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We, the Church of St Anthony of Padua, are called to a greater realisation of the Kingdom of God and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

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Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9am-3pm

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St Anthony's School

School Principal:

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Mass Times

Saturday

5:30pm Vigil

Sunday

8.00am, 10.00am

Tuesday

7.00pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat

9.30am

As of 8 November -

Maximum 200 Worshippers per Mass

Bookings no longer necessary for weekend

Masses but you must give contact details

before entering and adhere to social dis-

tancing rules. Masks are mandatory

Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement.

Ring parish office for more information

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm or by arrangement

Rosary

Week days 9.10am

Exposition

Friday 10am to 10.30am

(special intention for Vocations)

Novena

Tuesday - after 7pm Mass to

St Anthony

Prayer Groups:

Christ the King

Tamil - Friday, 7.30pm in the Marian room

Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings:

Monday 6.45pm Marian Room

(Ben 9863 1723)

Tuesday 10am St Enda's room

(Peter: 0417 613 737)

Mass Roster

	This Week 27/28 November			Next Week 4/5 December		
	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Acolyte/ Senior Server	F Le Clerc	C Chetcuti	AM	C Bourne	E Opena	A Winton
Commentator	Youth	H Menezes	C Pereira	N Nakhoul	C Worthington	B Ryan
Reader 1	Youth	M Palmer	S Cullen	C Laurie	C Molloy	P Comia
Reader 2	Youth	M Palmer	G Cosio	C Laurie	C Molloy	J Thomas
Data Projectionist	R Soballa	A Lette	M Brazell	L Soballa	C Kandiah	Sofie
Junior Server	A	C	E	B	D	G
Children's Liturgy						

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Malia NIKO	Fay ROBERTS	Anith THURAIRATNAM
Edmond PAUL	Sarah MARLIN	Angelo ALEXANDER
Maria VELLA	Leina MARCUS	Aidan ALEXANDER
Joan WRIGHT	Carole O'HARA	Adrian NOCEVSKI
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Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-



Bishop's Christmas Appeal

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. This year's Bishop's Appeal will be held this weekend on the 27/28 November with donations going towards Catholic Care's Houses to Homes. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

Farewell Linda Ducksbury, Principal of St Anthony's Primary School

Linda Ducksbury has led the St Anthony's Primary School community as Principal from 2018-2021. Prior to this she was Assistant Principal from 2014. Linda concluded her time at St Anthony's this week as she takes up a new position as Head of School K-4 at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Gables. The Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of the St Anthony's Parish community will farewell and thank Linda for her contributions on 8th December.

Condolences

Please remember in your prayers Judi Adams whose father passed away recently.

We are also thinking of Debbie Adams and her family as Debbie's sister passed away last week.

We offer condolences to both Judi and Debbie at this sad time.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Christmas Mass Volunteers

If you currently help out with weekend Masses and would like to volunteer for Christmas Masses, please add your name to the Christmas Roster on the wall in the Sacristy.

Vinnies are starting our Christmas Appeal this weekend.

Please take a ticket or two from the Christmas tree near the Altar and purchase the item on the ticket. We will be packing hampers on the 9th December, so we will need all items returned to the church by no later than Monday 6th December. but you will be able to contribute online at https://bit.ly/toonie_xmas2021 at any time. Thank you for your support at Christmas and throughout the year.



Christmas Shopping at the Piety Shop.

The Piety Shop has a lovely range of Christmas Cards, Columban Calendars, Nativity Scenes and other ideas for Christmas. Drop in and browse our range.

Vinnies—One in the Basket

Now that we are out of Lockdown we need to restock our food cupboard. At the moment we are short of everything, so all donations of non-perishable food are welcome.

