

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

First Sunday of ADVENT – Year B

3rd December 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

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:

2nd Rite Reconciliation
Tuesday 12th December
7pm

Advent Retreat
Saturday 16th December
9:15am - 3:30pm

Advent Reflection Groups
Group 1: Wednesdays
7pm
Group 2: Fridays 10 am

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th:

6 pm : Family mass
8.30 pm : Vigil Mass
12 : Midnight

Monday 25th

8 am
9.30 am

Readings

First Sunday of Advent Year B

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1: 3-9
Mk 13: 33-37

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
Ps 84: 9-14
2 Pet 3: 8-14
Mk 1: 1-8

Volunteer's Weekend: We Thank God for You...



Once again we are celebrating the volunteer's weekend in the parish. Something that struck me while browsing through the internet yesterday was this: "Most people just share quotes about kindness and generosity on Facebook. Thanks for walking the talk." In the day and age where greed is making everyone focus on getting and receiving, few angels like you are still committed to giving and helping.

As we are celebrating the volunteers' weekend once again, looking back on 2023, I am left amazed beyond words at what God has done through the ministries of our parish community. If there's one thing, I don't want to get lost in all of this is that very little could happen without the collective efforts of all our volunteers. In this modern world some people are trying to do everything they can to be recognized as different, but few are doing everything they can to make a difference. Volunteers like you are doing a great deal in our parish community to make a real difference.

For some people, volunteering is about giving. But for the likes of you, it is a way of living. Today I want to give that special attention on all the works done in the parish by all our volunteers and thank each of you for what you are for this parish. I would like to mention the works done by our volunteers in the office, for pastoral ministry as readers, ushers, special ministers of the Eucharist, in music ministry, in children's liturgy, ministry to the sick and the sacristans. I would like to remember with gratitude all the hard works done by those who help out in cleaning, gardening, and maintenance. This is an occasion also to thank all of you in the Parish Pastoral committee and Parish Finance Committee and many who were involved in the different events that we organised in the parish, especially during the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you for a job well done. Yes, you are so wonderful with all the positive energy spreading around you, giving that example of servant leadership and giving in the church. You have taken time from the "busy-ness" of your own schedule to participate in ministry opportunity here at Henley Beach parish. We want you to know how appreciated you are, not just today, but the whole year through. Volunteers like you prove that the only right way to live, is to constantly sacrifice and give. Thank you, volunteers. Thanks for volunteering and inspiring.

Manu Kumbidiyamackal

Advent is here once again....

Today we begin a new season of Advent and its 1st Sunday. Here we go again! We begin another Liturgical Year with this season of Advent. In the general literal sense, the word 'advent' means 'coming of someone,' but in the Christian Liturgical sense it specifically refers to 'the coming of Christ.' So specifically, therefore, with the start of Advent today, we begin the period of expectation and waiting for the coming of Christ, our Saviour: His birth on the first Christmas day. But actually, the Lord comes to us in three ways. The first coming of Jesus more than 2000 years ago, when he came as our Saviour. This was the event long awaited for by the Jews of the Old Testament. During Advent, we relive in our own lives their experience of waiting for the Lord's coming as our way of preparing for the anniversary of his birth, which is exciting, but also predictable. The second coming is the glorious return of Jesus in future at the end of time. Risen Jesus who is now seated at the right hand of the Father will come again but this time as King and Judge of both the living and the dead. But we do not know when it will happen. The third coming is situated between the first two comings. It is Jesus' daily coming into our hearts here and now at every moment of every day in the sacraments; very specifically through the Eucharist, and therein lies a challenge for us as well as a comfort. The Gospel Reading of today from St. Mark talks about the second and final coming of Jesus, but we do not know when. Their not knowing when he would come again, Jesus urged for watchfulness and vigilance on their part, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Knowing how hard it is for us to remain awake by our own efforts we might choose to use some aid, such as an alarm clock. In the same way, the Church, knowing how easily we dose off and fall asleep in spite of Christ's warning, has placed at our disposal the means of turning our attention constantly back towards God, and that is the different forms of prayer. Advent is a good time to recommit ourselves to the full celebration of prayer, if we have grown lax. Let us choose our alarm clock to help us stay awake through this season of grace while we await the coming of the Lord.



The Candle of HOPE: On the first Sunday of Advent we light the first Advent Candle. The first candle is the candle of 'Hope', so prayers on this day focus on hope. This candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.

It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Janakumbidramalekol



Funeral Notice

The funeral of Pauline Temby will be on Friday 8th December at 2 pm. Please keep Pauline and her family in your prayers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Pauline Temby, Sonia Bennie, Josie O'Leary, Des Fahey, Pamela Wolf, Jim Argue, Dragan Pribanic, Kathleen Mary Kuchel, Stanley Blackford, Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Bernado Forgione, Margaret Billing Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole,

Anniversaries

Chris Mc Donald

Sick Parishioners

Sonia Benn, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy

Stewardship Reflection for 33rd Sunday

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Police Checks Updating

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

The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one



Advent Giving Tree



Please return all gifts by Sunday December 3 to allow for sorting and distribution the following week.

There is again a need to request that no used or second-hand gifts be included in this appeal, as this has been a problem in some parishes in the past.

