



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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First Sunday of Advent 26/27 November 2022

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am
9:00 am
and
5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday,
& Friday
6:30 am
Public Holidays
8:00 am

**Saturday Mass of
Blessed Virgin
Mary
8:00 am**

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Exposition held
after Mass
Friday 7:00 am –
Saturday 7.30 am

Reconciliation

After Mass
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday (8.30 am)

"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."

Advent — A Time for Spiritual Preparations

The four weeks of Advent begin on this Sunday and Advent is a sacred time; we begin, once again, a new liturgical year.

The Season of Advent is a period of both repentance and celebration. We spend time in spiritual preparation for Christmas. We remember not only Christ's first coming to Earth as a human baby, but also celebrate his continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit.

The word *advent* comes from the Latin term *adventus* which means *arrival* or *coming*, particularly the arrival of something or someone of great significance.

The lighting of an Advent Wreath

Our churches and perhaps our homes will display an advent wreath. It is a custom that originated in 16th-century Germany. The wreath symbolizes a number of things – the circle of evergreen represents everlasting life, while the four candles symbolise our hope and expectation of Our Savior's birth and also, as Brendan Byrne SJ says in his homily notes, in his Second Coming as Son of Man at the end of time.

Advent Candles

There are three purple candles, lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent, while the one pink candle is lit on *Gaudete* or rejoicing Sunday (the third Sunday in Advent).

On the First Sunday of Advent the first purple (or violet) candle is lit. This is called the *Prophecy Candle* and recalls the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah.

On the Second Sunday of Advent the second purple candle, called the *Bethlehem Candle* is lit. This candle represents love and symbolises Christ's manger.

On the Third Sunday of Advent the pink (or rose) candle is lit. This Sunday is called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is a Latin word meaning *rejoice*. The change from purple to pink signifies the transition in season from repentance to celebration. The pink candle is called the *Shepherds' Candle* and represents joy. The last purple candle is called the *Angels' Candle*. It is lit on the

Fourth Sunday of Advent represents peace.

Traditionally, on Christmas Eve, we light the white candle that represents the life of Jesus Christ that has come to light the world. It represents purity.

May God bless us to experience, profoundly, the Advent Season.



To the Principal, teachers, staff and students at St Dympna's School, wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Happy holidays.

November 27 - A Blessed Day

It is a day to pray for the altar servers/youth and young adults. We, the parish community, is celebrating a Holy Eucharist with the intentions of the young generation of our parish at 9 am on this day.

Lord, it is Your will that they be joyful always, ceaseless in prayer, and thankful in all circumstances. We pray that wisdom will enter their hearts, and knowledge will fill them with joy. Wise choices will watch over them and understanding will keep them safe. We pray that they are living wisely and making the most of every opportunity. Christ Jesus, although we have not seen you, we love you. And still without seeing you, we place our trust in you. Bless us; we find rest in your peace. Amen

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy Six new members of Christ's faithful people: May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

There will be a second rite of reconciliation on Tuesday, 20 December. Monsignor John Grace, Frs. Rafal Rucinski, Biju Thomas and Geo Francis will be helping the community.

Fr Biju is on Christmas Holidays

There will be no Holy Mass on 26th and 28th of December 2022.

Parish secretary is on Holidays

Parish secretary, Anthony is going for holidays from 1 December to 9 January. Erin will be the acting parish secretary.

Liturgy corner

Advent

We begin this weekend, our celebration of Advent and the start of a new Liturgical Year – Year A where our focus in the Gospel readings will shift to the Gospel of Matthew. It is important that as Christians, we understand that Advent doesn't mark the end of the year but indeed a new beginning and an opportunity to start again with hope for the future.

In this season of Advent (unlike the penitential season of Lent) we are called to observe 'a period of devout and joyful expectation' (*General Norms of the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* #39). The Gloria is omitted during Advent not because it is a season of penance and abstinence but so that (echoing the angels that heralded Christ's birth) we may proclaim it with renewed joy at Christmas.

In our prayers we remember

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Those who are unwell: Mary Crowley, Catherine McNee, and Fr Peter Luton

Those who are deceased: John Hilleard, Van Nguyen, Marie Scanlan, and all those for whom we have been asked to pray.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish Office.

Hello all,

We are almost at the end of another hard-working year. The summer holidays are upon us and I'm sure many of you are thinking about that special Christmas time and what a beautiful season it is.

This year, as with almost every year, children from the school and parish join our parish priest for the Christmas Vigil Mass. This mass is focused on children and will be held in the School's Multipurpose Hall on Saturday 24th December at 5pm.

