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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **1st Sun Advent 28 Nov 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Crispin | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
| **2nd Sun Advent 5 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 21/11/2021 – 380.00$**

**Loose Money: 21/11/2021 – 105.09$**

**JOHN PIERCE CENTRE COLLECTION: 21/11/2021 – 247.55$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 29th Nov Our Lady of the Golden Heart**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 30th Nov St Andrew Apostle**

**Wed: 1st Dec St. Edmund Campion**

**Thu: 2nd Dec St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 3rd Dec St. Francis Xavier**

**Sat: 4th Dec St John Damascene, Doctor**

**OUR LITURGICAL SEASON 2022 STARTS TODAY WITH THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on the 25th of December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590-604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

As a preparatory time for Christmas, the brothers and sisters of the Neocatechumenal Way in our Parish will be praying **the Morning Prayer of the Church every morning from Monday to Friday at 6.00 am in our Church.** This communitarian prayer is extended to all the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Furthermore, in Advent, in the beginning of Sunday Mass liturgy the purple candle will be enlightened to signify the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in our midst. All will intone the singing of MARANATHA: *Come Lord Jesus*.

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 2022/C, REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: LK 21:25-28, 34-36**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**

Dear Parishioners

As the restrictions imposed by the Government due to COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September.

As we are all aware, traditionally the “Father’s Day” collection would have been taken up on that Sunday to support the retired Priests of the Archdiocese.

It has been asked to make a collection on the next weekend 27/28 Nov 2021 to support financially our retired Priests. So, this weekend, there will be some envelops on the pews for donations in honour of Father’s Day appeal.