

## Sunday Readings

Year A

### First Reading - Is 2:1-5

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Second Reading - Rom 13:11-14

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel - Mt 24:37-44

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

November 27, 2016

### Christ for others

Advent is a time of waiting in hope and expectation. We may hope for many things: to win the lottery; get a better-paid job; pass an examination; find the right person to marry; overcome an illness; heal a soured relationship. Perhaps though the Church's celebration of Advent is more akin to the kind of excited joy in a child's heart awaiting a forthcoming birthday party. Or the joy of expectant parents awaiting the birth of their first child.

For the Church, Advent is the season that prepares us for the celebration of a birth and a birthday: Jesus Christ on the 'first Christmas'. However, this is not simply a celebration of an event that occurred some two thousand years ago. This first coming of Jesus Christ includes his birth, public life and ministry, his death and resurrection, as well as his continuing presence among us. This is what we celebrate in the Church's liturgy, especially the Eucharist; it is also at the heart of Christian mission which sees Christ present in every person, tribe, people and nation, as throughout the whole of creation.

Advent, then, is meant to awaken us to this reality that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, ministered throughout Galilee and was crucified and rose from the dead in Jerusalem. He ascended to the Father and continues now as 'light of the world' in which we live today. In other words, this first coming of Jesus Christ is an ongoing event calling us ever and always to centre our lives on his teaching and example, and to recognise his living presence in our Church and world.

#### Weekly Mass Times:

Monday:	7.00 am	Tuesday:	5.30 pm	Wednesday:	8.00 am
Thursday:	7.00 am	Friday:	5.30 pm	Saturday:	8.30 am
Saturday:	Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)				
Sunday:	8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm				

Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Garner Vergara  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

While all this is central to our Christian faith, we do well to think about what the Scriptures call the *second or final coming* of Jesus Christ. Today's readings reflect this emphasis on the return of Jesus Christ at the end of time when we are called to judgment. Remembering that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow" (Hebrews 13:8), we need to read his role as judge of the living and the dead in relation to his central message of the "Kingdom of God" yet to come and already present among you. Equally central to this message is the call to repentance and the offer of salvation.

We are not called to live our lives in fear and dread. Of all people, Christians should be full of joyful expectation in the knowledge that the one who comes to judge is also the one whose love for us and offer of salvation are so poignantly expressed in the figure of Christ on Calvary. Christians are no longer so narrow-sighted to think only they will be 'saved'; rather they see their mission to the world to be Christ for others and to show that God's divine mercy and forgiveness are offered to all. Or, in the words of Pope Francis, "The mercy of God is the mission of the Church".

Gerard Hall SM  
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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Asha Grace McLauchlan into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:** Please pray for Angelo Gangemi (brother of Teresa Pitaro), Norfor Norma Catherine Olga, who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Jenny Paul, Elsie Tan, B A Rajendram, Lourdes Wellington, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 4th DECEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Yunita Darmawan				
Flowers:	Advent				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. Clanello	3. P Murray		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Greeters</b>	J Doss P Doss	J De Silva J De Silva	K Tan M Tan	P Zulkifli E Connolly	B D' Mello J Grochal
<b>Acolytes</b>	D Morais	T Basile	D Klass	S McMahon	D Da Cruz
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J Grosse Q Hua S Hua	T Blechynde M Roach	S ng P Nikolic G Paltridge	R James R James N Andrews	C Batchelor J Da Cruz M D' Cruz
<b>Special Minister</b>	S Fuderer K Gamba G Garreffa C Lasrado D Liew L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng	P Price M Woolford C Cox G Dunsford D Gabriel R King Ira Kusnadi	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S Tan	C Poore J Roper S Saverimut C tan G Tedjakunt L Yeo R Yeo R D' Annunzi	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
<b>Catechists</b>	(Yrs 1 - 4) S Tan		(Yrs 1 - 4) S Fuderer		
	(Yrs 5 - 6) I Kusnadi		(Yrs 5 - 6) C Plottko		
<b>Readers</b>	L Moniz S Moniz	B Martin M Oliver	E Orr L Papineau	R D' Annunzi A de Ridder	K A King G Lynn
<b>Piety stall</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Readers' Coordinator:  
Kim Gamba 9258 6263

Safeguarding Officer: Fatima Basilio  
fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com

### MORE CARE

*Do you need help or know someone who does?*

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
- † Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
December 2016

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver



## Youth

### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Our next young adults dinner will be on Sunday 27th of November after the 6pm youth Mass. Make sure to keep the date free and be on the lookout for further details! Facebook event will also be up with the information to remind you closer to the date.

### BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Our next God Squad will be on FRIDAY the 2nd of December as a Christmas Fun Night! More details to come, Make sure you keep the date free. Can't wait to see you all back again on the 2nd December down at the Parish Hall.

### YOUTH FUNDRAISING

The Youth are fundraising to raise funds to go to the 'Embrace the Grace' Youth Conference in December. They are selling raffle tickets for a big hamper that was donated by Catholic Church Insurances. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Please support our young people



### Diocesan Notices

#### CYM HOLY HOUR

Every Wednesday Night (No Holy Hour on 7th December)  
5.30pm: Mass 6.30pm: Holy Hour 7.30pm: Dinner (\$5 donation)

#### EMBRACE THE GRACE 2016 – 'WHO AM I? We can only truly discover ourselves through the discovery of God.'

The largest catholic youth conference in WA, in the surrounds of beautiful New Norcia, there will be 5 days of dynamic speakers, music, fun activities, drama, prayer and more.

