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Readings - Year A
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As Christ's disciples our mission is:

*to be inspired by Christ

*to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel values by respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic traditions

*to provide welcome and sanctuary for all

*to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.

As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside
Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



First Sunday of Advent Year A - 27 November 2016

POPE FRANCIS TO JOHN LOCHOWIAK CHAIRPERSON NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL

I send cordial greetings and best wishes to you and the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the visit of Saint John Paul 11 to Alice Springs. I assure you of my spiritual closeness as you reflect on the many ways in which Almighty God has blessed your community through that historic visit.

This anniversary affords me the happy opportunity to express my deep esteem for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for your cultural heritage. Uniting my voice to that of Saint John Paul 11, I encourage you in his words: "Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost." For when you share the noble traditions of your community, you also witness to the power of the Gospel to perfect and purify every society, and in this way God's holy will is accomplished.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today, we will bless the wreath and light the first candle, the Prophets Candle or the Candle of Hope. Let us pray with longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord: *(pause)*

God of Grace and promise,
At the beginning of this Advent season,
We gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We ask you now to bless our Advent Wreath
And all here present gathered near it.
May it remind us of the first coming of Jesus.
In the Incarnation,
Of his continued coming into our hearts

And our world today

And of his future coming in glory.

BUCKET COLLECTION: ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Today we will have a leaving bucket collection for our local St Vincent de Paul Conference. This is to purchase gift vouchers for families in need for Christmas. The vouchers will be instead of the envelopes that parishoners normally take from the tree.



Those who have died recently	Tatura: Kyabram:
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura: Marie Wardle Kyabram: James Stewart, John Clarke
Our sick and their carers	Tatura: Kevin Wood, Connie Calleri, Dennis Smith Kyabram: Bill Nicholson, Kaydn Mitchell (baby), Bailey Guinan (baby), Gisela Crook, Julie Shaw, Jim O'Donovan, Jessica Vile, John Regan, Lyn Carey

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counters
Sat 3 rd Dec 6pm	Sacha Finlayson	Stephanie Hicks	Debbie Turvey	Joan Cummins Ev Leahy	A Hicks A Ciavarella P Baldwin	Simon Cowan
Sun 4 th Dec 8am	Rob Miller	Betty Curtis	Bryan Miller	Barry & Jan Lowe	D Worm T Miller S Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	28 Nov	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	29 Nov	9.15am LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	30 Nov	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	1 Dec	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	2 Dec	9.15am School Mass	No Mass
Saturday	3 Dec	6pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	4 Dec	8am Mass	10am Mass
Saturday	3 Dec	11.30am Reconciliation	
ROSARY	15 Minutes Before weekday Mass		

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DIARY DATES		
Mon	28 Nov	
Tues	29 Nov	
Wed	30 Nov	
Thurs	1 Dec	
Fri	2 Dec	11.30 Year 6 Reconciliation
Sat	3 Dec	6pm Mass – Second Sunday of Advent
Sun	4 Dec	8am Mass - Second Sunday of Advent
Mon	5 Dec	
Tues	6 Dec	5.30pm Finance Meeting
Wed	7 Dec	
Thurs	8 Dec	Immaculate Conception
Fri	9 Dec	9.15am End of Year Mass
Sat	10 Dec	
Sun	11 Dec	10am Mass – Cuppa after Mass send off for Trish Miller

PASTORAL CARE

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- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

CARITAS AUSTRALIA ADVENT PROGRAM

Learn, act and pray for a more just and peaceful world this Advent by using Caritas Australia's Advent program.

Divided into the four weeks of Advent and exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy and love you can reflect on the Gospel, learn about the people Caritas Australia serves, pray and take action. There are resources for Parish groups/individuals, Catechists, Young Adults, Secondary and Primary schools.

Download the resources at www.caritas.org.au/advent.



First Sunday of Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League annual subscription for 2017 of \$20.00 plus the Horizon\$20.00 is now due.

