



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December 2019

We are a child safe Parish

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

RESURRECTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr Desmond Noack - Principal – 8312 6312
principal@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

All Parish Groups meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday. We begin with prayer at 7.15pm; individual groups meet between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation required.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Should you or somebody you know wish to become a Catholic, there is a great program called R.C.I.A.

Contact Pauline Debrincat or Fr. Gerard at the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The Parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Contact the Parish Office for details.

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the “message” button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

RESURRECTION YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Are you a young adult? Does sharing a meal with new friends sound like something you'd enjoy?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these, the Resurrection Young Adults may be the group for you!
resoyouth@gmail.com



Mass Times

Saturday	Sunday
6.00 pm	9.00 am 10.30 am
Weekdays	
Monday	6.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	8.50 am

This Week at Resurrection

Monday 2nd December 2019

6.00pm	Mass
6.30pm	Christian Meditation

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

9.00am	Christian Meditation
9.30am	Mass

Wednesday 4th December 2019

9.30am	Communion Service
10.00am	Rosary
7.00pm	Parish Christmas Break-Up

Thursday 5th December 2019

6.45pm	Christian Meditation
7.00pm	Mass
7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday 6th December 2019

8.50am	Mass
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Saturday 7th December 2019

9.30am	Reconciliation
10.00am	WOW Group
10.00am	Advent Reflection
10.30am	Baptism Parent Meeting
6.00pm	Mass

Sunday 8th December 2019 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Office Closed

9.00am	Mass
10.30am	Mass
10.30am	Children's Liturgy
11.30am	International Day with Disability - Refreshments and activities

We pray in thanksgiving for Edward Psaila, Celine Decouto, Leonard Firth and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Hedy Garcia, Salvatore Calcagno, Dang Linh Hon, Tien Nhan Noi Ngoai, Gioan, Maria & Thomas, Peter Paul, Anna, Mo Coi, Linh Hon An Nhan, Clarita Torres, Donna Conquilla and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.

Please also pray for Frank Gatt, Charlie Grima, Paul Sant, Pauline Debrincat and those who are sick.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thanks to our Samoan community for a joyful celebration of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November at 10.30am Mass.

Celebrations followed in the hall after Mass with an abundance of food for everyone to share.

Thanks for your time, effort and generosity.

INVITATION TO PARISH BBQ BREAK UP

If you are in a Parish Group or part of a ministry or help out in anyway, you and your family are invited to come along to our end of year BBQ. Sausages, Hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, 4th December

Time: 7.00pm

What to bring: A salad or dessert to share

It is our way of saying thank you to so many individuals and groups who have been faithful throughout the year to their chosen ministry commitments and/or attended their group meeting on Parish Meeting Night on the first Wednesday of each month. So let's get together; enjoy a meal, have some fun and get to know each other better or maybe meet someone new who is as dedicated as you.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is for the healing and spiritual strengthening of those who are impaired by sickness or old age. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at Resurrection Parish, within a Eucharistic celebration on **Saturday 21st December at 10.00am**, followed by light refreshments.

For catering purposes please notify the parish office of your attendance.

SIMBANG GABI

Prepare for the coming of Christ in the Philippine tradition with a nine-day novena Mass which starts at 5.00pm on 16th December through to 24th December. You are invited to stay back afterwards for breakfast which is prepared daily.

2020 FORMATION MEETINGS

Over three Monday nights after our 6pm Mass there will be meetings for all parishioners committed to the Ministries of Proclamation, Hospitality, Communion, Data Projection/Camera and Counters. You will be expected to attend a formation meeting as part of your ministry. This will be a great opportunity to discuss the ministry and together we can make the appropriate changes.

Save these Dates

10th February at 6.30pm – Overseers & Hospitality.

17th February at 6.30pm – Proclaimers, Data Projectionist, Camera. ~Counters meeting with Maryann~.

24th February at 6.30pm - Special Ministers of Communion and Sacristy Duty.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The piety store will close on 14th December for the Christmas break and reopen Saturday 1 Feb 2020 onwards.

