

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14

RESPONSE: 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.

Response.

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.

Response.

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.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Luke 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Baruch 5: 1 - 9;

Phil 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11;

Lk 3: 1 - 6.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please ensure your phones are on silent mode whilst in the church.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10am

MONDAY: No Mass.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.

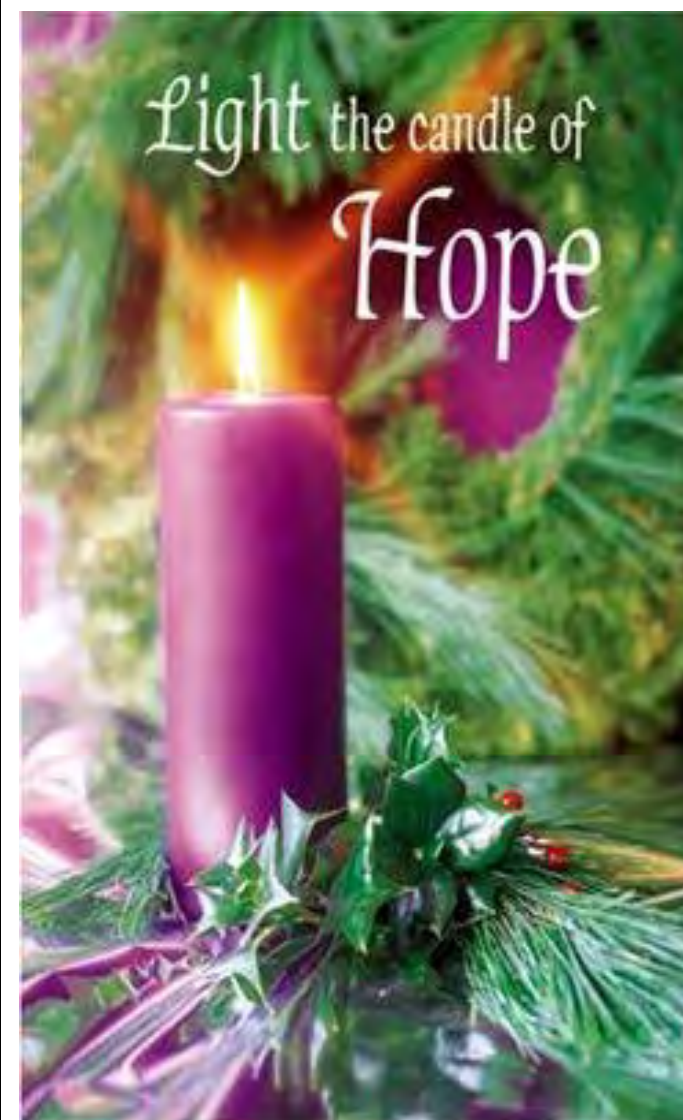
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)
27th / 28st November 2021



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

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.

Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died and all the deceased especially Pasquale Csida, Adel Maroon-Moriarty and Nurdin Widjaja. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Amaluddin Widjaja and for all those we will pray for in this month of November.



Auxiliary Bishop's visitation.

During the week we welcomed Bishop Terry Brady to our parish. He visited us on Thursday and spent the day in our parish, visiting the school, meeting some parishioners among other things. He also came back specially this weekend to confirm 34 candidates and to also celebrate with us all at our regular Parish Masses This is a special way that bishops maintain personal contact with parish priests and with other members of the people of God. It is also an opportunity for the parish community to share its life and activities and reflect upon our lives. It is a time to share with the bishop what our community is doing. Please make sure you take the opportunity to say hello to him after any of the Masses as he wants to encourage our community to continue God's mission and to affirm the good in St Therese.



Good News restrictions.

Our church maximum has been updated to 140 parishioners per Mass. But please note that it is still be necessary to wear a face mask, keep your social distance, check in with QR codes and if you are unwell do not come to Mass.



Catholic Mission.

Many thanks to all those who generously donated to Catholic Mission over the past two weeks. We collected \$ 1,635.00. Please keep praying for the work of Catholic Mission as they certainly make a difference to the poor and needy of our world.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th Dec Vigil:
5.30pm & 8pm

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th Dec:
8am & 10am

Sunday Masses 26th Dec:
8am & 10am



Archbishop Fisher urges Catholics to act on euthanasia.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has called on Catholics to voice their concerns about proposed euthanasia laws directly to MPs undertaking an inquiry into the matter.

