

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Mass 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

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
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. 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 Thessalonian 3:12-4:2

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
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 12:24-32

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
Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C – 1 DECEMBER 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 30th	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Sun 1st	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Holy Mass - Soul of Nonna Gina Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Mon 2nd	6:00pm 6:30pm	Rosary Holy Mass /Communion Service
Tue 3rd	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 4th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe Rosary Holy Mass
Thu 5th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home, Forrestfield Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 6th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Rosary Holy Mass Adoration
Sat 7th	9:00am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass

MIND YOUR STEPS!

Our pews are slightly raised, but may not seem obvious to some of our beloved guests. Please mind your steps when coming in and out of the pews.



24th December (TUESDAY)
Christmas Eve 6:00pm Children Mass
Christmas Night 11:30pm Carols
Christmas Night 12:00am Midnight Mass
25th December (WEDNESDAY)
Christmas Day 8:00 am Day Mass
Christmas Day 9:30 am Christmas Mass
Christmas Day NO EVENING MASS
6th December (THURSDAY) BOXING DAY
HOLIDAY Mass 9:30 am

CAUTION CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Parish Centre Construction Update:
We welcome the official opening of the parish centre. There is still some minor items to be completed, that will be occurring shortly.
Access to the toilets and office is now from the rear of the old parish centre until the work is completed. Please be careful when negotiating this area and follow the signs.
Thank you., PPC



MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week the staff and students of Matthew Gibney School enjoyed the pleasure of meeting our new Parish Priest Fr Benny. He was warmly welcomed into the classrooms by all of us. We look forward to Fr. Benny’s faithful service to us as a Catholic community Graduation celebrations for our year six students will be with Mass conducted by Fr Benny at 9am on Thursday 5th December in the undercover area at Matthew Gibney. At this Mass, we will farewell staff and students, as they embark on new adventures. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Year 6 students will be recognised for their contribution to the life of the school and their academic achievements. This is a time of mixed emotions for our students as they leave primary school behind, to start secondary school. The Yr 6 Graduation celebrations will continue on Friday with a water play excursion.

The school year finishes on Friday 6th December so we wish our students and families a Wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email admin@gibney.edu.wa.au

**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF DEC
SAINTS**

- DEC 3 St. Francis Xavier
- DEC 7 St Ambrose
- DEC 9 The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- DEC 13 St Lucy
- DEC 14 St John of The Cross
- DEC 15 The Nativity of the Lord
- DEC 26 St Stephen
- DEC 27 St John
- DEC 28 The Holy Innocents
- DEC 29 The Holy Family

NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET 300,000.00

OCTOBER '24 -\$20795.20 | EOFY '24 | TOTAL RAISED - \$323,257.86

We are now fundraising for the Western Power connection and few internal and external finishing's. These include the asphalt, car park lights, line marking/ disabled bays, parish centre air conditioning and internal furniture, and trees to be planted as per City of Kalamunda requirements.


EFT Bank Details:
National Australia Bank Limited
BSB No. 086-006
Account No. 90517-9623
Cheques Made Payable to:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!
Fr. Benny (Parish Priest) and Jennifer (PPC)

30thNov/1st Dec	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Graham B	Jennifer	Matt W	Benjo C
1st Reader	Ashley A	Frances A	Helga S	Lauren M
2nd Reader	Joash J	Sue D	Marguerite W	Sarah M
Acolyte	Josef	Lester	David	Adrian

9th/10th Dec	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	George F	Amanda A	Adrian D	Philip M
1st Reader	Imelda B	Kevin F	Tibor A	Paolo J
2nd Reader	Jan F	Gale M	Philomena T	Margaret O
Acolyte	Brian	Clem	Edwin	Michael

	30thNov/1st Dec	8th/9th Dec
Counters	Cora Zefera, Denise Burnaby, Pier Walker	Mary & Joe K., Louise & Maurice C
Church Cleaner	Pastor Family	Fernandes Family
Reading for	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6



CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Christmas

Now Available!

From _____
Father _____

For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido, Shanelle Murray, Lucy Aung-Sein, Charmaine Samuel, Michelle Tompson.
Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph

In Memoriam: Justin Lee Marshall, Madge Leake, John Constantine, Ruben Ecleo SNR, Joseph Anthony Desker, Edward Robinson, Michael Charlton, Eric Gilbert, William Cotterill. Jean Bickmore, Sr. Mary Lucy Troy SJA, Joyce Crasto, Thomas Paul, Basilo Faranda, Pacita Lou Biarcal, Robert William Dunn, Carlyle Ross, Leonila Bien, Theresa Ford, Nonna Gina.

Parish Centre Diary		
Sun 1st	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 3rd	5:45 pm	Legion of Mary
Wed 4th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 5th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA
Fri 6th	10:00am	Morning Tea

**DIVINE MERCY
DEVOTION**



3 PM FIRST SUNDAY



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message from the Chairperson, SFoA: Dear Valued Parishioners, what an amazing turnout of almost 300+ attendees we witnessed for our new Parish Centre Opening and Fr. Joseph's Farewell on Sunday 24 November 2024. A big thank you to all who participated, attended and supported a very successful event.

Thank you once again for your generous contributions towards Fr. Joseph's gift. He is enjoying his 65" Smart TV in his new home in Hamilton Hill plus has some balance to enjoy for a future trip to India. Fr. Joseph sends his warmest thank you to everyone

Also, as we warmly welcome Fr. Benny as our new Parish Priest, kindly please note there will be some positive improvements and new processes and procedures introduced in the coming months.

These positive improvements aim to ensure the smooth running of our parish activities as well as to enhance our spiritual growth and further strengthen our community spirit. I kindly ask for your support, understanding, cooperation and prayers during this period of transition. More information and further updates will be communicated in due course as Parish improvement processes are progressed under Fr. Benny's direction.

I am also pleased to formally welcome Fr. John as he continues with us as our Assistant Parish Priest. Thank you Fr. John. We are very happy to have you continue with our Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting next on Monday 9 December 2024 and to welcome Fr. Benny to his first SFoA PPC meeting. I endeavour to keep you all updated as the PPC continues to guide and help progress positive improvements for our Parish.

Thank you to all who have reached out to me since I was nominated into this role in March 2024. Please continue to stay in touch and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I value everyone's input. Until next time, take care and God's blessings for us all.

Best wishes always,
Jennifer—Chairperson - SFoA

