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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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22 December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Year C



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Almighty and Ever living God,
We pray for all who are homeless or without food this Christmas; for refugees forced to flee their own land through poverty or persecution; for the sick and the housebound; for the lonely, and for all who are in want of any kind.
May we share from our plenty with those in need.
Your love was made visible in the birth of your Son at Bethlehem.
By the power of your Holy Spirit may our Christmas celebrations deepen our faith in the same Lord who has risen from the dead and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Entrance
Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading
Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm

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

2nd Reading
Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. **Alleluia**

Gospel
Lk 1:39-44

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was

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OFFICE HOURS

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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

filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Next Week's Readings **1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52**

<u>Feasts of the Week</u>	The Nativity of the Lord	Wed, 25 Dec
	St. Stephen	Thu, 26 Dec
	St. John	Fri, 27 Dec
	The Holy Innocents	Sat, 28 Dec

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas break at COB Friday 20 Dec and return on Tuesday 7 Jan 2025. Bulletins for 29 Dec and 5 Jan will be single sheets with mass readings. Normal bulletins resume on 12 Jan, along with names for Death Anniversaries, Recently Deceased, Sick List and Rosters. We take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a holy, safe & blessed Christmas. May the Christ Child shower His blessings on you this Christmas and all through 2025.

DAWN MASS NOVENA – SIMBANG GABI

Our Dawn Mass Novena has begun and you are warmly invited to participate for the remainder of the last two days. **Mass at 5:00am** followed by fellowship. If you would like to contribute towards the breakfast, you are very welcome to bring food to share at the fellowship. Thank you.

ALPHA CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thank you to all the Choirs for their beautiful singing at the Christmas carols night last Friday, to parishioners for attending and sharing food, and to all the volunteers and the Alpha team for organising a festive night of singing, fellowship and community spirit. If you would like to participate in the Alpha experience starting in February 2025, please scan the QR Code to register.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS – TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 6:30PM, CAROLS 6:00PM

All children are invited to dress up as a Nativity character e.g., angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph etc. for this family Mass. Please have the children ready and waiting in the hall **by 5:45pm** so they can process into Church for the start of the Carols at 6:00pm sharp.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR 2024 FOLLOWED BY HOLY HOUR – TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER, 8:30AM

Although this year may have been very challenging for many, we give thanks to our Lord for the abundant blessings and graces received throughout 2024. Please join us for the 8:30am Mass followed by a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving including Exposition, Praise and Worship, quiet reflection/prayer time and Benediction. All welcome.

ROSTERS

Money Counters – 29 Dec 24

Lerna Vasquez / Teresita Grisancich / Luzviminda De La Cruz

Roster for Readers – 28/29 Dec 24

6:00pm	Savita D'Souza
8:30am	Michelle Nelthropp
10:30am	Cleophas Peters
5:00pm	Mary Marip

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – 28/29 Dec 24

6:00pm	B. Fernandes / Josie T. / K. Fernando / K. Pham
8:30am	S. Graham / A. Francis / B&K Adie
10:30am	M. Peters / G. Schembri / V. Petkovic / E. Mills
5:00pm	E. Chio / B. Palatty / Sophia D / Volunteer

Music Ministry – 28/29 Dec 24

6:00pm	Volunteer
8:30am	St. Philomena
10:30am	Filiorum Dei
5:00pm	Youth Band

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED

We welcome into our Church community **Gianna Jayawardane** who is to be baptised this Sunday. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of Parents, Godparents, family and friends, we pray that Gianna will lead a life full of happiness, faith and love.

BROTHER ANTHONY WRIGHT

Parishioners, it is with sadness that we inform you that Brother Anthony Wright, our Seminarian, who has been with us on his pastoral placement since February 2024, will leave us on Christmas Day to return to the Seminary.

Brother Anthony, we would like to offer you our heartfelt thanks for the incredible dedication and service you have provided to our parish community, Altar servers, Youth Group, Young Adults and our Parish School, including taking Holy Communion to the sick in our parish. Your beautiful voice and musical accompaniments on the violin and organ and your homilies on a Thursday morning have greatly enriched our liturgies. Thank you for all you have done for us – we will miss your smiling face. We pray that God will bless you abundantly and guide, protect and keep you in His care as you continue on your priestly journey.

