

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

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1 December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek Him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find Him. May we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. This Advent we pray for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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.

1st Reading Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

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 practice 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.

Responsorial Psalm

To you O lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading 1 Thess 3:12-42

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun at 1:15pm

Filipino – 4th Sun at 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu, Fri – 8:30am

Wed – 7:00pm

Sat – 9:00am

LITURGY OF THE WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE

Mon – 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: 6:30pm

Sat: After 9:00am Mass

DEVOTIONS

First Friday: 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 9:00am & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sat 2:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual

Succour Novena

Wed after 7:00pm Mass

Rosary

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 8:00am

Sat 8:30am

Sun 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 12 noon

Baptism Preparation Meeting

1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS, VISITS & QUERIES

Parish Office on (03) 9749 4300

Gospel
Lk 21:25-28,34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

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

Next Week's Readings **Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6**

Feasts of the Week **St. Francis Xavier Tue, 3 Dec**
St. Ambrose Sat, 7 Dec

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 8 Dec 24

Bill Coghlan / Paul Mulquiney / George Socrates

Roster for Readers – 7/8 Dec 24

6:00pm	Jeffrey Poppen
8:30am	Dominic Hankins
10:30am	Lionel D'Cruz
5:00pm	Connie Skinner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 7/8 Dec 24

6:00pm	S. Joseph / K. Fernando / Sharon A. / K. Pham
8:30am	Romayne A. / C. Moso / A. Hankins / I. D'Lima
10:30am	F. Caruana / S. Colla / V. Petkovic / E. Mills
5:00pm	E. Chio / P. Beasley / A. Francis / M. Marip

Music Ministry – 7/8 Dec 24

6:00pm	Anavah
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Volunteer
5:00pm	Filoz

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Antonio Wegrzyn, Matteo Trejo and Ezekiel Hoskins** who are to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that these children will lead lives full of happiness, faith and love.

THE PIETY STORE has a stock of **WORD OF GOD 2025** for \$20, **2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** for \$10 each and much more. Come and browse.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

To enable us to make up hampers to brighten Christmas for struggling families in our area, please take a tag from the tree and return item(s) to the baskets under the tree **by Sunday 8th December**. A Christmas card with your gift of food or presents lets a family know that you are thinking of them in this joyous season. If you know of any families in need of a little help at this time, please contact Fr Laurence. Thank you for your generosity. Enquiries Kitty 0433710310.

ADVENT MASS OF ANOINTING – TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 11:00AM

Everyone, including the sick and elderly are invited to attend this special Mass. There will be a light lunch after Mass hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT 8:30AM MASS IS CANCELLED ON THIS DAY)**

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WEEKLY PARISH DATES

Sundays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Mass – Children's Liturgy held 1st and 3rd Sundays – Resumes February 2025. After 5:00pm Mass in Hall – Youth Group for youth 12 to 17 years on 2nd and 4th Sundays. 6:00pm in Community Centre – Young Adults (SPYA) meeting.
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm to 9:00pm – Alpha sessions in the Hall.
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Online Zoom Rosary - Meeting ID: 893 5477 8556. Passcode: rosary. 7:00pm – RCIA Meeting in Theatre, contact Francis Thomas 0401787372.
Wednesdays	7:00pm Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Succour Novena.
1 st Fridays	7:00pm to 8:15pm Mass & Adoration
2 nd Fridays	7:30pm to 8:30pm Shalom Kids Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction.
Saturdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm to 4:00pm St. Peter's Charismatic Prayer Community Praise & Worship – Meetings Resume Feb 2025. 1.30pm to 4:00pm - Healing Mass on 1st Saturday of the month. Next Healing Mass on Saturday 7th December 2024.
Baptisms	12 noon – Baptisms held 1 st & 3 rd Sundays. Baptism Preparation Meeting held on 1 st Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Baptism Preparation Meeting Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7:00pm in Church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SAT 14TH DECEMBER 9:30AM

The Ladies Auxiliary. are urgently seeking volunteers to help put up Christmas decorations in the hall. If you are able to help with putting up Christmas lights, Christmas tree and other decorations please contact the Parish office and leave your details. The beautiful Christmas decorations in the hall are enjoyed by everyone so your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ALPHA CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT – SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AFTER 6:00PM MASS

To celebrate the spirit of Christmas, the Alpha team have organised a Carols Night in the Hall starting at 7:15pm. Choirs from our parish will perform Carols from 7:15pm. You are requested to bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.

DAWN MASS NOVENA – SIMBANG GABI

We invite you to the 29th year of the 9-Days Dawn Mass Novena celebrated at St. Peters, starting on **Monday 16th Dec and finishing on Tuesday 24th Dec 2024. Masses at 5:00am daily.** Our parish prayer group organises this by coordinating with our parishioners, other Ministries in our parish, prayer group benefactors and others from neighbouring parishes who attend the Dawn Mass Novena every year. Their generosity provides a festive breakfast for everyone who attends the Dawn Mass. If any of you would like to be a part of this breakfast by either providing food or wish to donate towards it, please contact the parish office on 9749 4300 or email hopperscrossing@cam.org.au. Thank you.

ROSTERS FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS for the months from Dec 2024 to Feb 2025 have been emailed. Please contact the parish office if you have not received your copy or need a hard copy. Rosters for Communion to the Sick (Thursday) and Piety Stall are on the glass table in the church hall, kindly collect your copy.

BULLETIN BITS – WAITING, WAITING WAITING....

If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas, then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, however, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

GOSPEL FOCUS – SIGNS & WAITING

This Advent, our season of waiting begins with a dramatic foretelling of Christ's second coming. The signs that herald this event are on a cosmic scale and in line with the multi-layered imagery of Luke's infancy narrative. The signs are frightening and many will panic when the celestial bodies and the waters of the earth behave erratically – when the natural laws no longer apply. We must 'stay awake' and renew our lives through prayer and moral living in readiness for the end times.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Alowina Rodriguez, Pasquale D'Andrea, Fe Catong, Kamil, Boutros & Souad Helou, Pedro Ermitanio, Alberto Leal, Matthew Materia Snr, Beth Walkden, Slavko Takac, Ruel Santos, Gerard Santuico, Ernesto Sigismondi and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Kyle Sebastian Moreno, Joaquin Mariano, Nellie & Dominador Sr Mateo, Bienvenido Opolentisima Jr & Sr, Mark Opolentisima, Sebastiana Menina, Teodora & Pedro Hongoy, Monica & Pedro Angeles, Ellie & Narcissa Marinas, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Violet Lawrence, Jeffrey Dalton, Sean Donaldson, Dale D'Souza, Stephen Beaton, John O'Regan, Draga Vekic, Gerry Shaw, Keith & Janet Gill, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinki, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alistair Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Miriam Jose, Miriam Desilva, John Rirau, Ida Laino, Roland Arigadas, Terry Pountney, Oscar Gomez Herrera, John Francis, Krystina & John Parol, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli and all who are ill in our Parish.

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