

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

1st 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

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Jer 33: 14-16
Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1Thes 3: 12 - 4:2:
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

Advent: Liberation is Near at Hand



Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ into our lives. Besides Jesus' first coming at birth, we are asked to reflect on Christ's coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, and at the end of human history (the second coming). Just as we ended the previous liturgical season with an apocalyptic description of the end of the world, we begin the new season of Advent with similar apocalyptic warnings. The Church

invites us to join a pilgrimage of hope and Faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ's first coming (advent), through the prophecy of Jeremiah, and a prophetic vision of Christ's glorious, final Second Coming (Parousia) through the Gospel selection from Luke, while reminding us, through the second reading, of Christ's daily coming into our lives here and now in our brothers and sisters; everyone for whom He died. Church also reminds us that these are days of "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming" because the Advent season is intended to fill us with great expectations of the coming of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child and make preparations for receiving the child into their family. In the first reading, prophet Jeremiah was waiting and hoping for an ideal descendant of King David, the Messiah of God, who would bring security and justice to God's people. We Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping were fulfilled in Jesus. In the second reading, Paul gives instructions about how Christians should conduct themselves as they wait for "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones." He urges us to put God's promise of peace into action by cultivating a spirit of love for others. In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany the end of the present world of matter, space, and time with the Second Coming of Jesus in glory as our Judge to give us the rewards our lives on earth have earned. Jesus encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and by sharing our

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blessings with others. Advent also provides us with an opportunity to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us remember the words of Alexander Pope: 'What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?' Jesus must be reborn in our hearts and lives, during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, in our love, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness. Then only will we be able to give people Jesus' hope by caring for those in need, give them God's peace by turning the other cheek when we are provoked, give them Jesus' love by encouraging those who are feeling sad or tired, and giving them God's joy by encouraging and helping those who feel at the end of their strength, showing them that we care and that God cares as well. When, with His grace, we do these kinds of things we will receive hope, peace, love, and joy in return. Then we will know that when the King, returns on the clouds of glory, we will be ready to receive our Lord Jesus fully in eternal bliss.

The Church begins the Advent season of Liturgical Cycle C by presenting the second coming of Christ in glory, in order to give us a vision of our future glory in Heaven and to show us the preparation needed for it. She reminds us that we are accountable for our lives before Christ the Judge. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives during this Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Advent gives us time for improving of our lives and for deepening the sincerity of our religious commitment. It is a call to "look up" to see that Christ is still here. We must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again. Luke reminds us to trust in Jesus amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives. In these days of uncertainties caused by all that is going on around there is all the possibility that we can feel overwhelmed by disaster and feel that our lives have no meaning, Jesus says: "Stand up, raise your heads, because your salvation is near" (Lk 21:28). Two significant Advent values are Hope and Humility – and it can't be coincidental that they are listed consecutively in the Glossary to the Catechism (p.882). Hope enables us to desire and expect eternal life with God (CCC #1817), as we humbly and trustingly await the return of the Lord Jesus in glory (CCC #840).

Janakumbudramalika

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.

2024 Archdiocesan Advent Resources available online and in parishes

The 2024 Archdiocesan Advent booklets have been delivered to your parish. A PDF version of the booklet is available online at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>. Weekly reflections will be published on the Archdiocesan Mass App (available from the Apple and Google Play stores for free), Facebook (www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese) and Instagram (@adelaidecatholic).

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Shia Grech being baptised this weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Funeral Notice



The funeral of Tania Cavuoto was on Friday 29th November. Please keep Tania and Simon and their families in your prayers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

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

Pauline Temby, Kay Clements.

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.

Blokes Luncheon



Another successful gathering at the HENLEY HOTEL on the 15 November 2024. Nineteen men including Fr's Paul Cashin, and Paul McCormack, enjoyed the delicious meal and excellent company. Unfortunately, Fr Manu was unable to attend due to a parish commitment. On this occasion the \$120 donated was handed to the Henley Beach Vinnies Christmas Tree appeal. Thank you all again for your generosity and support.

The DIARY DATE for the next BLOKES gathering is Friday, 14 February 2025, St Valentine's Day. Blokes are invited to bring partners.

Stewardship Reflection 1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany 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)

Advent Giving Tree



All cards have now been taken THANK YOU! Once again the Parish has been most generous. Please remember to make sure that all gifts are securely wrapped with the numbered cards firmly attached to the outside of the gift and returned by Sunday 1st of December, for sorting and distribution on the next Sunday 8th of December.

However, Vinnies also needs cash donations to enable utilities bills to be paid, personal grooming/cleaning requirements, phone communication, Envelopes have been placed on the Christmas trees and back tables. Please return anytime on the collection plates. Again, thank you for your great generosity!



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!

Knit & Natter



We will be having a break during the school holidays.

Thank you to our ladies for the beautiful rugs, scarves and beanies which have been knitted or crocheted. They have been donated to Hutt Street, Catherine House and Birth line. We are grateful for donations of wool received.

Wool donations may be left at the Church Office.

Enquiries Carmel Kay 0499 907 011

Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation



We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

Candlelit Mass



Please note that the Candlelit Mass is held every Monday at 8pm, except on Public Holidays when there is no Mass.

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

Roberto's BARBER & HAIRDRESSER



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

Roberto's Barber & Hairdresser
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