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November), John O'Brien (died 15 October, aged 89, father of Dominic, Michael, Sean, Simone, Patrick and Mark), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, died 15 October aged 92), Geoffrey Bolt (son of friend of Leila McCreton), Paul Joseph Santamaria (father of Tom, died 10 October aged 59 years), Kere Molesworth (nee Ockwell; mother of Richard, Pru and Alex, died 21 September), Bruno Schicht (husband of Mavis, father of Nick and Karin, died 20 September), Don Matheson (brother in law of John Clark, died in Melbourne, 17 September), Susana Velasco (friend of Rose Raward, died in the Philippines), Lyn Smith (mother of Mandy York, died in South Africa), Fr James Duck (died 9 September), Eduardo Gregory (son of Remi and Terry), Edward Brown, Giovanni (John) Papandrea (husband of Catarina (Nancy), father of Maria and Tonella, died 1 September aged 81yrs).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Shortis (4th anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (4th anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother-in-law of John Kassis, 16th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 3rd anniversary 30 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 6th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 4th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 54th anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 3rd anniversary 10 November), Caesar Bruno (father of Terri Vernier, 3rd anniversary on 18 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 7th anniversary on 19 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 4th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 10th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 3rd anniversary on 21 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 8th anniversary 23rd October), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 12th anniversary on 25 October), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 36th anniversary on the 9 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 12th Anniversary on 9 October).

FOR THE SICK:

John Clark, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzozowski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Halina Brzozowski, Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacom, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



This week, we remember two very special parishioners we lost in 2017.



**Marie Shortis (left) - 4th anniversary - 27 November;
Frances Sim (right) - 4th anniversary - 30 November.**



These were ladies who had dedicated their years to the life of our parish community. They represented the soul of our family of faith and were two of our most loved and loving members of our parish family.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday?

First Reading (Jerimiah 33:14-16). The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2). St Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other, and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ.

Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). In language borrowed from the Old Testament, St Luke describes the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for it with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

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The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus*, means the "coming" or "arrival." The Advent Season of four weeks is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah, the Christ.

Our Liturgy and prayer not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas, his first coming, but also for his eventual second coming.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes Advent this way:

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom (ie John the Baptist), the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (CCC, 524).

The spirit of Advent is one of preparation, expectation and waiting. The Gospel today concerns The Lord's coming at the end of time. Jesus says: "The Son of Man will come with power and great glory... Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

The Lord says to each of us: "Do not let your heart grow drowsy!" How shall I stay awake and prepare for the Lord this Advent?



Reflection for the first week of Advent

"In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.

The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes (Gal 4:4).

Today's Gospel invites us to stay on guard as we await the final coming of Christ. "Look around you!", Jesus says. "You do not know when the master of the house is coming" (Mk 13:35)." Pope Benedict XVI



Preparing for Advent in our Parish



***You are invited to attend an Advent Group
Commencing Wednesday, 1st December***

There will be three different times offered:

- 1. Wednesday morning 10:00am—immediately after the weekday Mass)***
- 2. Thursday evening—6:30pm to 7:30pm***
- 3. Saturday morning—10:30am—11:30am***

Each group will meet three times in the Sunroom.

Please print your name (and phone number) on the sign on sheets on the notice board in the Church.

We encourage you to consider this as a way of preparing for Christmas and meeting with other parishioners for a time of sharing and prayer.

It will be very user-friendly and inviting!

Spirit of St Lucy's - Celebrating the Baptism of Ava

During the week we celebrated a really special day for one of our students who was baptised by Fr Paul at Holy Name Church... and that special person was Ava from Sapphire Class! You will see from the photos included just how joyful a celebration this was... not just for Ava, but for everyone who was there - in particular all her family as well as her friends and teachers in the Sapphire Class! Congratulations Ava!!! Thanks for allowing us to share in this memorable day!



What will I do to prepare for Advent?

Preparing for Advent

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One great option is to take up praying one or more "hours" of the Divine Office – the official prayer of the Church.

If you would like to join in praying this universal prayer of the Church this Advent Season, you can do so by downloading the *Universalis* mobile app by clicking here for either [iPhone](#) or [Android](#). For more information and instructions, go to: <https://universalis.com/index.htm>

If you would like more information about the app 'Universalis', please speak to Fr Sam or Fr Paul.

What have you decided to do as a way of preparing for Christmas during this Advent season?

For example: an extra Mass, the Divine Office (see above), an Advent Group, an Advent Prayer, the sacrament of Reconciliation, the Rosary, a particular devotion, Christian Meditation, Lectio Divina (sacred reading), the Jesus Prayer, reaching out to a family member or neighbour, giving to a Charity,



Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donation helps the following five charities:

- ◆ **Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners**- Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital.
- ◆ **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** - Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.
- ◆ **St Edmund's College** - Serving year 7-12 students with disability.
- ◆ **St Lucy's School** - Serving year K-12 students with disability.
- ◆ **Ephpheta Centre** - Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.

