

All Hallows' Five Dock



1st Sunday of Advent | Year C | Sunday 28th November

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Fr Richard

Dear Parishioners,

The Church waits for the coming of Jesus at the end of the world. And it waits for his coming at Christmas. This time of waiting is called Advent. The name "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means "coming". Advent is a season of four weeks in the Church year devoted to preparation for the "two comings" of Christ.

"Christmas is coming, and the geese are getting fat ..." runs the old song! But the problem today is that Christmas comes much early with all the shopping and the excitement. We Catholics are not immune to this 'new culture' around us. But we should always remember that Christmas is primarily a religious festival. We have to recognise Christmas for what it truly is – the colossal fact of the incarnation, God as a human baby - with all its implications.

Jesus reminds us how easy it is to get lost in the busy activities of December. He warns us: Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catches you by surprise like a trap. Without prayer and embracing intentional stillness in the season of Advent it is so easy to feel as if the weeks before Christmas are racing by at a breathless pace.

How can I grow spiritually during Advent as I prepare for the coming of the Lord – this Christmas?

- Join one of the Advent groups
- Seek some time for silence
- Take time every day to pray to God
- Read the Scriptures (at least the Gospel of the day)
- Go to Confession and Daily Mass
- Show Mercy: Practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

As I begin the season of Advent, let me practice seeing beyond circumstances and behold Christ light in myself and everyone I know.

With best wishes -

Fr Richard.

Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

This Week:

Sunday 28:

1st Sunday of Advent - Year C
Advent Youth Group // 4pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday 1:

3pm - Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

Sunday 5:

2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C
Advent Youth Group // 4pm - Parish Hall



Notices from Fr Danny

Ordination as a Bishop

As I think most will know, I will be ordained a bishop on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, at 7pm at the Cathedral. I will be an auxiliary bishop in Sydney, probably with a responsibility for the western parts of Sydney.



I am sorry that this means that the parish has to become accustomed to yet another priest. Please keep faith. Everything occurs within God's loving providence and, as it says in the Scriptures, all things work out to the good for those who love God. Trials make us only stronger.

I have very much enjoyed my time at All Hallows, short and unusual as it has been. You are a wonderful parish community, so welcoming, committed and devout. I will be here for Christmas and through January until my replacement arrives. Of course, Fr Richard will carry on as before.

Finally, may I invite you all to the ordination? The Cathedral can accommodate 1,200 people under current rules, so plenty of room. You will need to wear a mask and sign in. It will be in the grand traditions of the Church, the Cathedral choir singing (reputedly the best church choir in Australia).

I will put a special request in to return next year to do the Confirmations!



First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children preparing to celebrate their first Holy Communion next weekend. There will be four First Holy Communion Masses. All parish Sunday Masses will remain at their normal times.

Cleaning

We are back in full swing and our Church needs regular cleaning. A few generous parishioners have already begun cleaning. If anyone would be happy to help - say once a month - please see Fr Richard or Fr Danny or contact the parish office.



CWF Parish Appeal



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help!

Your donations will help those most struggling at this time – single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health and our Aboriginal communities. You will also be building a culture of support and encouragement for our hospital and university chaplaincies, and our future priests at the Good Shepherd Seminary.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Tony Michael
Francis Cornelius
Twomey
Pasquale Ardore
Mary Shelpot
Thea Bettridge
John Cammareri
Giuseppe Princi
Michael Koprivnjak
Teresa Benitez
Myriam Estevez
Da Silva
Robert Musumeci
Peter Morkos
Jill Prentice

Anniversaries:

David and Maureen
Morrison
Giuseppe Grieco
Giuseppe Princi
Monica Moschella
Ngaire O'Connell
Therese Lees
Eileen Malcolm
Julie Rando

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices



Campion College Summer Program

CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA **SUMMER PROGRAM**

4-Day Program (11-14 or 18-21 January 2022)

Free program for ages 16-20

Lectures on history, philosophy, theology and literature

Beach trip, movie night and more!

Find out more and register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program/

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website:

www.campion.edu.au/summer-program



Supporting our Parish

You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the

drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Piety Stall

The new look piety stall has been restocked with some beautiful new items. You can find gifts for all occasions such as baptisms, Holy Communion and Christmas! The piety stall is open before and after weekend masses so please go and take a look!