You will find more information on the bill and the Terms of Reference for the inquiry on the parliamentary website <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2838>

Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, 9th till 25th December.

Join in Sydney's favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected onto St Mary's Cathedral Square, College Street, Sydney. 8.30pm -11pm light show. Choirs form 7.30pm Accessible entry via Cathedral Street (Cook & Phillip Park) Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>



Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation with the 34 candidates and 3 blessings was celebrated here with Bishop Terry Brady. The candidates who were confirmed were:

Emma Atree, Olivia Arico
Sofia Bargone, Mark D'Mello
Jack Edwards, Harry Fisher
Thomas Fisher, Ella Grego
Alexander Hahn, Cass Hancock
Ruby Johnstone, Briella Jones
Lachlan Jones, Xavier Kennedy
Victoria Lee, Mia Ligorio
Rebecca Linssen,
Jonathan Lo Castro
Amara Loiacono, Marilena Manna
Shelby Morgan, Hayley Murray
Irisa Nguyen, Zachary O'Donoghue
Seunghun Oh, Hugh O'Neill
Nora Parekalam, Koby
Scharenguivel
Gabriele Serra, Alannah Tran
Xavier Virgona, Ciaran Wilde
Tara Wilson, Renee Yuen

We congratulate them all.

We also congratulate Jahara Abi-Saab, Noah El-Azzi, Zara Harutoonian who received a Special Blessing.

Advent-Christmas Giving Tree.

Our Giving Tree is a little different this year as St Vincent De Paul would prefer no actual gifts.

Instead, we will collect cash donations, which we in turn will forward to SVdePaul in the form of gift cards. We pray that families will have a good Christmas and that our money gifts will make a difference to them.

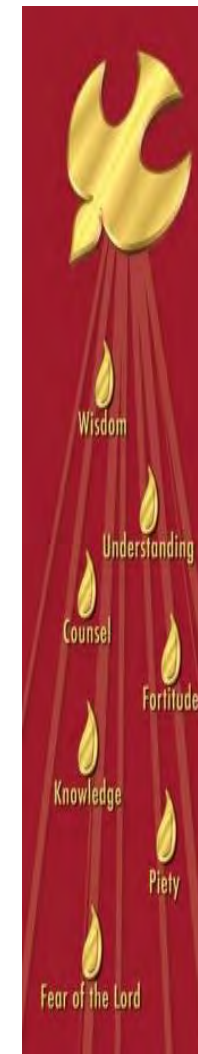
We will begin collecting your donations THIS weekend.

Advent / Christmas Reconciliations available in our local area:

- St Charles Borromeo, Ryde on Thursday the 16th December at 7.30pm
- Holy Spirit, North Ryde on Tuesday the 21st December at 6pm.

St Therese Reconciliation times are:

St Therese, Denistone on Tuesday 21st December through to Thursday th 23rd December at 9.30am.



Lighting & blessing of the First Candle in the Advent Wreath:

(The presider blesses the wreath)

PRESIDER: May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord now and for all time.

(The Presider, or an assistant, lights the first candle, which is often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.)

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Jeremiah's words who promised that there shall be honesty and integrity in the land.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, that we may love one another and the whole human race as you did.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, we must stay awake as you will come again as the Son of Man.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS SAINT THERESE – DENISTONE – 2021



67. Nurdin Widjaja recently deceased
68. Eddy Karmoy, Nani Nio & Alex Hambali
69. Constantino Denila, Amalia Streeter, Celina Barnado
70. Pasquale Scida recently deceased
71. Wilkinson, Atkinson, Munsie, Healey, Atkinson Families

Daily Mass books on sale for \$25.

If you wish to purchase one, then please stop past the presbytery after a weekday Mass and buy one off Gayle.

Christmas Rosters.

Our Christmas Volunteer roster sheets for all our Christmas Mass are in the front foyer. Please take your time to volunteer and add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses. Thank you in advance for your support at our Masses over the festive season.