HSC Prayer List

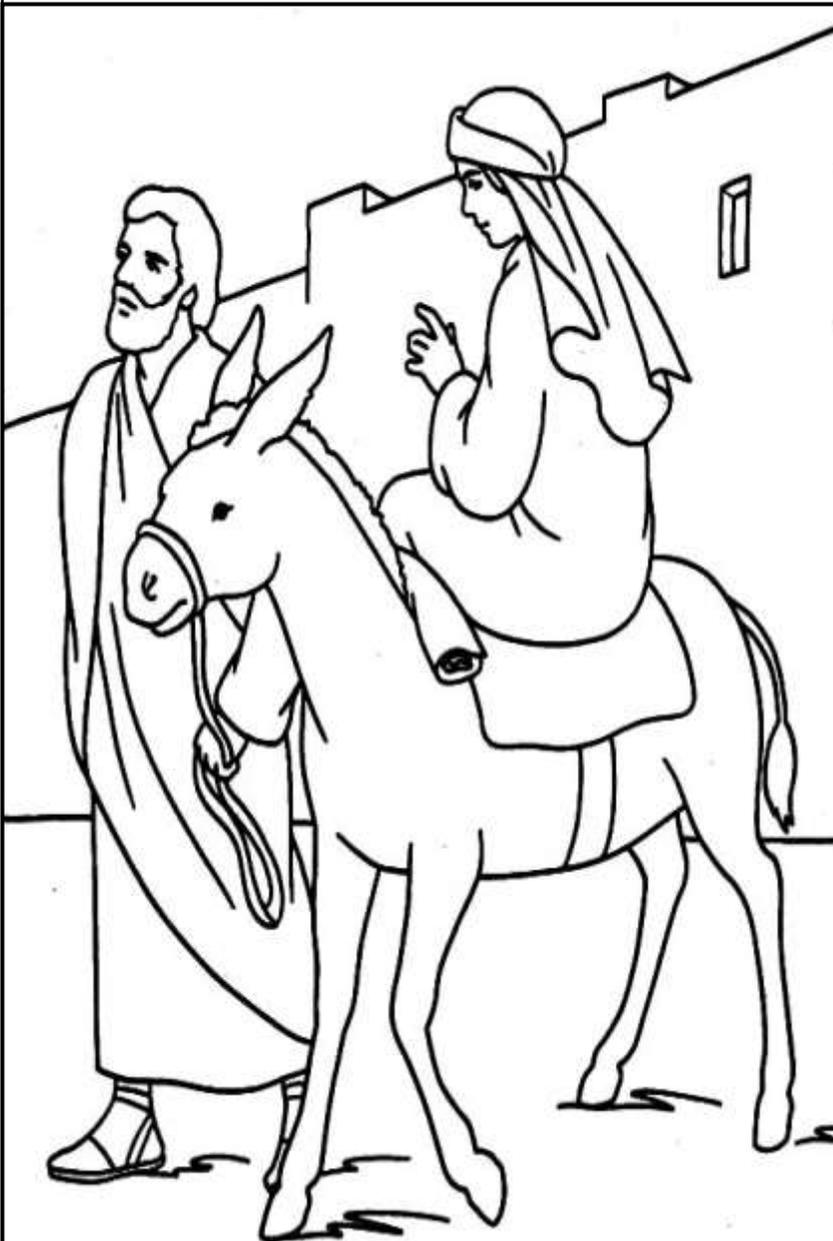
Please continue to prayer for our HSC student as they continue with their exams, especially those students from our Parish and those students listed below:

Regan Soballa	Hannah Hamilton
Charlie Horner	Olivia Jones
Daniel Murphy	Katerina Pegios
Kevin Kandiah	Calvin Kandiah
Maddy Ross	Hannah Berman
Gina Ivan	Louie Bazouni
Tiann Petriana Peiris	Emma Dunbar
Zac Palmer	



This week is the first week of Advent. It's time to start getting ready for Christmas. In the same way we prepare our homes, and buy gifts we also need to get ourselves ready for Jesus' birthday. In Church the first purple candle will be lit, it represents hope. Think of Mary, as she and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, think of all the hopes she had for her baby.

This week it's time to be hopeful, and its time to prepare. What can you do to get ready for Jesus.? Colour in the picture below and return it to Fr Joby next week, we will decorate the Church as we begin our Journey to Christmas.



THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, with four candles that represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us to pray and offer up little sacrifices to help prepare the way for Jesus. The candle for the third week of Advent is rose, reminding us to be joyful since the birth of Jesus is drawing near. Some Advent wreaths include a white Christ candle which is lit at Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, symbolizing Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, born to be our Savior and Lord.



Advent Prayer

4, 3, 2, 1... Count the weeks
til Jesus comes.



Each week we add another light.

Our hope for Jesus growing bright.

We pray, we share, we do our part...

to welcome Jesus to our heart!



First Sunday of Advent Year C Sunday 28 Nov 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you come to set us free: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you show us the way to the Father: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be ready for your coming: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.



Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

O Lord, we do not know the hour or the day that you will come again. Make us ready for that day and help us build your kingdom of peace on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

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.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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:

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:

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

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflections

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, as we prepare in this Advent season to celebrate anew the coming of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, into our world, let us bring our needs and those of our world to God our loving Father.

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may proclaim to the world the message of joy and hope that this Advent season brings.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations: that they may work with honesty and integrity to bring peace and reconciliation in those parts of our world torn apart by conflict and division.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all migrants and refugees; for those forced to leave their homes to escape violence, poverty and oppression; that they may find a welcome in the places to which they turn.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our parish community, that this Advent season may be a time for the renewal and re creation of human hearts

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently, and all whom we remember at this time: that they may know the loving embrace of God.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to the holy family

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God our Father, in this Advent season we prepare ourselves to celebrate once more the coming of your Son into our lives; we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in the power of the Holy Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we patiently wait, open our hearts so that they may be filled with your light and love. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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