



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent

Year C Cycle I

1 December 2024



## Our Hope is Anchored in the Lord

Nobody said that living through turbulent times would be easy for anyone. Even when our lives seem far removed from those who are more directly affected by current strife. We should not underestimate the power of our shared humanity, nor do we need to feel survivor's guilt when we are shaken by events happening to other people, in other parts of the world. The "day of the Lord" can be seen as any moment when God's glorious presence is revealed in the midst of calamity.

None of this is to suggest that we should be passive or complacent in the face of turbulence. Turning back to our reading from Luke, note how Jesus' words of instruction are very active. Far from fainting, we are called to "stand up", "raise your heads", "be on guard", and to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man". If we are ready to see Jesus now, we will be ready to find strength on the day of calamity.

Through our faith and hope in the Lord, we find the trust to face any adversity, knowing that our redemption is drawing near. "My words", says Jesus, "will not pass away." In stormy times, our hope is anchored in the eternal promises of God.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is once again holding its annual Christmas Appeal this weekend. Please help them to support families who are struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis. Through your donations Vinnies will provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia.

Envelopes are available on the pews and can be added to the collections, or you may like to donate online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

Thank you for your kindness at this time.





### Feast Days this Week

**St Francis Xavier**  
3 December  
**St Ambrose**  
7 December

## Catechist Corner

**O**n Saturday, 16 November, our Catechists attended the annual CCD Diocesan Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara. During the event, three of our current Catechists received Service Awards presented by the Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, in recognition of their years of teaching Special Religious Education to Catholic children in our public schools. Mary Evans was honoured with a 25-year award, while Johanna Hall and Deacon Rosan both received 15-year awards. This is an incredible achievement for all three of our wonderful Catechists.

At our 8am Mass last Sunday, we also acknowledged Desmond Ho, who was presented with two CCD Diplomas in Special Religious Education for completing CCD Level 1 and Level 3 Ministry courses. These courses reflect Desmond's commitment to the CCD Ministry.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of them for their outstanding contributions to this ministry.



### Nursing Home Mass

Mass and Anointing will be celebrated at Killarney Court Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.



### Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated Friday 6 December during 11:45am Mass for those over 65 or with serious or long-term illness.



### Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (7 December) following 9am Mass for one hour, closing with Benediction.





## Advent Reflection Days

You are welcome to join Deacon Rosan for Advent Reflection Days on Wednesdays during Advent after 9am Mass, in the Reynolds Room. We will be using the reflection journal from the diocese "A Journey of Hope".

**Dates:** 4, 11 and 18 December **Time:** 9.30am **Where:** Reynolds Room

## First Friday of the Month Cuppa

On Friday 6 December after 11:45am Mass, we're excited to celebrate our monthly cuppa with a Christmas theme, and we warmly invite everyone to bring a plate to share. They may be dropped off at the parish hall before the Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones, before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season starts in earnest. We hope to see many of you there. And if you have a bit of extra time to help out with serving or cleaning up on the day, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to a festive gathering together.



## Congratulations Rory!

Last Sunday at the 8am Mass Rory Stacey was received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Pictured (left to right) are Deacon Paul, Rory, Fr Joshi, Peter Brunker (Rory's sponsor) and Fr Brian.

A very big welcome to you, Rory!



## Christmas Family Mass

The end of the year is closing in fast and before we know it Christmas will be on our doorstep so it's a good time to remind families of our Parish Christmas Mass times. Our Family Mass will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve and we invite children to participate in this Mass. Roles will include the re-enactment of the Gospel (no speaking parts), readers, offertory procession, Gospel procession and of course, we welcome children to dress up for the Mass as angels, shepherds, kings etc. More details will follow in the coming weeks but you may like to ask your children now if they would like to participate in the Mass. Rehearsals will be at 10am on Monday 23 December at the church, so mark it in your diary.

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

For Pilgrims of Hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**Welcome**  
to the Wilson & Yeo Families for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.

## Parish Morning Tea



The Pelican Blue Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 8 December in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!

## Christmas Eve



**Masses**  
**4:30pm** Carols  
**5pm** Children's Mass (dress up)  
**7pm** Vigil Mass  
**12am** Midnight Mass

## Christmas Day



**Masses**  
**8am** Mass  
**9:30am** Mass  
**11am** Mass at Reynolds Court  
**5pm** Maronite Mass

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

**Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 1st Sunday of Advent

**Jer 33:14-16**

**Thes 3:12-4:2**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Responsorial Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers

*There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Michael O'Toole (Assistant Priest here 1981-84), Jacqueline McCann, Carmen Bouchet, Rita Xerri, Alison Kennedy, Jonah Langley.

**Funerals:** The funerals of Rita Xerri and Alison Kennedy were held during the week. The funeral of Carmen Bouchet will be held next Thursday at 2pm. Please pray for Rita, Alison, Marie and their families.

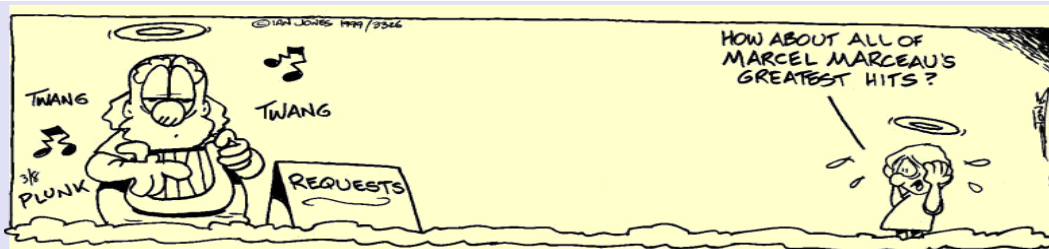
**Anniversaries:** Jim Eves (1st), Leo Lowe, Jill O'Sullivan, Ralph Jayesuria.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Frank & George Grech Carolyn Finch, Joe Bond

**Families:** Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon & Patterson, Hughes & McKay.

**Sick:** Charmaine Goodwin, Dino Gava, Margaret Ayres, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



## Gift Centre Christmas Sale!!

Great Nativities and gifts clearance sale on now!

Come along for a look!

The Gift Centre is open weekends before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays, and during the week upon request. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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