Baptisms

We welcome

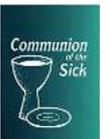


Cian Dara Durkin
Leah Goubran
Lucette Rowe Barbuto

who are being baptised into our parish Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

Communion to the Sick

The Communion to the Sick roster is starting again to bring Communion to the elderly and sick in our community. If you are a Minister of the Eucharistic who has been fully vaccinated and would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the parish office.



Children's Corner

Prepare for the arrival of Jesus

E N R M H N X G B J M U P L
X A B T A A L Z V V I R Q B
T T F N F K Z T O B F G D H
O I E S C A P E B D R B A W
H O O J Q D N M J I N U N C
U N O V L Q V K Y S F R E E
W S W M O O N N D C N O G D
Z U A K I J U T P I O I Y J
I B T U K E A C T P C N Z J
C B C S H A K E N L T C M Z
C R H B K U C I I E Y B H T
N A S G K A W H L S E A D R
B V S U R P R I S E I R F A
M E C H Y L P L E A S E D P
B W W S A F R A I D D O U F

Try to find these words:

- afraid
- brave
- disciples
- escape
- free
- moon
- nations
- pleased
- shaken
- surprise
- trap
- watch

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <i>I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.’</p> 	<p>(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> 	<p><u>1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2</u></p> <p>A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians <i>When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Next Week’s Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>2nd Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 2nd Reading: Phil 1:4-6 Gospel: Lk 3:1-6</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered 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.’

Reflection by Greg Sunter

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week’s readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an ‘in-between time’. From this week’s first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus’ return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus’ words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn’t mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven’t really got the house in order.



Sunday 28 November 2021
 Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
 1st Sunday of Advent

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus wants us to stand tall and hold our heads high. Bad things might happen, but we don't need to be afraid, because God is with us.

My name is _____

STAND TALL

Jesus tells us today that it is important to pray.

Spot the 4 differences

Between these two people who are praying to God.



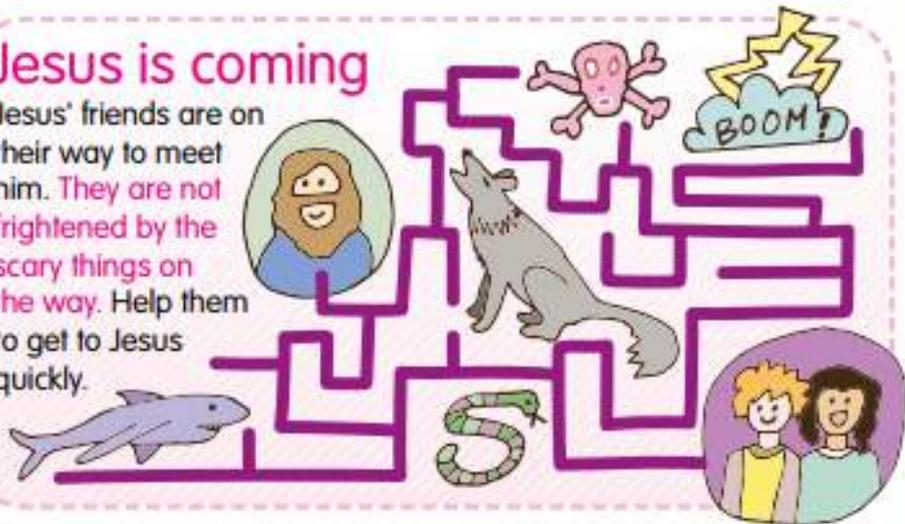
Jesus tells us so often in the Bible, **"Do not be afraid"**

Write down, or draw some things you are afraid of and then find out at the bottom why you don't need to be afraid any more!

I am afraid of

Jesus is coming

Jesus' friends are on their way to meet him. They are not frightened by the scary things on the way. Help them to get to Jesus quickly.



But because God loves me, I am not afraid of these things any more!

Word puzzle



Can you fit all these words in the grid?

ADVENT
 AWAKE
 JESUS
 READY
 PRAY

A PRAYER TO SAY

Please help me, Jesus, to take the time this Advent to get my heart ready to welcome you. Help me to say my prayers and to be kind and loving. Thank you for taking away my fears and always being with me. Amen.