

SAINT MARGARET MARY'S

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9:00am (English)
Sunday 10:30am (Italian)
Sunday 5:00pm (Vietnamese)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am
(Wednesday - Italian)

Reconciliation (1st Rite)

By appointment

Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month

Weddings

By appointment

Holy Hour

(English/Italian)
Every 1st Friday of month 8:00am – 9:00am
(Vietnamese)
Every Sunday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11
Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Ministers:

(Sat/Sab) J Anderson
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) C Megna
(Sun/Dom 10:00am) C Granata

Commentators:

(Sat/Sab) N Ianno
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) G Hunter

Readers:

(Sat/Sab) N Ianno
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) G Folino
(Sun/Dom 10:30am) A Lupo

Counter:

G Hunter



Welcome to St Margaret Mary's Parish

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SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B



Stay awake!

You never know when the Lord will come.

Mark 13:33-37

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Reflect on the periods of waiting in your life. Pay particular attention to times this week when you have to wait - in traffic, at an appointment, in a shop. Use those periods of waiting for reflecting on your day or slowly repeating the *Maranatha* prayer.

PARISH DIARY / DIARIO PARROCCHIALE

2 / 3 DECEMBER 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Year B

DECEMBER

9/10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9/10 Refreshments after Mass

13 Healing & Anointing Mass at 11:00am

13 **NO 9:00am Mass**

15 End of School Year

17/18 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 Advent Reconciliation 7:00pm

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm Family Mass English

8:00pm Vietnamese Carols
followed by Mass

11:30pm English & Italian Carols
followed by Midnight Mass



FINANCE/FINANZE – 26/11/2023

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

- Church \$227.65
- Presbytery \$142.50

LOOSE CASH

- Church \$225.60
- Presbytery \$225.60

DIRECT DEPOSITS TO CHURCH

- October \$305.00

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ELECTRONICALLY

CASHLESS PAYMENTS:

CDFPay for Parish:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayBrunswickNorth>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Church A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 542820812

Presbytery A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 543011742

Thank you/Grazie

Please remember in your prayers / Gentilmente ricordate nelle vostre preghiere:



OUR SICK / NOSTRI MALATI

Our family members and friends and our parishioners.

WE REMEMBER / RICORDIAMO

Joseph Franchina, Valerio Carbonari.

Responsorial Psalm Response

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face & we shall be saved.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY / BUON COMPLEANNO

best wishes to:

Tony Ellul who celebrates his 75th birthday on 8/12

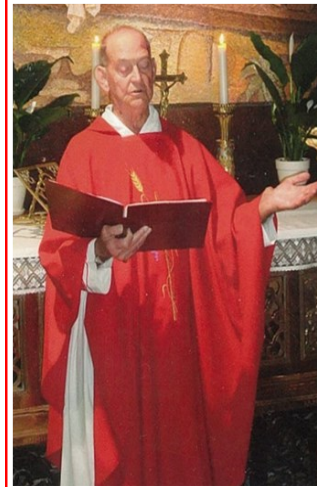
Good health and happiness to you!

THE LORD IS WITH US

Traditionally the liturgical season of Advent invites us to prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus among us. For many of us, this waiting concludes with Christmas, when we remember and celebrate Jesus' birth in time. He was born like us in a place, in a family. He had parents like us, brothers and sisters like us, and managed to make friends like us, as well as some enemies, just like some of us. He began his working life as a carpenter, while in the peak of his life he chose to become an itinerant preacher, reminding everyone that God, his divine Father was kind and merciful, that he loved everyone without distinction, even those who chose not to love him in return. During his mission he gathered people around him whom he called disciple, his followers, but he managed to attract some enemies as well, people in powerful positions, some of whom chose to do away with him, rather than consider changing their views about him and his teachings.

And yet, perhaps surprisingly there is no mention of the Gospel today of his first coming. We are asked, instead to wait for a 'second' coming, at the end of time, about which we do not know neither day nor the hour. Which means that we have to be watchful; all of which can be rather stressful, particularly on occasions of deaths and funerals. Given, however, that over the last two Sundays we took time to reflect precisely on the second coming of the Lord, we are able to reflect, ever so briefly today on the 'second' coming. Or is it part of his 'first' coming? Could it be that Jesus has not left us at all, that he continues to live with us, as the 'Emmanuel,' 'God with us!'

Important, however as this reality is, his presence among us is not always easy to recognize. We can say that he comes almost in disguise, as in someone needing help, the child lost in a crowd, the lonely neighbor, the family member across the table. He is the child who asks a wise question, or the adult who gives a wise answer. In fact he comes in so many disguises, that we can easily miss him. Yet, as we already reflect over the past two Sundays, this is precisely what we will be asked to account for 'at the end of time': whether we have recognised Jesus in his brothers and sisters.



**Our Gratitude to
Fr Michael Ledda SDB**

Thank you, Father Michael, for the blessings you have prayed to God for this community of St Margaret Mary. You have provided us with more than we could ever have imagined. You have surrounded us with people who always look out for us. You have given us strength and encouragement words and actions. They lift us up in ways that keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ and his Church.

Also, thank you, Father Michael, for keeping us safe. You help us make better choices and provide us with advisors to help us with life's decisions. You speak to us in so many ways so that we always know you are there to support us.

Today we thank God with you for your priestly services with 60 years of Salesian profession and over 50 years of priesthood. We thank you for whatever you have done for us and for this community.

Fr Anthony Nguyen SDB, PP. and the community



NEXT WEEKEND - CUPPA AFTER MASS

LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR

Thank you to the welcoming committee members for funding Cuppa after Mass and providing this service for us throughout the year.

HEALING & ANOINTING MASS

The Healing and Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly is on

Wednesday 13th December at 11:00am

Please Note: There'll be NO 9:00am Mass on this day.

After Mass light refreshments will be served in the gathering space.



ST VINNIES NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH THE ESCALATING COST OF LIVING CRISIS THIS CHRISTMAS.



You can bring some joy by donating non-perishable food and items for vulnerable people in Australia. Your items can be placed in the box located in the Church gathering space next to the Christmas Tree. Please support our local St Vinnies Group.