

Dear brothers and sisters,

In Advent the Church longs for the coming of the Lord. In this longing the Church looks in two directions: back to the Lord's first coming as the child born to Mary in Bethlehem which we celebrate at Christmas and forward to his second coming at the end of time. The Church in early Advent focuses on the second coming of the Lord from a sense that our salvation is still incomplete. In Christ's death and resurrection we have indeed been reconciled to God. But we still have much to hope for. Our world, even now, is captive to forces hostile both to God and to a decent human existence for many people.

What the statements about the Lord's coming, in all their richness of imagery and symbol communicate, is the truth that our lives and all history stand under the judgment of God and that the crucified and risen Lord is the measure of what human existence should be. His grace and his power continually knock at the door of our lives, seeking to move us along his way.

Today's Second Reading (1 Cor 1:3-9) gives expression to the Christian hope of the second coming of the Lord. This is what we hope for, not what we dread. In this time of 'waiting' our experience of the Spirit assures us of God's love (Rom 5:5). The Spirit is also active in the variety of gifts that build up the community and equip it for mission (1 Corinthians 12-14). Despite his physical absence, we enjoy communion with the risen Lord. In this life this involves sharing Christ's sufferings. However, through the faithfulness of God the Father, it will become a sharing of his glory (cf. Rom 8:17).

Today's Gospel (Mark 13:33-37) features a parable with the focus on the servant charged to watch the door. The master expects to be welcomed when he returns. Everyone else can sleep but this servant must stay awake at night, always on the lookout for the master's coming. We are that servant. We are gatekeepers waiting for the coming of the Lord.

While the rest of the world may 'sleep' we are 'children of light and of the day' (1Thess 5:5), our lives are bathed in the light of the risen Lord and enriched by the hope of his final coming. And so, we can pray the final prayer of the Bible: 'Amen. Come, Lord Jesus' (Rev 22:20).—*Blessings, Greg*

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church

Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose forgiveness is unfailing.



### Annual Parish Mass Attendance Count

The Archdiocese has requested that every parish provide statistics related to the number of people attending Masses. The count will be held at all Masses this weekend. The Archdiocesan count is critical in understanding the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese and especially in considering the development of new parishes.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
Next weekend 5th/6th December

Our Appeal takes place next weekend at all Masses. The demands on our services are ever increasing. We respond to anyone who lives within the Morley and Dianella parish boundaries. A retiring collection will be held after all Masses next weekend. We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued generosity.

—Lou Daily, Morley-Dianella Conference President

### Advent Resources

#### Lectio Divina Group

The four-week Advent series has commenced on Mondays in the library after 9am Mass. All welcome and join us.



#### Advent Online Carmelite Retreat

with Blessed Mary of the Incarnation Madam Acarie. Embark on a journey of faith in the impossible with the mystic and woman of action, Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, who was the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite nuns in France, better known to many of us as Madam Acarie. This online retreat is free of charge. Register at [retreat-online@karmel.at](mailto:retreat-online@karmel.at)

#### ADVENT RETREAT

Journey with Mary this Advent as she becomes the meeting place of human and divine longing and risks bringing God's future into being with Dr Pina Ford. On Saturday 5 December at Retreat House, Redemptorist Monastery, Camelia St North Perth. Registration: 9328 6600/6380 5335.



A Reflection in Advent  
'as we wait in joyful hope'

**"Come Lord Jesus"**

Repeat these words to yourself  
as you sit in peaceful silence

# Garden FUNraiser

We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a *Mother's Day Garden Fair*, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.

Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at [gardenfunraiser@gmail.com](mailto:gardenfunraiser@gmail.com) or phone the parish office on 9276 8500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP US:

- Please bring in your unwanted—plastic or other pots of all sizes (very large pots needed too); floral/garden themed fabrics; garden statues; old garden tools, etc
- Offer your help with sewing/craft projects
- Share ideas with us about creating a great Mother's Day garden fair

**HOW WE CAN HELP YOU:** Moonure, a local company has donated potting mix which you are welcome to collect from parish office to help in potting plants for the fundraiser.



## PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Mrs Fan Chung;  
2 Bramwell Rd, Noranda. Ph: 9276 9451

## PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently deceased:** John Lengkeek, Eileen Murray (Ireland), Margaret Walker, Anna Care, Ruggero Colli and Pam Fernando;

**Deceased:** All the Holy Souls, Hung Nguyen-Le, Holy souls of family and friends of Kevin and Pearl Chin, Peter Meek, Deceased members of the Pham Family and Stephen John Stitt, Departed souls of D'Mello and Crasta family, Assess D'Mello;

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Hodgkin, Joan Phat Duy Nguyen, Maria Hoan Thi Tran, Joan Tuyen Duc Nguyen, Maria Duyen Thi Nguyen, Marc and Jos Appadoo, Tony Calanni,

**The Sick of the Parish:** All the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved."*

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS

**30 Nov:** St Andrew, apostle

**03 Dec:** St Francis Xavier, priest

## FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

As per government COVID-19 regulations, collections are not able to be taken up during Mass. Any Planned Giving and monetary offerings for the first and second collections may be placed in the box at the back of the church.



## NEXT WEEKEND — 5/6 December 2020 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Hari Geigenmuller	Eamon Delaney	Naveen Joseph	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Shawn; David and Josemiguel	Cyril and Marcus	Victoria and Gabrielle	Denver and Marcus
Proclaimers	Chris A and Clare	Sally and Tang	Josephine and Mark	Teresa and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T and Tracy	Noelene and Bryan	Annette N and Josephine	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Janice	Barb and Veronica	Deborah and Pauline	Joanne and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team B — Thursday, 3 December @ 9.45am			

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.**

## In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am , Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am  
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm  
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am  
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

## Our Parish Team

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**OPENING OF W.A BORDERS  
WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR PARISH**



With the opening of our borders on 14 November, the need to revisit our commitment to the Phase 4 COVID-19 regulations is of paramount importance.

- While family groups will be able to sit together, a distance of 1.5 metres between a family group and the next person needs to be observed. Please follow the distancing measures on the pews.
- At communion time, please follow the floor measures and maintain a 1.5 metre distance between you and the nearest person.
- ALWAYS sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
- Observe the designated entrance and exit doors.
- After each WEEKDAY Mass and WEEKEND Mass, please assist in sanitising the church by spraying the pews with disinfectant. The bottles are kept in the flower room.
- The toilets need to be cleaned after each Mass by spraying with alcohol based disinfectant. Volunteer your help with this.
- Sanitise your hands whenever you visit the parish centre and follow the floor markings for appropriate distancing.
- If you are a group or ministry co-ordinator, ensure your group or ministry members are aware of the requirement to follow Phase 4 regulations.

Together, we can ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members. The opening of our borders will cause increased anxiety amongst many of our parishioners. Please help by doing everything you can to ensure that we are all safe.

**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**



**Priest:** 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, and a symbol of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate the fruits of the Plenary Council.

*The Priest, 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.*

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we are the clay, and he is the potter (First Reading). Mould us in your image as we walk together the pilgrimage of the Plenary Council.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day (Second Reading). May our hearts be centred on listening to the Holy Spirit. throughout the Plenary Council journey.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!' (Gospel). May we be awake and ready to hear the movement of the Spirit in the world around us.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

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