The Conference will accept last callouts for 2019 on Friday 29th November. The St Albans West Conference will close for a Christmas break this weekend and reopen on Monday 3rd February 2020.

The Vinnies Christmas gift tree requires parishioners to return their gifts by Friday 6th December 2019. This will enable our volunteers to distribute the gifts to our local families in time for Christmas before our Conference takes a well earned rest for Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity and support over 2019. Have a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Your St Albans West Vinnies team:

Hashani Fonseka (President), Pat Marek (Vice President), Caroline Concessio (Treasurer), Karen D'Souza (Secretary), Anna and Andrew Cassar, Sue and Dan Christie, Daniel D'Souza, Vera Durovic, Imeleta Penisio, Luisa Fletcher, Harsha Fonseka, Diana Ho, Rocky Hughes, Stephen Jacob, Ruth Lavery, Eddie Medilo, Lorna Salalila, Joe Santiago, Suzanna Tienzo, Joseph Borg and Megan Treanor

ADORATION

One Hour Adoration, in the Honour of the Immaculate Conception, will be held in the Church on Sunday 8th December from 12pm to 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

55 + UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date - Tuesday 17th December, the 55 Plus group will be holding a Christmas lunch at the St. Albans Sports Club. For anyone who is interested please contact Elizabeth Thompson on 0435791390 or contact the Parish Office.

International Day of People with Disability

**Sunday 8th December
2019 @ 10.30am Mass
followed by finger food
and activities for carers and
people with special needs**

RSVP: Resurrection Parish Office



CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS

As a community we are blessed to have wonderful facilities like the community centre. To ensure that all can benefit from this facility please ensure that it is cleaned after every use.

In other words please ensure all rubbish is removed, equipment is put away, dishes washed and put away, kitchen is cleaned, floors are swept and mopped, etc.

Many Thanks.

Fr Gerard

SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION

We will be installing Solar Panels at the Parish Office, Presbytery and Convent.

The installation will start approximately Monday 9th December 2019.



MONASH University

Research project: Career development of Indian Nurses in Australia

Please volunteer for our study about the career development of Indian nurses in Australia!

We are interested in collecting the views of individuals who studied nursing in India (to Diploma or BSc level) and hold or have held a nursing licence in India, and currently work in Australia as a registered or enrolled nurse or in a nursing-related occupation (such as Patient Services Assistant - PSA or Patient Care Assistant - PCA). We would also like to talk to Indian-trained midwives working in Australia.

The aims of the project are: (1) To describe the socio-economic characteristics of Indian nurses, (2) To analyse the factors and processes of international migration to Australia, (3) To examine Indian nurses' career development (or deskilling) processes, (4) To investigate what Indian nurses perceive to be the advantages and disadvantages for them of developing nursing careers in Australia and (5) To identify the characteristics of Indian nurses in Australia in relation to those in other destinations.

Taking part involves completing a survey with a researcher. This will take approximately 60 minutes and is completely anonymous.

As a token of our appreciation, there is a \$40 Coles Myer gift card for all participants.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Dr Allegra Schermuly:

Email: allegra.schermuly@monash.edu

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It's the most wonderful time of year, isn't it? And while some scoff at carols being sung on the radio before December 1, Christians throughout history have embraced this season of spiritual preparation using Advent readings—short Bible passages read during the lighting of the Advent wreath.

This sacred time invites us to slow down from all the holiday preparations and parties, take a deep breath, and remember the reason for the season: the eternal Jesus Christ taking on human flesh.

But how do all the different parts of Advent work together, and how can you incorporate Advent into your church or family life? That's what this article will help you figure out, specifically guiding you through the practice of Advent readings.

What Are the Four Sundays of Advent?

If you've ever struggled to keep the four Sundays of Advent straight, you're not alone. For hundreds of years, faithful Christians have observed the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day as a special time to prepare their hearts, but these practices have changed over time and place.

The first mention of Advent is found in ancient writings dating back to the sixth century, with some anecdotal mentions as early as AD 380 at the Spanish Council of Saragossa! So not only is it an old Christian practice, but it's also a very personal one, as churches have adapted the practice to suit their local parishes.