Donations over \$2 are 100% Tax Deductible.

If we do not reach our allocated quota, the shortfall must be paid from Parish funds.

Please donate if you can.



Congratulations to our Graduating Students at St Edmund's and St Lucy's Schools

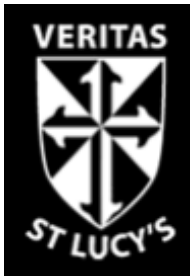


Best wishes from our Holy Name Parish Community to the senior students of **St Edmund's College** as they celebrate their Graduation Mass and Presentation in Holy Name Church this week. Their Graduation Mass will commence at 6.00pm this Thursday, 2nd December, followed by their Presentation, in Holy Name Church.

Best wishes from our Holy Name Parish Community to the senior students of **St Lucy's School** as they celebrate their Graduation Mass in Holy Name Church this week. Their Graduation Mass will commence at 10.30am this Friday, 3rd December, in Holy Name Church.

Best wishes also to all the **HSC students** in our Parish who will all be finished their exams in the next week.

You are all in our prayers.



November Memorial Photographs:

Please collect the photographs of your loved ones which have been displayed on the altar for the month of November. The remaining photographs will be placed on the table at the rear of the Church for collection during the week. Thank you.

Come As You Are Group



Our 'Come As You Are' Reflection and Discussion Group has recommenced their meetings on Thursdays from 10:00am following Morning Mass. The group gathers in the Parish Sunroom. Everyone is welcome to join.

For further enquiries or any questions, contact Patrick Kirkwood or Annette Stuart-Robertson 0439 649 906

Preparing for Christmas this Advent: A Retreat in Daily Life

Do you thirst for Spiritual Conversation?

All are welcome to join us in experiencing and praying

The First Spiritual Exercises (FSE) during a Retreat in daily life.

Over five Wednesday evenings in November (from Nov 10th to Dec 8th) we will guide you through this gentle retreat, which offers participants the deeper graces of tender love, hope, faith and inner peace with the Lord.



The First Spiritual Exercises are a series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking a more intimate relationship with our Creator and a deep inner peace.

Participants are guided by Givers of the First Spiritual Exercises through a contemplative prayer each Wednesday (and then will continue at home during the week with prepared prayer exercises).

Throughout the Retreat you will be invited to pray, be silent, journal in your listening book, and then gather to listen and share your experiences with sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Our facilitators, Karen and Cheryl, are Givers of the FSE completing their training and will be mentored and supported by their FSE trainers Anita Davine and Annmaree Sutton, members of the FSE national training team.

When: Starts **Wednesday 10th November** Time: 7.30pm via Zoom

Bookings are essential, numbers limited. Please contact Karen on 0433 570 184 or Karen.e.wong@gmail.com to book and receive zoom details (or Jackie at the Holy Name parish office)

Saints we remember this week

St. Andrew - Feast Day 30 November



St Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was born in the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist, Andrew then became the first of Jesus' disciples (John 1:35-40). His name regularly appears in the Gospels. It was he who first introduced his brother Simon (later Peter, the Rock) to Jesus (John 1:41-42).

He was, in a real sense, the first home missionary, as well as the first foreign missionary (John 12:20-22). Tradition says Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople and later removed to the Cathedral of Amalfi in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland. St. Andrew's Day determined the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day.

St Francis Xavier - (1506 - 52) Feast Day 3 December

The Jesuit priest Francis Xavier was a Spanish missionary priest who spent 11 years preaching and teaching in India and Japan. He became known as the Apostle of the Indies and was eventually canonised as a saint of the Catholic church.

Francis Xavier was born on April 7, 1506, in the Spanish kingdom of Navarre. He was the youngest son of a noble family. As a boy, he was first taught by his father's chaplain, and later he entered the University of Paris. In 1530 he earned the title of Magister - similar to a modern Doctor of Philosophy degree.

At about this time Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius often quoted to him Jesus' saying, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The words inspired Xavier.

In 1534 he joined Ignatius and others in forming the small group that Pope Paul III sanctioned in 1540 as the Society of Jesus, better known as Jesuits. They were a significant force in the Counter-Reformation.

Francis Xavier became a priest in 1537. He studied medicine, cared for the sick in hospitals, and preached wherever people would listen. In 1541 he began his missionary life abroad.

He was sent to preach in India. He landed at Goa on the west coast of the subcontinent and preached there for several months, baptising tens of thousands of people. Then he began a series of journeys that carried him across all of India, the islands along the coast, Malacca and Spice Islands, far to the east. Finally he went to Japan, where he stayed for more than two years.

Xavier then made plans to go to China, but he fell ill with fever on the way. He died on December 3, 1552, on the island of Sancian near Canton. He was canonised in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV as St. Francis Xavier.



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible by emailing: Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests.

It is very much appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au