Please join us as we bid farewell to Brother Anthony at the **10:30am mass this Sunday, 22nd December 2024 followed by morning tea in the parish hall.**

TAP & GO DONATION POINT

We have upgraded the Tap & Go donation point in the church entrance foyer. All you need to do is select the amount you wish to donate and tap your credit card or phone. There is a 2nd Tap & Go donation point in the church hall

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A CHRISTMAS BLESSING
From. Fr. Laurence Cortez

May the blessing of joy abide within you
May the blessing of peace rest upon you
May the blessing of love flow out through you
May all the blessings of the Lord
Be yours at Christmas and in the New Year

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve – 6:30pm & 9:30pm

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Midnight Mass

Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR CATECHUMENS - SUNDAY
22nd DECEMBER, 8:30AM MASS

The Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens is the first step into the Catholic faith that an enquirer makes in preparation for receiving Baptism next Easter. This Sunday at the 8:30am Mass, **Grant Caldwell & Richard Mckinnes** will be accepted as Catechumens by Fr. Laurence. Let us welcome them into our church congregation.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS -
SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 9:00AM MASS

A special Blessing will be given to all babies and children at this Mass in memory of the young children of Bethlehem, put to death by Herod who sought to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ, to a world which would not receive Him.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Hoppers Crossing Conference would like to thank St Peter Apostle Primary School and the Parish community for kindly donating food items for the Christmas hampers. The hampers have been prepared and delivered to 140 needy families in our area. Thank you for your generosity,

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Gerry Shaw, Gregory D'Sa, Fr Leonard Thomas PE, Lolita Aguilos, Oscar Gomez Herrera, Josef Malachowski, Alowina Rodriguez, Pasquale D'Andrea, Fe Catong, Kamil, Boutros & Souad Helou, Pedro Ermitanio, Alberto Leal, Matthew Materia Snr, Beth Walkden, Slavko Takac and all who have died in disasters all over the world.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Noel Rego, Baby Shania Albuquerque, Florence Thomas, Bernard Cassin, Ramon Dayao, Corazon Dayao, Roberto Dayao, Angel Tonicic, Lina Feliciano, P P Davies 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, Keith & Janet Gill, Thais Long, Ollie Orlinksi, Gina Linning, Teresita Grisancich, Alister Dias, Rohan Graham, Gus Jones, Frank O'Brien, Miriam Jose, Miriam Desilva, John Rirau, Ida Laino, Roland Arigadas, Terry Pountney, John Francis, Krystina & John Parol, Eileen Lewis, Romano Apostoli, Mavis D'Cruz, Rolando Monte Silva and all who are ill in our Parish.

2024 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

MASSES

16 - 24 Dec	5:00am	Dawn Mass Novena
Sat 21Dec	9:00am 6:00pm	Saturday Morning Mass 4 th Wk Advent Vigil Mass
Sun 22 Dec	8:30/10:30am & 5:00pm	4 th Wk Advent Sunday Masses
Mon 23 Dec	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word / Communion Service
Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve	<u>NO 8:30am Mass</u> 6:00pm 6:30pm	Carols followed by Family Mass
Tue 24 Dec	9:00pm 9:30pm	Carols followed by Vigil Mass
Tue 24 Dec	11:30pm 12:00am	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day	8:30/10:30am 1:15pm	Carols ½ hour before Masses Spanish Mass
Christmas Day – No Evening Mass		
Thu 26 Dec	8:30am	Weekday Mass
Tue 31 Dec	8:30am	Thanksgiving Mass followed by Holy Hour of Thanksgiving for 2024
Wed 1 Jan	9:30am	New Year's Day Mass
No 7:00pm Mass Wednesday 1st January 2025		

JUBILEE YEAR 24 DECEMBER 2024 – 6 JANUARY 2026

The most striking part of the logo for this jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor. It depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The epistle to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19).



The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – WEDNESDAY 1ST JAN 2025

Kindly note that Mass on Wednesday 1st Jan will be celebrated at 9:30am. Since this is a public holiday there will be **no evening Mass at 7:00pm.**

LADIES AUXILIARY thank all who helped put up the Christmas decorations. They are requesting help to take down the decorations at **9:30am on Friday, 10 Jan 25**. Please come to the church hall if you are available to help on the day. Thank you.

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The Great Commission
"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Gospel to all creation"
Mark 16, 15

Pope Francis is inviting all of us to follow our baptismal call to live out the gospel and proclaim it!
Come join us on this exciting journey!

LITURGY	Be a priest for hearing Gods Word, growth in the Christian life, worship and proclamation
EVANGELISE	Be a parish that encourages and trains parish members to be evangelists
FAMILY	Be in contact with the home and live of the people in our parish and community
OUTREACH	Be a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink, and a centre of missionary outreach



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- * Ladies, Men's & Children's Hair Cutting
- * Make Up & Hair up
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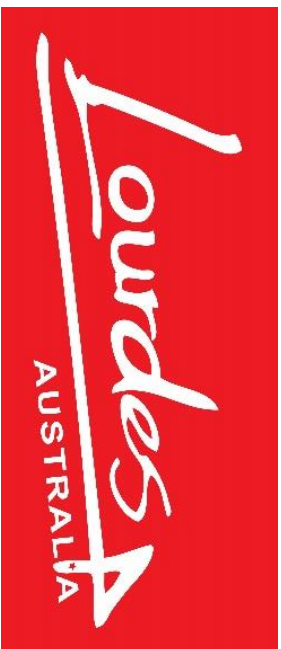
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