



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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## Advent Week 1: Purple Advent Candle, Hope

The first candle lit on the first week of Advent is a purple candle, this candle represents hope. In the first week of Advent, we recall the Prophet Isaiah, who anticipated the birth of Jesus. This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah.

Preparing for Christmas - St Paul's will be celebrating a Novena Mass at 7pm every weekday from the 15th of Dec to the 23rd of Dec 2022.

On the weekend of the 12th & 13th of November, we had a special collection for the Catholic Deaf Appeal—we raised \$425.55. Thank you for your kind donations.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS - MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE

is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safe-guarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

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**WE PRAY FOR:** For Healing: *Rose Hurt, Charlie Bonello, Recently Deceased: Katrina Gatt, Sebastina Corso, Amelia De Guzman, Charlie Azzopardi, Thomas Pirotta, Thi Vong Vu, Margeret Calleja, Anniversaries: Miguel P. Enriquez, Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Teofilo Samson, and all Souls.*



## Church Diary (Week beginning 27th Nov 2022)

**Saturday 26th/27th Nov First Sunday of Advent** Baptism: Helen Azzopardi, Artorius Nguyen, Elizabeth Tran, Chloe & Oscar Chan, Evelyn & Daniel Shirley, Naomi Nguyen

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + *Mary Calleja, Victoria & Emanuel Grima,*  
+ *Melita, Emanuel & Darren Calleja, + Tarcisio Cutajar*

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + *Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri*

+ *Connie Theuma, Francis Debrincat, Michael & Lucnezia Portelli, Sam Theuma*

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

### Monday 28th Nov

8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
11.00am Lady of Knots  
7.00pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday 29th Nov

8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
10.00am Italian Prayer Group  
6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

### Wednesday 30th Nov

St Andrew, Apostle

8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

### Thursday 1st Dec

8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)  
7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

### Friday 2nd Dec

8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
3.00pm Divine Mercy  
5.30pm Maltese Confession  
6.00pm Maltese Mass

### Saturday 3rd/4th Dec Second Sunday of Advent

Baptism: Isaac Mesia-Mejia

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + *Emy Saffarese*

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + *Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Anthony Farrugia*

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass +



Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

27 NOVEMBER 2022

## WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into

ploughshares,

their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.



2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. R.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! R.

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. R.

## SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.**