



# Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish  
Rydalmere

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Sunday, 3rd December 2023

## The Season of Advent

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.



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### Sick

Mary Hanna  
Raphael Jude Ellias

### Recently Deceased

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

### Anniversaries

Lourice Chidiac, Peter Chidiac, Violette Dib  
Daaboul, Andre Boutros Daaboul, Viviane  
Daaboul Abdallah, Gerard Patrick Howard,  
Mariapia Ferioli, Maria Rose Marafiotti-Marnan,  
Virini Massillamany, Hazel Wallace

#### 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:**

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:** *Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1,3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

## **Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

## **Gospel:** *Mark 13:33-37*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

## **Communion Antiphon:** *Psalm 84:13*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.  
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Men's Rosary

1st Saturday of the Month

10:30am

Prince Alfred Square  
Parramatta

2nd December 2023



## Parish Christmas Choir

Practice for Christmas Eve Mass will continue on Monday 4th December 7:30pm. New Members Welcome.



## Volunteers Needed

Consider volunteering your time and talents to one of the following ministries:

- **Acolytes**
- **Altar Society/ Linens**
- **Lawns & Gardening**

## First Advent Candle *Hope*

The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing **royalty**. Sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**," the first candle calls us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the **birth of Jesus**.

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## HELP A FAMILY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



You can help a family put food on the table this Christmas.

GET INVOLVED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL.  
Talk to your teachers or visit [vinnies.org.au/getinvolved](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)

Vinnies Christmas Appeal  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
1961-2023



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## Parishioner Registration & Recommitment Form

To register or update your details, scan this QR Code



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Help Catholic Care chaplains  
*give comfort, faith, and hope*  
to people suffering  
this Christmas 



PARRAMATTA  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION




Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-christmas-co-appeal-23](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-christmas-co-appeal-23)

MASS OF THANKSGIVING  
TO CELEBRATE THE 60TH YEAR OF

## THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY

Monday, 4th Dec @ 7:30pm  
St. Patrick's Cathedral



## PURPOSE

— CONFERENCE —

7-8th December  
Rosebank College



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