

Holy Family
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

THE CANDLES AND THE WREATH

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

The theme of Advent's fourth Sunday is the **love** that God has for mankind to become man and save us from death and sin.

The Advent wreath has four candles - one is lit each Sunday of the four weeks of Advent. Each candle represents a new focus and time of reflection. The fourth week of Advent is the candle of love. Also known as the "angel candle," it is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love, and He came to teach us to love God and others.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Celebrant: As we begin our celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us prepare to light the fourth and last candle on our Advent wreath. As advent draws to a close, we pause to pray for faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God... Let us pray

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, hope of the prophets and desired of all nations.

All: Come! Lead us back to you.

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary.

All: Come! Take flesh in us.

Celebrant: Come Lord Jesus, source of grace and hope for peace.

All: Come and save us, delay no longer.

Celebrant: Let us pray...

God, our Emmanuel, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's

announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother



of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Saviour was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

We are very grateful to all the Parishioners for their continued support and thanksgiving donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

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St. Annes Church

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Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your name, for our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese. Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDF Pay : <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySeaford>

“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish ,where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Trish Falk, Christina Toleafoa, Hortance Bouchereau, Nadege, Anna Martonhelyi Linda Butler, Felipe Gonzalez, Natalie Fowler, Ben Pool, Gilbert Pyet, Bernadette O’Shea, Tony & Gerda Small, Margaret Keating, Kate Knox, Baby Toby, Mauricio Bonizzoni, Matthew Materia, Fitzroy De Alwis, Judy Bartosy, Jonas Sestokas, Jacquie Vandelight, Ronald Alo.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially Les Monger, John Monger, Cresencia Salih, Gerald Fitzgerald, and for all those who have died recently including **Brother Christian Moe FSC.**
Rest in Peace, Amen.



Archbishop's Advent appeal for Ukraine



Thank you for your support of the Advent Appeal for Ukraine.

Please scan the QR code above to donate online.
melbournecatholic.org/adventappeal

Dear Parishioners,

We are into Christmas season which brings joy and a lot of family times. During this time let us celebrate the coming of Jesus with grateful heart. Please be safe during this Christmas season.

Please welcome families and visitors during our Christmas Masses.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office is closed from 22nd Friday to 2nd January. We will try to attend to all emergencies. Please email or call the office and leave a message.

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

After Christmas Mass there will be no Mass this week. There will be regular three weekend Masses on 29/30 December.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS TO COVER THE COST OF WATER PIPES.

We have reached our target amount \$15,000 last week. Thank you for your generosity in time of need. There will be no collection toward this project.

PIETY STALL

“The Piety Stall will be closed from Sunday 24th December- to Sunday 4th February 2024.

I wish to thank all the parishioners who have patronised or helped at the Stall for the past year.

Have a very Happy and Holy Christmas.”

For more information please visit our website.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2023



Christmas Mass Timings

Penitential Service – Thursday 21st December
7:00pm – followed by Individual confession

Weekend Masses

Saturday 23rd December – 6:00pm – Mass

Sunday 24th December – 9:00am – Mass

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December

5:30pm – Carols followed Children’s Mass

8:00pm – Family Mass

11:30pm – Midnight Mass with Carols

Christmas Day – Monday 25th December

9:00am – Mass

New Year Day – Monday 1st January 2024

9:15am – Mass followed by benediction