



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish
Rydalmere

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Sunday, 10th December 2023

Our God is Coming!

The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God. Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

- Dr. Scott Hahn

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Sick

Bernice Williams
Mary Hanna
Raphael Jude Elias

Recently Deceased

Colin Greatrix, John Antoun,
Jelica Dzimdo, Gertrude
D'Souza, Louis Whebe

Anniversaries

Maria Martin, Ruth Rogan, Orazio
Coco, Joseph Kutajczyk, Anne
Nolan, Gerard Patrick Howard,
Desmond Howard

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Perpetual (24/7)
Wednesday 6:00pm -7:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
& 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 - 6:45pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: *79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel: *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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Christmas Appeal 2023



Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity in donating **\$4,960.20** to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023. The funds will support **84 households** in the local area.

- Rydalmere Conference



Second Advent Candle *Peace*

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **Peace**. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the “**Bethlehem Candle**,” the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace

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Parish Christmas Choir

Practice for Christmas Eve Mass will continue on Monday 11th December 7:30pm. New Members Welcome.



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Christmas Mass Times



24th Dec

*4th Sunday of Advent
Vigil of the Solemnity*

8am Sunday Mass
10am Sunday Mass
6pm Nativity Vigil
8pm Nativity Vigil

25th Dec

Solemnity of the Nativity

8am Nativity Mass
10am Nativity Mass

26th Dec

Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr

9:15am Daily Mass
9:45am Rosary (Chapel)

Parishioner Registration & Recommitment Form

To register or update your details, scan this QR Code



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL 24



HEARTS ON FIRE

LUKE 24:32

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7 - 14 JANUARY 2024

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14-25 DECEMBER

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"Behold, I am doing a new thing"
Isaiah 43:19

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