So while there's no authoritative guide to Advent, we can find some commonalities in the ways churches have practiced the observance of Advent throughout history.

Generally, the themes that correspond to each week fall into these categories:

Week 1: Hope (or promise)

Week 2: Preparation (or waiting or prophecy)

Week 3: Joy (or peace)

Week 4: Love (or adoration)

While the differences in weekly Advent themes may be confusing, we can unite in our desire to quiet our hearts during a hectic holiday season and worship Jesus. And the good news

is that you can definitely mix and match these weekly themes with various Advent readings that will best serve your congregation or your family. There is no right or wrong way to observe Advent as long as you're coming to God with a sincere and open heart.

Twinkling lights and candles everywhere remind us that Jesus is the light of the world that came to dispel the darkness.

That theme of light is what originally gave birth to the Advent wreath hundreds of years ago in Lutheran Germany, and it's become a beloved tradition in many churches and homes.

The Advent Wreath is typically an evergreen wreath containing five candles, each lit on successive Sundays during the Advent readings. Some variations of the Advent wreath include different colors to correspond to different themes, while others keep the candles a simple white.

As it's practiced in church services, the Advent wreath is usually lit at the beginning of the weekly service with its accompanying Advent reading from the Bible. However, many families choose to create an Advent wreath and set it on the dinner table or mantel, lighting the candles and using that family time to remind themselves and their children that the Christmas season is first and foremost about Jesus. Other families set the Advent wreath on their mantel. Again, the beauty of this tradition is that you can make it your own, as it suits you and your family.



7th & 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Vilinda Rebutillo	Aurora Asuncion
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Anna Wright	Andrew Cassar Anna Cassar Maryann Psalia	Evelina Tumiauga Yvonne Utoasega Dolly Zipagan
DATA PROJECTOR	Amelia Muscat	Oliver D'Souza	Alicia Joseph
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	John Borja Choir Karen Colaco Max Michel	Elizabeth Michaelson Choir Teresa The Augustine James	Outreach Choir Outreach Outreach
COLLECTORS	George Borg Daniella Gozun Gabrielle Gozun Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Lachlan Colaco Charlie Galea Charlie Grech Charlie Spiteri	Frank Gatt Aimeree Manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Richard Marshall Roberto Bracco Royston Du'Pratt Sam Farrugia Tilo Matagi Tony Tuimauga Wesley Yuan Teresita Danga Daborah Agok Diana Bellina
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Carol Tedesco Joyce Zahra Henry Dunn Lucia Portelli Cathy Downing Frank Spiteri Emalyn Spiteri Pat Marek Carmen Falzon	Fr Gerard Keith Eve Balfour Rosemarie Balfour Rosario De Jesus Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly Geraldo D'Silva Rose Gaquit Judy Leckie Elizabeth Osegueda	Fr Gerard Keith Angelita Ramat Clem Beltran Josephine Medilo Dolly Zipagan Margaret Vilardo Korlu Subah Maria Lapid Atalina Ulugia Sa'Ena Christine Perram Evelina Tuimauga Fely Baltazar
SACRISTY DUTY	Rianne Brizuela	Arlene Manabat	Catherine Pedralvez Teresita Villar
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Spira Attard	Margaret Bannerman Anthony Scerri	Mary Rulla Suzanna Tienzo Emilia Rivera
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Tony Zahra Joyce Zahra	Grace Mifsud Doris Frendo Paul Bossini	Jane Inot Fely Baltazar
CHURCH CLEANERS FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER NOVEMBER 2019 Danilo Wico Tony Zahra Barbara Dabadie Joyce Zahra Samantha Rosair Catherine Muscat	BAPTISM MEETING 7TH DECEMBER 2019 Owen D'Cruze Elizabeth Osegueda Judith Makripoulas		FLOWERS: No Flowers during Advent ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi

Next Week's Readings — 8th December 2019
Second Sunday of Advent



Reading 1

IS 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

R. (cf. 1) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading 2

ROM 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Gospel

MT 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Stewardship Reflections

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?