Members will be available to collect subs at the 6pm Mass 3rd December, 8am Mass 4th December and the 10pm Mass on 11th December.

Gwen Ranson, Secretary.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Stronger Christmas Party

You're invited to the Stronger Christmas Party!! Join us on December 10th to celebrate Christmas! There will be food, games, a fashion show and lots of fun to be had!

This event is open to all young people in the diocese.

Location: Mons Bones Hall, Next to St Brendan's church Shepparton

Date: Saturday December 10

Time: Starting with 6pm Mass until 9.30

Theme: Op Shop Party

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: To Danii at

danielle.sullivan@sandhurst.catholic.org.au by December 3rd

Summer School Melbourne - 8-15 Jan 2017 – Registrations now open!

Join other young people aged 16-35 for a powerful week of teaching, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers. Register before 15th Dec for earlybird rates and/or register as a group of 4 and save \$100 (3 participants must be new to Summer School). More info:

melbourne@summerschool.org.au, 0490 157 556 or summerschool.org.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

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I pray that this occasion will provide an opportunity to deepen your love for Christ and for one another, offering a convincing and tangible sign that we are "no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph 2:19).

Commending you and all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the intercession of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

From the Vatican November 2016

SANDHURST ADVENT RESOURCES 2016

"Waiting with all Creation"

5 weeks reflection and prayer sheets

We have available some printed sets of the Sandhurst Advent Resources at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL DAY

When; Saturday 3rd December 2016 11am to 4pm including Mass at 11:30am

Where: Mons. Peter Jeffrey Centre, behind St Brendan's Church Shepparton

Guest Speaker; Fr Bernald Agustines on the topic "Introduction to 2017 which is the 50 YEARS Celebration of CCR!" (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)

Shared Lunch and afternoon tea, Coffee and Tea will be provided. R.S.V.P: Brigita Hore 0412 042 196. For more details please see Flyer or call Brigita, So bring a friend if you can and we hope to see you there.

ASPIRE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Aspire Cultural & Charitable Foundation is holding a Christmas Market where there will be a variety of food and activities including live music with Fr Rob Galea.

WHEN: Sunday 11th December from 4:30pm - 7pm

WHERE: Sacred Heart Cathedral Grounds, Cnr High and Wattle Street Bendigo.

Followed by the annual Marist Brass Carols in the Cathedral.



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14a
Matthew 24:37-44



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

In Advent we prepare for Christ's first coming and also direct our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming. Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectation.
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Burglars in the night

Jesus' sayings reveal him to be a clever storyteller. His use of images captivated his audience. However, we have tended to endow his every word with awesome significance. In today's reading Jesus used a confronting image simply to gain his audience's attention. He does not intend to suggest that God sneaks up on us like a burglar to catch us out. The image conveys the need to prepare for what might happen unexpectedly.

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Looking at the Readings

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Feast of the Week of St Andrew, the Apostle, 30 November

Born in Galilee, brother of St Peter, he was one of the first to follow Jesus. He introduced his brother (Jn 1:41), the boy with the loaves and fish (Jn 6:8-9) and the Greeks (Jn 12:20-22) to Jesus. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

Quote from Pope Francis

The world today has great need of reconciliation, particularly in light of so much blood, which has been shed in recent terrorist attacks. May we accompany the victims with our prayers, and renew our commitment to lasting peace by promoting dialogue between religious traditions, *Message to His Holiness Bartholomaios, Archbishop of Constantinople, Ecumenical Patriarch 30 Nov 2015*

On the Lighter Side

While a man drove to Melbourne for Christmas shopping, his wife heard on the radio "be very careful and watch driving on Hume Freeway today, there is a motorist driving the wrong way" She phoned her husband's mobile to warn him and he replied: "You tell me! There are hundreds of them here."



Once we learn to pray with our hearts, and not our lips; we truly begin to have a conversation with God.

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in