

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

8th December 2024

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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass (except on Public Holidays)

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Alpha Youth
Sunday
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Healing Mass
Thursday
12th December
7.30pm

Candlelit Mass
Monday
8pm

**Christmas
Preparation**
Friday
10am -11am

Readings

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Baruch 5: 1-9
Ps 125
Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11:
Lk 3: 1-6

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Zeph 3: 14-18
Is 12: 2-6
Phil 4: 4-7
Lk 3:10 18

The Voice in the Wilderness: Prepare the Way



Almost 600 years before the coming of Christ, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, and people were carried off as exiles to Babylon. Baruch was one of the prophets who wrote to encourage the people not to give up hope. The day would come when God would bring His people home. This was the word of God that had come into the mind and heart of the prophet Baruch. This very same word of God came again 600 years later to John the Baptist

when Rome governed the land of Israel and Herod was a puppet king. John, the last of the great prophets before Jesus, preached a repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Both Baruch and John prepared the way of the Lord.

The second and the third Sundays in Advent centre on John the Baptist, reminding us that if we want to prepare properly for the coming of Jesus we need to listen to the Baptizer's message. Following the style of ancient historians, Luke dates the appearance of John according to the ruling powers. He begins by setting the emergence of John against the secular context of the Roman Empire. Against this background John the Baptist, as he prepared the way for Jesus, proclaimed the coming of God's Kingdom and preached a "baptism" to symbolize the interior repentance that leads to forgiveness. Fulfilling the prophetic words of Isaiah, John the Baptist's preaching assisted in ensuring that in the lives of everyone who was baptized, "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth" (Lk 3:5). Isai was referring to mountains of pride and arrogance and valleys of discouragement and despair. As with Baruch, John presents an image of the mountains and valleys being made flat and smooth as a sign of Israel's repentance and moral transformation. The quotation which John's work fulfills is taken from Isaiah 40:3-5, where the prophet was calling the people to prepare for the Lord's visitation. If a king was planning to travel, work-crews would be dispatched to repair the roads. Ideally, the roads for the king's journey would be straight, level, and smooth. John considered himself as the messenger of the king. But the preparation on which John insisted was a preparation of heart and of life. "The king is coming," he said: "Mend, not your roads, but your lives." John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord's visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our hearts with expectation. The most important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.

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By emphasizing the last line of the quotation "All flesh will see the salvation of God," Luke stresses the universal aspect of God's salvation. Having begun the section with a list of rulers who did not bring wholeness or salvation, Luke ends with the expectation of a true Lord Who can bring these about. The place where John did his preaching is very symbolic. The Jordan River was the place that represented the eastern border of the Promised Land, separating it from the desert, where the Jews had wandered aimlessly for 40 years after centuries of slavery in Egypt. By preaching his message there, John was inviting the Jews of his day to come out of the bondage of slavery, to leave their faults, their wandering and their sinful lives behind, and to enter into the Promised Land full of God's blessings. Advent, like Lent, is a season given to us so that we may repent of our sins and be reconciled with God and His Church by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Listening to the message of the gospel today we need to prepare the way for the Messiah in our hearts. This can happen only when we repent and seek forgiveness from God and our fellow-human beings. John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. We have to turn away from them in sincere repentance in order to receive God's forgiveness. William Bausch offers some suggestions as to how we might accommodate the message of John in our lives: "Make friends with someone you're at odds with. Pick up the phone and talk to somebody you haven't talked to in months or years. Be the first to hold out the hand of reconciliation even though it gets slapped or rejected. Don't turn your head at shady dealings. Be willing to put some of your possessions on the line. Tithe, not out of your excess, but out of your substance. Add up the amounts you have set aside for your Christmas spending, and then slice off 10 percent and give it to the poor. Give evidence that you mean to repent." Sally Koch reminds us that great opportunities to help others seldom come but small ones surround us every day. It takes only a minute to be kind, but the prophet reminds us the end result can remain forever and not for a day.

Lanukumbudramakkal

Advent Candle Stand



A big thankyou to Craig Parham for the beautiful Advent Candle Stand which we are using in the church.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Tania Cavuoto, Fr Terry Bowman MSC, Age Selita, David Marriott, Margaret Kennedy, Karl Chehade (Sr.), Sr Bridgid DeMello MSCJ, Fr Len Helm MSC, Nikoll Ducaj, Maurice Travers, Pat Berti, Leo Faulkner, Beth Alison, Josephine Mobley, Kate Tamits, Desmond Peters, Jozef Klimkiewicz.

Anniversaries

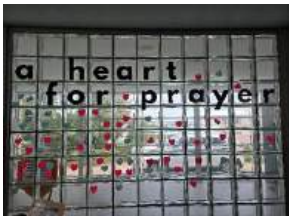
Sr Lovinia, Chris Mc Donald, Terry Howith.

Sick Parishioners

Terence Byrne, John Boeyen, Peter Stevens, Sean Kennedy, Wendy Boeyen, Graham Blacket, Aduzinda Matthews, Annette Smith, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Rene Young, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green.

Prayer Wall

Give a heart, take a heart



When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you."

