

PROPER OF THE MASS

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.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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)**
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)**
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)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Gospel *Luke 21:25-28. 34-36*

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.’



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28 November 2021
Year C

The Coming of our Saviour

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ has come, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIEST

Fr Allan Casquejo

Parish Priest

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass & before Vigil Mass

(or anytime by appointment)

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(Enquiry: please approach the priests after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment (six months' notice)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

hfmroubra1914@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thurs : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday : 9am - 3pm

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY

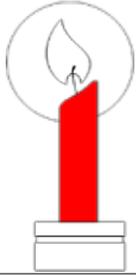
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A D V E N T

Today, we start a new year in the Church Liturgical Cycle – Year C



This week's Advent Prayer
May the light of Christ fill our hearts
and radiate into the darkness of the world.
May we become beacons of God's life
and bearers of his love to the world.

Novena Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this **Wednesday, 1st December in the Church @7.30pm**. Petitions & thanksgivings can be placed in the petition box at Our Lady's Shrine.

CARING FOR ORPHANS: A stall will be held after all this weekend's Masses to raise money for the OLSH Sisters who care for orphans at their Mission in Tzaneen, South Africa. Find beautiful handmade Christmas gifts at the stall !

CHRISTMAS at HOLY FAMILY

Reconciliation for Christmas: Friday, Dec 17 @11am & Monday, Dec 20 @7pm
Christmas Choir Practice: Saturday 11,18 December @10am in the Church
Christmas Carols: Sunday 19th @7.30pm. NO 6pm Mass.

CFW Parish Appeal

Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things. Appeal envelopes is provided for your use. Or through website: www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf or scan the QR Code.



PLANNED GIVING - Please collect your 2021/2022 new envelopes from the Church side entrance.

TAP DONATION - From 1 DECEMBER, the tap devices will be no longer be specifically 1st & 2nd collections but pooled and halved between the two.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish through Planned Giving and collections at Mass. May God Bless you.

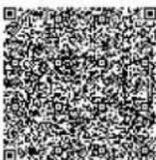
Fr Bill's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Monday 13 December

THANK YOU for those who **confirmed or updated** your previous booking. We welcome **NEW bookings** via <https://forms.gle/ZJkguHbZXYSJvfBc9> Any inquiry please email—hfmroubra1914@gmail.com. Mass at 10.30am followed by lunch at noon at “The Juniors Maroubra”; \$50/head. *Please note: Proof of Vaccination and masks are required upon entry to the club (and at the bar).*

WELCOME BACK...!!!

We warmly welcome everyone, both vaccinated and non-vaccinated people to come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

PLEASE COMPLY WITH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

- **FACE MASK** must be worn at this time.
- **SIGN IN** with the NSW Government QR code or use the Attendance Register provided in the foyer as you enter the Church. 
- **Keep physical distance** - 1.5 metre space around each person, except for members of the same household – **maximum of 80 people are allowed in the Church** at a time.
- **NO congregational singing**
- **Please take home your bulletin copy; do not return to the foyer**
- **DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH** if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or loss of taste; or shortness of breath, OR in the past 2 weeks been in contact with someone COVID-19 positive or visited a COVID-19 ‘hot spot’.

Thank you for your cooperation & support

More information:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>



SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Tuesday, 30 November - St Andrew. Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist (24 June). Introduced his brother, Simon Peter (29 June), to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20ff.). Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



Friday, 03 December - St Francis Xavier. Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

Texts: Daily Mass Book - Picture: Wikipedia

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased:

Robert Cowan, Beatrice Biviano, Noel Giuffre

During the month of November, we pray for all our departed families, relatives and friends.

Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.