Father Biju would like to make this a special celebration and will be starting ten minutes earlier with the *Lighting of the Candles Ceremony*. All children present will be involved in this ceremony, including those who wish to volunteer to help Father act out the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew includes the roles of angels, wise men, prophets, King Herod, Mary, Joseph, innkeepers and readers. Most costumes are provided if your child/children decide to be involved.

Your child/children need to be of primary school age. Three- and four-year-old's are also welcome if parents consider they are confident enough to carry out a role. Please contact Kay Buxton (busbuck2@hotmail.com) if your child/children decide to be involved.

There are 2 practice sessions:

Wednesday 30th November straight after school in St Dympna's Multipurpose Hall for about 45 minutes (roles and costumes are distributed at this practice) and

Friday 23rd December at 9am in St Dympna's Multipurpose Hall for at least one and a half hours. You are welcome to stay at this practice or can leave and collect later if you choose.

If you find it difficult to make it to the first practice, your child/children can still be involved. Please email me and I will let you know details of your child/children's role. It is very important to be at the second practice.

We look forward to lots of volunteers to make this a very special Christmas celebration.

Kind regards,

Kay Buxton.

First Sunday of Advent - Prayer

Into the darkness of sin: Come, Lord Jesus.
Into every human heart: Come, Lord Jesus
Into every circumstance of despair: Come, Lord Jesus
Help us lift up the broken and give strength to the weary: Come, Lord Jesus.
Help us to build your kingdom of justice and peace: Come, Lord Jesus

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

Telegu Holy Mass

Thanksgiving Holy Mass in Telugu on 3rd December 2022 at 11 am .

All are welcome to join the celebration.

Christmas Raffle

Be in the running to win one of our amazing Christmas raffle prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The raffle ticket Money will be used for Altar servers' expenses. Many thanks to parishioners who have donated items for the raffles.

Visiting those who cannot come to the Church during advent

If some parishioners are sick, let me know so that I can remember them in my prayers, and if they wish I can visit them.

During advent, Fr Biju is available to give Holy Communion to the sick and homebound people. If you know anybody who would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Celebrations

4.30 Carol Singing

5 pm Vigil Mass (Family Christmas celebration)

12 am Midnight Mass

7 am Holy Mass

9 am Holy Mass



Dates of Sacraments for children 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 18 March 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday 31 May 2023 and Thursday 1 June 2023

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Saturday 26 August and Sunday 27 August

ROSTERS

3-4 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	Sr M. Costello (B) S. Stevens S. Hughes	First Reading T. Hand Second Reading L. McGorry Prayer of the Faithful I. Dove	K. Lara K. Lara	B. McGorry	Yvonne Di, Geraldine, Suzan
7.00 a.m. Mass	J. Bissell (B) I. Spanevello H. Hollamby	First Reading D. Francis Second Reading M. Delbridge Prayer of the Faithful J. Frayne	M. Delbridge T. Delbridge J. Brough	M. Blight	Nancy David F., David C.
9.00 a.m. Mass	T. Hoang (B) J. Ferris R. Heskett	First Reading C. Fernandes Second Reading J. Fernandes Prayer of the Faithful B. Simmons	D. Gee M. Soo Choon C. Soo Choon I. Soo Choon M. Pama I. Pama	Volunteer please	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m. Mass	H. Boevink (B) K. O'Donnell F. Gowans	First Reading E. Lebajo Second Reading T. Fernando Prayer of the Faithful R. Fernando	M. Orcullo M. Orcullo J. Alderton	B. Hopewell	Volunteer Delia, Edgar

Counters

27 Nov
D. Francis
D. McCudden
C. Leung
04 Dec
S. Sherwood
D. Jago
T. Savati

Church Cleaning

03 Dec David Francis
10 Dec Nigel Hughes
18 Dec Volunteers
23 Dec Volunteers
31 Dec Savio & Jinella
07 Jan Simon Jillela

PLANNED GIVING – Thank you for the generosity and support of all who contribute to the Parish Planned Giving. Details for electronic banking
BSB: 064 786 Account No. 100000129

SUNDAY HYMNS 03 & 04 DECEMBER

Entrance : O Come, O Come
Preparation of Gifts : Be Thou my vision
Communion : O Emmanuel
Thanksgiving : Advent Litany– Verses 1-4
Recessional : Wait for the Lord, whose day is near

BAPTISM Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For further information, please phone the parish office on 3862 9402.

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Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings
Second Sunday of the Advent

First Reading Is 11:1-10
Second Reading Rom 15:4-9
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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