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First Sunday of Advent Year A 26th/27th November 2022

IN A NUTSHELL

Isaiah invites us to climb the mountain of the Lord so that we may walk in the ways of peace and justice.

This call to a change of life challenges us to let go of the things that hinder our response to God's love in our lives

Then we will be refreshed in spirit, and so be alert and ready to meet Christ when he comes, even unexpectedly.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God
The time has come, our salvation is near.
Stay awake, you must be ready

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Entrance antiphon: To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

Response to the psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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

Alleluia!



Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 20th December
7.30pm Communal Celebration of God's Love & Mercy
Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December 5pm (Family Mass) & 9.30pm
Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December 7am & 9.30am (no 6pm)

Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm November	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neill & Chelsea Albert
Sunday 7.00 am November	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson & Gerry Walker
Sunday 9.30am Sunday 6pm	Dominic Sullivan and Family Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros and other volunteers

Money Counters

November 27th: Group 3	December 4th: Group 4
December 11th: Group 2	December 18th: Group 4

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm November	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), John Betros, Radmila Lewis
Sunday 7.00 am November	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am November	Adele Cornale (Coordinator), Pila Ovelar
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Sacristy & Altar

Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller

Altar Flowers

Pilar Ovelar, Carol Miller & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall

(5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

Parish Walk and Talk on Monday 5th December Let's meet outside Barzura cafe opposite the coogee surf club. If weather is good we will walk a short distance 30-45 minutes and then have a coffee at either Barzura or a convenient cafe. Contact Linda 0475-333-844.

Sunday 27th November

Thank you to Chantal Frappier who is hosting our morning tea



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Denis Carty, James Heathorn, Brian Houghton, Whalya Ryoaz
Anniversaries	-
Deceased	Guillermo Zuniga, Lucy Santan, Betty Mcawall, Robert Keyes, Georgina Dubos Robinson Family, Desmond and Alice Ryan
Sick	Geoff Wall, Sean Mullin, Catherine Sharpley and June Ferguson

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm
Morning Tea	Thursday at 10am and Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass.
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, First Friday of every month.
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after</i> 9.30am Family Mass.
Marriages	Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562.

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you from the Social Justice Group: a big thank you to Coogee parish from us and from Caritas for both your interest and your generosity. We raised \$646 and St Brigid's school is also doing a fundraiser. Sister Ivy had researched thoroughly and told us of the massive ongoing needs of the people affected by floods in Pakistan. Our Christmas hamper raffle was won by Anthony Debeck, who was tickled pink.

Volunteers thank you morning Tea- 10am Tuesday 29th November . We look forward to seeing our parish volunteers as we appreciate all your contributions and ongoing support.

Tuesday 13th December - All parishioners are welcome to Christmas Lunch at the Coogee Legion Club at 12.30pm. Order your Christmas lunch at the bar. Please RSVP to Carol by Monday 5th December - 0438 536 189.

Sunday 11th December - Please note no 6pm Mass due to the Advent Carols.

Jewellery for victims of Domestic Violence

WOOLLOOMOOLOO, seems to be a gathering place for people on the margins of society-homeless people, couch dwellers, car dwellers and victims of domestic violence. There are many services offered for these people but one group that we support is the victims of domestic violence. We do this by supporting a lady who lives among the marginalized at Woolloomooloo. Amongst other things, she runs classes for women who have been abused. At the moment they are doing art classes, patchwork quilt classes and jewellery classes.

We try to support these women by providing clean-off cuts of materials and especially costume jewellery. Maybe you lost one earring or your jewellery has got tangled up or it is not trendy anymore; we want that jewellery. The women can sit around, tell their stories, debrief and sort out the jewellery pieces. Then they make them into big pieces e.g. butterflies. They will sell the finished products by setting up stalls at NADOC.

If you can donate any costume jewellery that you are not using please send it to me. Maybe you could also ask your friends to gather up what they are not using and send it along.

Please drop to St Brigid's parish office.

Know that you will be creating positive change in the Woolloomooloo area and making the world of these women so much better and God Bless You. Sister Fidelis McTeigue Saint Patrick's Church, The Rocks, Sydney

Upcoming Events

Friday 2 December	Coffee club in the parish hall 10am - 12pm
Sunday 4 December	St Brigid's Kindy 2023 Welcome Mass and morning tea.
Sunday 11 December	Advent Carols and Readings with Sydney Youth Orchestra 7.30pm Ticket is \$10 per person https://syo.com.au/adventcarols



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CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

PRESENTED BY **paynter dixon**

8-25 DECEMBER 2022

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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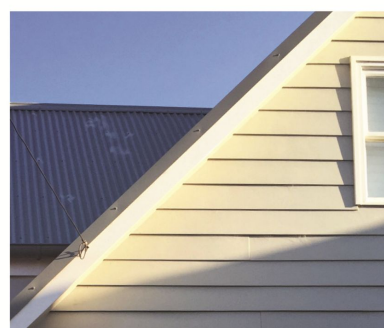
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sex Abuse is a crime.

The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**