This Advent at Henley Beach Parish, we are inviting all parishioners to write a prayer intention or a name on a heart shaped post-it note for someone else to pray with and for. So, simply write out your prayer and post it on our "Heart for Prayer" wall at the back of our Church. Then, take one from the wall and pray with and for someone else through Advent.

Give a heart, take a heart

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Oscar, Guiseppe, Harlow, Harrison, Harvey, and Xavier being baptised this weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Celebrating the year of Jubilee 2025



Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Vatican Dicastery [Department] for Religious or Consecrated Life added 'on the path of peace'. This year, 2024, was declared a Year of Prayer in preparation. Read the attached article and see how you, the People of God in your own parish (or region), could celebrate as Christians in our world.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) @ 9.30am Mass



Our CLOW team offers the youngest members of our Parish an opportunity to connect with the Gospel during each Sunday morning mass, in the Church Hall. Anyone wanting to join the CLOW team is invited to contact Barb Conlon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Stewardship Reflection Second Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love. them on their faith journey this Advent.

Alpha Youth

Are you in High School, OR

Do you have family members in High School that may want to come along to our YOUTH Group?

Alpha YOUTH happens in our parish every Sunday evening following the 5:30pm mass
6:30 - 8:30pm (includes dinner)

Food, Fun, Friendship ... enquiries please contact Barb Conlon (0439 305 543)

Birthline Pregnancy Support Needs the following items

Pre-loved baby items
BUT please only give us what you would be happy to pass onto a family member, items in clean and good condition.

- Baby Clothes - size 0000 to 1 (esp. Growsuits)
- Prams and Double prams
- Bassinets
- Capsules and Car seats (less than 8 years old)

Contact Anne Smith for drop off details
(0416 034 458)

Vinnies Thank you!



Our Vinnies team would like to thank you all for your wonderful generosity, yet again. The 'old Library' (adjacent the entry foyer) is packed with gifts. This Sunday, from 12 noon, our Vinnies helpers will begin the sorting/matching of gifts to our most needy mums, dads, children and 'seniors'. Your caring and generosity will bring happiness and joy to so many, who would otherwise 'miss out'. Sharing our 'bounty', both at Christmas and during the year, also deepens our faith, joy and relationship with God, for as Jesus said, 'Whatever you do to the least of my brothers (and sisters), you do to me'.

If you still wish to provide gifts or a money donation, please take them to the Parish Office. It is never too late to help!
May God bless you all.

Terry Bowman MSC-In Appreciation



Terry Bowman came to Henley Beach Parish in 1999.

His enthusiasm for life, cheerfulness, friendliness and warmth radiated through the parish. The parishioners at Henley were introduced to him earlier in his role as Deacon, so when he replaced the much loved Chris Murphy, they knew what he was like and what to expect.

He loved people; singing and cooking, revelled in humour and enjoyed a close relationship with all parishioners who would have no difficulty in recalling the memorable times they spent in his company.

You didn't have to be told you were appreciated by Terry, you just knew. I was privileged to be asked to be the commentator at his farewell mass in 2006.

While recovering from back surgery, Terry was about to take his customary evening walk when he collapsed and died at the door of the Monastery. The shock of his sudden demise is still reverberating amongst his MSC brothers.

Rest in Peace Terry Bowman

Yvette Faria-Pronk

Fr Terry's funeral will be on the 11th December at 10am at Our Lady of Rosary Parish Church Kensington Sydney. There will be live stream. Please use the following link to view the live Stream:

<https://www.cactusproductions.com.au/frterrybowman/msc>

Sunday 15th December at 9.30am we will specially remember Fr Terry Bowman who was our Parish Priest here at Henley Beach and pray for him.

Christmas Table

Come & see all the Wonderful New Items at the Christmas Table at all weekend masses from now until sold out!

All profits towards the clean water project in Zimbabwe.

Happily accepting EFTPOS & cash!



Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Christmas Masses 2024

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Henley Beach Parish

**All Christmas Masses will be held in our Church
this year
420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.**

CHRISTMAS MASS times for 2024 are ...

TUESDAY Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 6:00pm
8:30pm
Midnight

WEDNESDAY – Christmas DAY

8:00am
9:30am

THURSDAY – Boxing DAY Mass

9:15am

WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass

9:15am

The 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be a Children's Mass with a focus around young children. Children are invited to dress as their favourite nativity character when attending at any Mass time over Christmas.



Together let us embrace
the Spirit of Christmas
and celebrate the birth
of Jesus.

Healing Mass: Thursday 12th December



Rosary 7pm.
Mass 7:30pm including the
Sacrament of Anointing and
Reconciliation.

Prayer Ministry with Candlelit
music in the Spirit of Taize,
individual blessings with the
Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance & Benediction.

Tea/Coffee and light supper available.

All Welcome Enquiries phone Pauline 0403002240

Opportunities for Business Promotions



The Parish Finance Council would like to advertise businesses owned by our parishioners in the parish bulletin for a minimal cost. If you would like to do this please contact the parish office.

It will be a mutual help in presenting your business to the parishioners, making connections with fellow parishioners and a financial help to the parish.

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Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

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Roberto's BARBER & HAIRDRESSER



Wishing all at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish and Community a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

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