Thank you for your generosity and help in this worthy Christmas tradition in our parish.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Kids Corner

Across

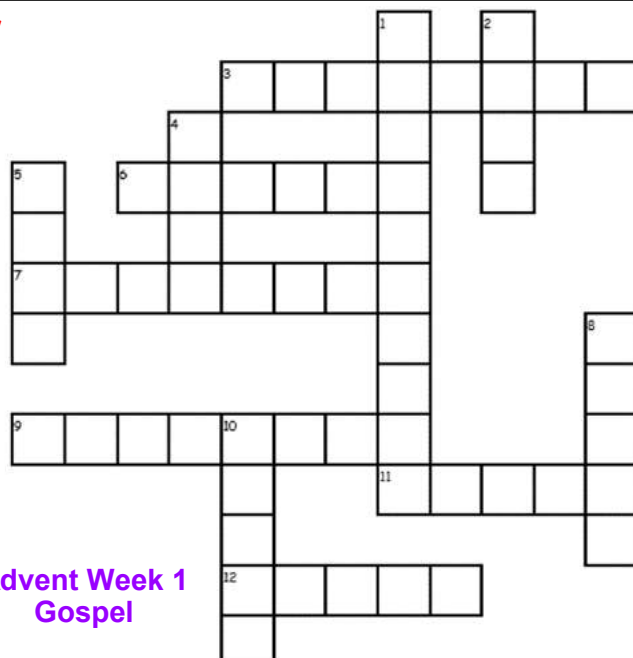
- 3: when a man goes away he puts these people in charge
 6: servants work for their -----
 7: the middle of the night
 9: men who keep watch
 11: protect, defend
 12: you do this when you go to bed

Down

- 1: all things
 2: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You don't _ _ _ _ when the time will come'
 4: the time of day when the sun rises
 5: a clock is used to keep this
 8: prepared
 10: a type of building people live in

CROSSWORD
Stay awake!

Advent Week 1
Gospel



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

We have already reintroduced Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish, an opportunity for them to gather, connect and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

Healing Mass

Healing Mass Thursday 14th December Rosary 7pm
 Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, and Benediction.
 Tea/coffee and light supper available. All welcome
 Enquiries phone Pauline 0403002240

Giving App



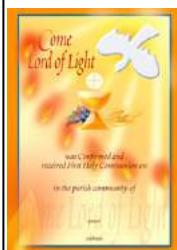
Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.

Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

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

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Sacramental Program 2024



We are excited to announce the upcoming Sacramental program for the year 2024 at our parish. This program is a significant journey of faith and spiritual growth, and we invite all eligible members of our parish children to participate.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact parish office.

We look forward to a blessed and meaningful Sacramental program in 2024.

Parish Planned Giving Program Renewal Volunteers Needed

It is almost three years since any renewal of the planned giving program was done in the parish. Looking at the parish finances over the past three years we can see a steady decline in our planned giving program and if it continues to be in the same way the parish is going to struggle.

We need to do a renewal program and the finance committee is looking for volunteers to run this program in the parish for the next year. The first meeting will happen on **Wednesday December 6th at 7 pm in the meeting room.**

Please consider this as an urgent request for help and volunteer in organising this program. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Please come along to the meeting on 6th December to know more about how you will be able to assist.

Knit & Natter



Our Group will be having a break until the New Year. I would like to thank our ladies who have knitted and crocheted rugs, scarves and beanies all year for those in need. Thankyou to those who have donated wool. Merry Christmas.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church

Topic: "Don't Be Afraid, Mary;

The Day will Include:

Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent

Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240
by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Second Rite Reconciliation

We will have second rite reconciliation celebrated in the parish in preparation for Christmas on Tuesday, 12th December at 7 pm. There will be priests from other parishes available for confessions on that day. Please use this opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. In case you miss that day there will be opportunities for reconciliation on other days before and after the daily mass.

Young Christian Workers Sol' Music

Every month YCW host a music event called Sol' (Solidarity) Music - aimed at uniting young people from all around Adelaide to share in their talents and tend to breaking social isolation.

The event is open to all ages and fosters opportunity for community from all those from different cultural backgrounds, realities and generations.

December 1 2023, 6pm - Dwell East End, Student Accommodation, 12 – 18 Synagogue Pl, Adelaide

December 8 2023, 6pm – Minor Works Building Community Centre, 22 Stamford Court, Adelaide

Gingerbread Houses



Ginger Bread Houses only \$35 each. "Please order yours now at the back of church after mass and they will be delivered to masses on the 9th /10th of December. This is the last week for placing your orders.

Christmas Table



Christmas tables with loads of goodies are now available at the back of church. This is a great opportunity for you to pick some.

Gingerbread House Building day



On the 9th of December for those that would like to join in this fun filled, community day, please mark in your diaries. We would love to have you and your friends join us for

a couple of hours!

Coffee/tea/lunch and snacks all provided!

Contact Cheryl Wedding 0427 351 008

Christmas Mass Volunteers



If you would like to volunteer for a ministry for one of the Christmas Masses, please complete the volunteer forms at the back of the church. All masses will be held in the Church this year, so we will need lots of people to help us with giving a warm welcome to everyone who comes to the celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas with us.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th:

6 pm : Family mass

8.30 pm : Vigil Mass

12 : Midnight

Monday 25th

8 am

9.30 am

Please note:

There will not be a usual 5.30 evening mass on Sunday 24th of December

There will not be an evening mass on Christmas Day on 25th of December.

Advent Reflection

A series of Advent reflections looking at the significance of Christmas in the context of 'The Big Story of the Universe' – how do we connect the Big Bang to the stable in Bethlehem and Adelaide in 2023?

Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion.

When: Wednesdays December 6, 13, 20.

Time and place:

10am at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St, Mile End and 7pm, Hallett Cove Catholic Church foyer. All sessions 90 minutes.

Presenter: Kevin Liston. Sponsored by SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC). For more information and to register for the first handout:

E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or P: 0411 197 829.

Answers

CROSSWORD

Stay awake!

Across

3: Servants, 6: Master, 7: Midnight, 9: Watchmen
11: Guard, 12: Sleep

Down

1: Everything, 2: Know, 4: Dawn, 5: Time, 8: Ready
10: House

Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au