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9am - 3pm



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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B - 3rd DECEMBER 2023

(New liturgical year begins)

THE ADVENT WREATH helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate, who comes to redeem the human race and make all things new (Rev. 21:5).



SHAPE, NUMBER, AND COLOUR:

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us - a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

NUMBER: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Saviour - from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament. Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle by adding a pillar candle to the wreath centre.

COLOUR: Violet is a liturgical colour that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS
AND MARRIAGE*

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

ROSARY and NOVENA TO OUR LADY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)
6pm - 12am: Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact 62086236

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers



Your donations of edible Christmas treats such as **chocolate, cordial, biscuits, potato chips, jam, tea or coffee**. As well as other items such as a new **toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razors and soap**, or even a **new pair of socks** will be gratefully received. Items can be dropped off at the Parish office or in the bins at the back of the Church. St Vincent De Paul envelopes are on pews for financial donation. Please place on collection plate at Mass. Thank-you.



Parish Christmas BBQ and Farewell for Fr Leonard Sunday 17th December 2023 after 10.30am Mass

Everyone is welcome to come and join together as a Parish for a fun filled day. Please bring a **salad or dessert** to share at the BBQ. Meat, bread and drinks will be supplied. This will be a day to share time with Fr Leonard before he leaves for Launceston in the New Year.

Photos from Fr Vinco Muriyadan Ordination Mass Kerala, India Monday 27th November 2023



The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with spiritually rich, daily reflections from Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024).

The Sign serves as a guiding light. The cost is **\$10 a book**



Cathedral Concert Series:

Music for the Festive Season. Italian Baroque music in a celebratory mood.
Saturday 16th December 2023 at 2pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.

Tickets at the door and via the Cathedral Website

<https://www.stmaryscathedralhobart.org.au>



From Our Anniversary Book:

Mervyn Miller, Adolf Kuchnicki, George Watt, Nora Murphy, Edward Nolan, Corrie Jones, Tony Hogan, Robert Corradetti, Catherine Kinsella, Neil Harrington, Frank Laughlin, Victor Westbrook, Elaine and Alan Hurle, Sr. Ignatius Thorold PBVM, Matthew Bryson, Donal Noel O'Doherty, John Sheehan, Sr Patricia Fallon PBVM, Sr Gertrude Sullivan PBVM and Sr Augustine Healy PBVM



May they rest in peace!

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Carols on the Hill

The Archdiocese warmly invites you to Carols on the Hill. Sponsored by the Hobart City Council, this community Carols event is on **Saturday, 9th December, at Guilford Young College Oval, Hobart.**

Gates open at 5:30 pm.

This is a Free event and tickets are at the gates.

Everyone is welcome so gather your family and friends together for a night of music and activities.

For further information, go to hobart.catholic.org.au.



Nourished by Christ
Summer Seasonal Series

EMBER NIGHTS

'The Road Less Travelled By'
Fr Michael Tate AO PP

Wednesday
6 December 2023
The Cloister,
St Mary's Cathedral
180 Harrington St,
Hobart
6-8pm

Good food,
Good company

Archdiocese of Hobart

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Office of Life, Marriage & Family presents:

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

7 pm | Tuesday December 12
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Please join us to pray for the protection of Human Life in the womb. For more information, contact rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Advent Appeal

Request from Archbishop Julian Porteous for a collection for the people of Ukraine. Money donation can be sent directly to the Archdiocese. The diocese to make a donation in the New Year.

The details for remittance for funds are:

[Archdiocese of Hobart \(reference Ukraine Advent Appeal\)](#)

Account name – Catholic Development Fund

BSB – 067-000 Account Number 10320689



"A Renaissance Christmas"

Come to a shimmering concert of ancient carols and songs. Soprano Jacqueline Ward and classical guitarist David Malone will perform a charming program of sacred Christmas music, inspired by centuries past.

SOUTH: Richmond, Saturday 9th Dec, 3pm

Get tickets online: <https://events.humanitix.com/host/jacqueline-ward-and-david-malone> (preferred) or at the door.

Children's Corner

Christmas

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

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The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

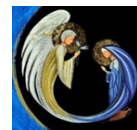
V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



READINGS OF THE DAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you
would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god
but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

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

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R)
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. ®

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

AWAKE - ALERT- ALIVE- ACTIVE

The First Sunday of Advent talks about the coming of Jesus at Christmas and it helps us to reflect on the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. It is the bridge between the 'last days' of the Church's year, which we have been celebrating over recent weeks, and the first days of the Church's New Year.

And how does the Church ask us to approach this feast?

A time of hope where we wait and trust in a person, who has shared our lot, understands our frailties and loved us to death. We place our hope in Jesus the Christ, our brother, saviour and friend.

This First Sunday of Advent we look beyond Christmas to the final moment when heaven and earth will be united and our vigil will be complete. On that day we believe the Son will have dawned once, and for all, on the world. Now, don't you think that's something worth being awake to see?

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th December - **St John Damascene, priest, doctor** Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday 5th December Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday 6th December - **St Nicholas, bishop** Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday 7th December - **St Ambrose, bishop, doctor** Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday 8th December - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Luke 1:26-38

Saturday 9th December - **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit** Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 84:9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

