

St. Theresa's Parish

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27 November 2022 | 1st Sunday of Advent



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 28 November

10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1:30pm.

Tuesday 29 November

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 30 November

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

10am Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 01 December

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 02 December

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

10am SVDP meet in hall followed by a lunch.

HAMPER MASS WEEKEND

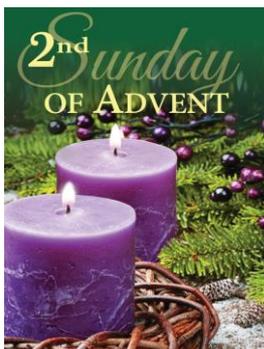
Saturday 03 December

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 04 December—2nd Sunday in Advent – Year A

9:30am Mass

4pm Rite II Reconciliation in Church



1st Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred,

and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.



Please note: Next week Father Andrew and the other Clergy will be on retreat so there will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion all week.

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES AND TIMES IN YOUR CALENDAR.



HAMPER WEEKEND 3rd/4th December. NEXT WEEKEND is our Hamper Mass weekend. This year we expect to send out around 100 hampers and would love your support with treats and basic food items. These will be sent out on Monday 5th December. You can leave goods in the foyer of the Church by the SVDP basket and we thank you and appreciate your support.

RITE II RECONCILIATION 4pm Sunday 4th December. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the new Liturgical year in the church. Advent, 4 weeks before Christmas, is the season of waiting. The Church is preparing for the coming of God's son, the birth of Jesus our Saviour. Advent is a time of great hope, it is a time of prayer, reconciliation and spiritual preparation. Please join us at the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service.



St. Joseph's working bee and Christmas Carols

St Joseph's Church Pāuatahanui, has recently been refurbished and painted, and is looking beautiful. We are pleased to announce the revival of the annual Christmas Carol service on Sunday 18 December at 4:00 PM. In preparation for the service, a working bee will be held on Saturday 10 December at 2:00 PM.

Contact Susan Bieleski 0212974445

Communion Rite – a gentle reminder about what was said last weekend.

The season for Advent and the new Liturgical year (Year A) starts today and this seems a perfect time to unify what we do as a congregation during the Communion Rite, after the Sign of Peace and the Lamb of God.

Presently we have some people remaining standing, some sitting and some kneeling. The Cardinal has given guidelines that we should kneel after the Lamb of God and if this is not possible you should be seated. We are to remain kneeling or sitting until the Priest has consumed both The Body & Blood of Christ.

To help us know what to do during this time of the Mass, there will be a reminder on the Data projector.

If you would like to discuss this with Father or the committee, please talk to them after any of the Masses or you can call the office and book a time to see Father.

Liturgy Committee

Audrey Hinder, Rommel Anthony, Angela Cole, Noemi Thomas, Russell Plume, Julian Howard

A Letter confirming this from Cardinal John Dew.



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

Dear Fathers and Lay Pastoral Leaders

I am aware that in some parishes there is confusion among parishioners about whether to kneel or stand after the Lamb of

God until the distribution of communion.

I draw your attention to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal approved for New Zealand page 30 which says: "in the dioceses of New Zealand, they should kneel from the completion of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. They are to kneel again after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) until the distribution of Holy Communion."

Please let parishioners know that they are to kneel after the Lamb of God rather than remaining standing, until they go up for communion.

With all good wishes and blessing.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington

SCHOOL LITURGY WITH JUDE



This week we spent some time talking about all the different names God has ... and how they tell us about God and what God can do. Now we can look you in the eye and tell you - our God is so big and so strong and so mighty - there is just nothing that our God cannot do!



SVDP LADIES HARD AT WORK IN THE FOOD BANK.



PARISH GATHERINGS

We have had two social gatherings this week. On Saturday night about 25 people gathered for a pot luck dinner. A very enjoyable night with yummy food. On Thursday we had an Anointing Mass followed by a delicious lunch with baked ham, salad and potato bake and about 54 people attended. Thank you for the food, SVDP for serving and cleaning up and Fr Alfred

for the music. Nice to be able to end our year with good company and food.



Those who are sick: Msgr John Carde, Richard Gibbs, Pearly Paul (Rommel Anthony's mother), Fr Kevin Purcell, Ruth Dobbs, Michelle Anthony, Angeline O'Connor, all parishioners

who have Covid or sickness.

Anniversaries:

Brian Aldridge, Monica Rodrigo, Shirley Tierney, Michaela White.

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 November at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This will be the last one for this year. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Service Roster 3/4 th December - 2 nd Sunday in Advent			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross		Sef Truyens
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Noemi Thomas		Hamish Baker
Proclaimer of The Word	Robyn Teppett		Youth Team
Karanga	Lizzie Wootton		Phoebe McClean
Eucharistic Minister	Angela Cole Alan Fleming		Dorothy Gibbs Sef Truyens Helena Quinn
Morning Tea			Peter & Janet McClean
Childrens Liturgy			Tandi McCarthy
Flowers	Dorothy Gibbs	Altar Society	Klara Noldan

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FLOOD EATING DRINKING
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 FIELDS WOMEN MILLSTONE
 AWAKE BURGLAR READY

