

Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. - Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word. - Hail Mary..

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt amongst us. - Hail Mary

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Our Week with God

Monday 2 December 2024	Monday Advent Week 1
Tuesday 3 December 2024	Saint Francis Xavier
Wednesday 4 December 2024	Wednesday Advent Week 1
Thursday 5 December 2024	Thursday Advent Week 1
Friday 6 December 2024	Saint Nicolas
Saturday 7 December 2024	Saint Ambrose

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First Sunday of Advent

Year C

30 November & 1 December 2024

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

- (R) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R)
 2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)
 3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R)

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your

hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the
sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ
comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind
of life that you are meant to live: the life that God
wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already
living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we
gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the
sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, be-
wildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the
world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And
then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud
with power and great glory. When these things begin to
take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because
your liberation is near at hand.
'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened
with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life,
and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a
trap. For it will come down on every living man on the
face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for
the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and
to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.

Mass Times
Sunday 5:30pm (Sat)
 9am & 5pm
Weekdays
 Mon - Fri 5:30pm
 Mon & Wed 12noon
 Sat 9:30am St. Greg's

Confession Times
 Monday - Friday
 6pm
 Saturday St. Greg's
 10am

Parish Playgroup
 Every First and Third
 week at 10:30am on Wed
 St. Raphael's Church
 Felicity 0420 541 772

Parish Youth Group
 First Wed of every month
 5:30 - 8:00pm
 in the undercroft at
 St. Raphael's Church

Meditation
 Tue 7 pm &
 Wed 12:30pm
 Tony 0455 231 057 or
 Rose 0466 661 006
 St. Raphael's Church

Monday Men's Group
 Using SOAP- Scripture,
 Observe, Apply, and Pray.
 Monday 6:30 - 7:30pm
 Pat 0400 466 276
 Parish Meeting Room
 St. Greg's School,
 Macquoid St

**Formation in Faith
 (RCIA)**
 Every Tuesday 6:15pm
 Parish Meeting Room
 St. Greg's School,
 Macquoid St

Rosary
 Monday - Friday 5 pm
**Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament**
 Friday 11 am

Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Advent begins **Sunday 1 December 2024**. The word itself means, 'coming towards.' God is coming towards us in the Baby Jesus, accompanied by the love of Mary and Joseph of Nazareth. In order to prepare for the coming of the Lord, the parish has a gift for each family:

The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024.

It is a small gift, thanking you for your palpable faith and support of our wonderful parish. Make the most of it. A few Advent activities might help:

Monday – Friday 7.30am Morning Prayer in St. Raphael's.

Monday – Friday 6pm-7pm Holy Hour in St. Raphael's.

Bran Grgic, who is seminarian for our Archdiocese, will be here for a month and will help with these activities. In order to participate in Morning Prayer, download the Universalis App. It is a terrific resource.

The usual Liturgical events will also help us in our preparation:

Mass: Monday – Friday 5.30pm (Wednesday & Friday 12noon & Saturday 9.30am).

Confessions: Monday – Friday 6pm (Saturday 10am).

The numbers praying at Mass in our parish were **320** in **2022**. In **2024**, that number is now **610**. That is magnificent news for us. Please keep inviting your friends and family to Mass.

Father Josh is back. Three cheers to the Paraclete, and I will be away on some annual leave until **Friday 29 November 2024**.

Blessings, Father Tony

Prayers and Intercessions

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Priest: We pray to our Lord, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Reader: Lord Jesus, Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary:

R. Son of the most High, come to us, grant the Pope strength, enliven our Archbishop, renew our parish.

John the Baptist rejoiced to see your day:

R. Come, bring the world salvation, especially grant world leaders wisdom and courage.

Simeon acknowledged you, Light of the World:

R. Bring your light to all men and women of goodwill, especially the sick, the lonely, the unloved.

God our Father, Mary said yes to you in freedom and with faith:

R. We pray for all mothers who are with child at this holy time. Bless them, protect them and free them from any fear they may be experiencing.

Christ Jesus has promised us that he will come again in power and great glory:

R. We pray that he wake the dead to new life, especially, Teresa Forner, Jocelyn Buenaventura, Ms Gilli, Mick and Sue Turner, Bernard McInnes, Robert Thurling and Janice McKeown who died recently.

Hail Mary.....

Missionary Sisters of Charity (and their home country)

Sr. Marie Louise MC (Director) Kenya

Sr. Asunta Marie MC The Philippines

Sr. Theophile MC Kenya

Sr. Emma Maria MC Vietnam

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

Let us pray for the sick in our Parish:

Hugo Villa, Fred Spiteri, Lucy Aloe, Robin Crowe, Aurelia Sotomayor, Maia Torner, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmeida, Katie Casey, Antonio & Dhel Borja, Dennis Pountney

Baptisms:

Elias Alexander Kensey
 Fletcher Alan Dunkerley
 Ryder Johnson

Recently Deceased

Teresa Forner
 Jocelyn Buenaventura
 Ms Gilli
 Mick and Sue Turner
 Bernard McInnes
 Robert Thurling
 Janice McKeown

Anniversaries:

Victoria Holland
 Mary Blundell
 Orlando Pacione
 Margarita Ramos
 Paul Maher

St. Gregory's Charity Coin Collection 2024

Total

\$2560.64

(Currently collecting for Queanbeyan Respite Centre)
 Any foreign coins found in the collection plate are donated to UNICEF.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Thank you for your ongoing support of vinnies in our parish. Once again we have a Christmas giving tree in the church, there are gift tags for the age groups we need to help. Plus wrapping and gift cards needed.

Parish Charity Christmas Raffle

The prize this year is a lovely hamper of goodies ready for you to buy your tickets! \$1 a ticket, profits to Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary.

Parish Ministry

Thank you for serving in 2024. Rosters are being prepared for 2025. If you would like to participate please email Anne (annealexander1403@gmail.com)
 Christmas rosters are being drafted too. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

Extra Advent Books

These have arrived and are available in the church for you to pick up.

Found on Church Grounds

A blood glucose monitor. Pick up from the Parish Office

Women's Breakfast

Last date for 2024 is Sat 14 December at 0830 at Suppetto's Jerrabomberra. Sign the sheet at the back of the church for catering purposes.

Parish BBQ Friday 6 December after 12 noon Mass

All Welcome