

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)

By appointment

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> 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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

### Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14.16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

# SPECIAL ROSTER

## PARISH DIARY / DIARIO PARROCCHIALE

16 / 17 DECEMBER 2023

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Year B

## DECEMBER

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**

25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00am **English Mass**

10:30am **Italian Mass**

5:00pm **Vietnamese Mass**



## FINANCE/FINANZE – 10/12/2023

### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

- Church \$250.10  
- Presbytery \$153.00

### LOOSE CASH

- Church \$316.38  
- Presbytery \$316.37

### DIRECT DEPOSITS TO CHURCH

- November \$315.00

## 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*



## Welcome to St Margaret Mary's Parish

Salesians of Don Bosco

51 Mitchell Street, North Brunswick.

Presbytery 9386 6522

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Website <http://pol.org.au/brunswicknorth/home.aspx>

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School 9383 6699

Don Bosco 9383 5333

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Quang Nguyen SDB Mobile: 0412 560 445

School Principal: Mr Daniel Ryan 9383 6699

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**



There stands among us, unknown to you,  
the one who is coming after me.

John 1:6-8. 19-28

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bring light to someone's life this week by a visit, a phone call, a gesture...

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

Alpiera Lizzaro.

**Responsorial Psalm Response:** My soul rejoices in my God.



### BUON COMPLEANNO / HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tanti auguri / Congratulations to:

**Concetta Ziella** che ha celebrato i suoi **89 anni 8/12**

**Arsenia Stang** who is celebrating her **70 anni 20/12**

**Rosa Schiavone** che celebra i suoi **70 anni 27/12**

**Vincenzo Troiano** che celebra i suoi **97 anni 28/12**

**Pace e Buona Salute! / Peace and Good Health!**



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

**THE HAMPERS RAFFLE DRAW IS ON THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9:00AM MASS. GOOD LUCK!**



### Parish Advent Reconciliation

**DATE CHANGED NOW** Wednesday 20th December at 7:00pm

*All parishioners are invited to gather on this occasion.*



**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.

Offering



### CHRISTMAS OFFERING/OFFERTA DI NATALE

Christmas offering envelopes are located in the gathering space for all to use.

Thank You.

Buste per l'offerta di Natale le troverete all'entrata della chiesa. Grazie.

## WHO ARE YOU?

Just as the liturgical season of Lent is a time given to us as an intense preparation of Easter, so too Advent is a time for us to reflect on how we witness the birth of Jesus among us. While in the past the season of Lent requires us to undertake some serious work of penance and abstinence, Advent wasn't quite as demanding. Today, neither Lent nor Advent make any such demands, inviting us, instead to reflect on how we witness to the love of God.

Today's Gospel does not look back on the birth of Jesus. It fast-forwards thirty years instead, when Jesus is about to begin his ministry. There might not have been anyone to announce his birth some thirty years earlier, but God had provided a very worthy messenger to announce the arrival of the Messiah and the beginning of his mission. As John settles around the shores of the Jordan and invites people to be baptised as a way to show that they wished to change their ways, people flock to him in large numbers. Among those are also some of the leaders of the Jews, who are curious as well as interested in finding out who John is, and why he is offering baptism to those who ask for it.

"Who are you?" they asked him, to which John immediately gave a definitive answer: "I am not the Christ," I am not the promised Messiah. "Who are you then?" the Priests and Levites asked, "are you Elijah, or the Prophet?" For his answer, John refers to the prophet Isaiah: "I am a voice that cries in the wilderness. Make a straight way for the Lord."

With this answer, John seemed to disappear from the scene, as though there was no further role for him in the scheme of things. It would be Jesus, however who would tell us, one day just how important John had been, and how important his role had been in God's Plan of Salvation: "of all men born of a woman, there is no one greater than John."

### PENSIERO DOMENICALE

Oggi è già la terza domenica di Avvento. Nella nostra celebrazione siamo invitati a alleggerirci perchè il Signore è vicino. Spesso, però, non ci viene di essere allegri. I nostri cuori sono tristi. Sembra che il Signore sia molto lontano da noi. Ci sentiamo giù di morale. Andiamo qua e là cercando gioia e consolazione, ma non ne troviamo. Anche Dio sembra essere assente. Forse anche ai tempi di Gesù la gente lo sentiva assente. Cercavano un Redentore ma non lo trovavano. Però Giovanni Battista ci dice, come a loro: "Rallegratevi, il salvatore è in mezzo a voi, anche se non lo riconoscete. Ma, vi dico, è molto vicino a noi."

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There'll be **NO** 9:00am Mass during Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th December.

Da Martedì 26 fino Venerdì 29 dicembre **NON** ci sarà la messa delle 9:00am.