The conference engages with life's big questions and the issues of modern day living.

Who: 16 – 25 year olds

Date: Wed 07 Dec - Sun 11 Dec 2016

5:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Venue: New Norcia Benedictine Community



If you would like to attend or help a young person attend this amazing conference no matter how small the contribution is, please contact CYM [admin@cym.com.au](mailto:admin@cym.com.au) on 9422 7912

## Parish News

### DATE S-SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION AT NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

Riverton	Tuesday 13 December,	7.00pm
Canning Vale	Tuesday 13 December,	7.00pm
Willetton	Wednesday 14 December,	7.00pm
<b>Bateman</b>	<b>Thursday 15 December,</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Manning	Friday 16 December,	7.00pm
Applecross	Tuesday 20 December,	7.00pm
Langford	Tuesday 20 December,	7.30pm
Attadale	Wednesday 21 December,	7.30pm

### UPDATED ALTAR SERVER REQUIREMENTS

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to providing safe and secure environments for all its members, leaders, and especially its children, young people and vulnerable individuals.

The current Archdiocese' Safeguarding requirements states that all Altar servers will need to have a Parental Consent form completed. The forms are available in the Church foyer. Please complete and hand it into the Parish office as soon as possible.

It is also a requirement that if an altar server is in the sacristy, a female adult needs to be present. It is for this reason we would ask that an altar server's mother please be present in the sacristy before and after Mass. A declaration form (valid for one year) will need to be completed by the mother and handed in to either Fr Phong or Fr Gamer. **This will be implemented from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December.**

All altar servers and adults will now need to sign the sacristy register before Mass.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE OUTDOOR MASS NATIVITY

It is time again for us to prepare for the Children's Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass. We encourage all Primary School aged children, who would like to participate in the Nativity to register at the Church foyer.

The Children's Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass is on Saturday, 24th December at 6:30pm. The practices for the nativity will be on:

**Saturday, 17 December at 2:00pm and Friday, 23 December at 10:00 am.**

Corpus Christi College invites you to enjoy an evening of carols and readings on Wednesday 7 December 2016.

Gates will open 6:30pm for a 7pm start. The evening will end promptly at 8:30pm. Bring a rug, picnic and healthy voices as you WILL be singing. Come and enjoy this unique community event on the grassy knoll by our new sports centre (to the right of the Dean Road entrance)

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS - SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

The annual Christmas carolling at the Aged Care facilities around our parish precinct is scheduled for 10 December 2016 from 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Those parishioners interested to participate in this event please register at the foyer.



## Parish News (continued)

### DONATIONS OF HOME-MADE BISCUITS FOR THE PRISONERS

It is that time of the year again where we ask for donations of Home-Made Biscuits which will be packed into little packets and distributed to the various prisons and organisations before Christmas to bring some Christmas cheer to those receiving these little packets of goodies. Those who are interested in making these biscuits, can make them and deliver them to the Parish Meeting Room or office by Tuesday 13th December 2016. We will be packing the biscuits on **Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am**. Please bring in the biscuits before that. For any enquiries, please call Juliana on 9310 1747.



### CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!!

The Youth Music Ministry invites all children, teens and young adults to join our Children's Choir for the Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass. We are especially looking for male singers, but all are welcome! Rehearsals are held Mondays 5.45—6.45pm in the church, starting 21st November. To register your interest or for more information, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Belinda on 0406 922 944 or [bnomis89@hotmail.com](mailto:bnomis89@hotmail.com)

### CASH COUNTERS

Volunteers are required to assist to count the weekend cash collection on Sunday between from 3.30 pm – 5.00pm on a 6 to 8 weekly rotation. Please speak to Fr Phong, George Lopez (041 991 0039) or Jacinta Lee ([chironj@yahoo.com](mailto:chironj@yahoo.com)) if you are available to assist.

### CHURCH QUADRANGLE

The church quadrangle will be fenced off for 6 weeks for the upgrade of the church quadrangle. After years of trying different measures to improve the quality of the grass in the quadrangle, we have now decided it is best for the existing lawn to be removed and new lawn laid. The works will also include some additional paving on the northern side of the quadrangle where there is insufficient direct sunlight for the grass to grow all year around. The lawn will be dug out and new lawn laid and remains fenced off for 6 weeks while the lawn establishes itself. The quadrangle will not be available for use until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in time for the Christmas Masses.

### SENIORS' CHRISTMAS AND LUNCH - THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

Our Christmas celebrations will take place on December 1st, commencing with Mass at 10.30am and followed by lunch and entertainment in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of either savoury or sweet food to contribute to our shared luncheon. A sign up sheet is in the foyer to ensure an even mix of food. All Seniors welcome.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? If you are, please register in the book on the small table in the church foyer and introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

## Parish News (continued)

### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This powerful, prayerful, sung devotion is held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month. The last devotion for this year will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 commencing at 7.30 pm. It will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and followed by the Sacrament of Anointing. Afterwards, we will wind the year up with refreshments, so please bring along a plate.

If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? All are welcome.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH PETRA STOPOVER, 19 TO 31 MAY 2017

*Walk in the Life of Christ*, a 13 day Holy Land Pilgrimage (Petra stopover) with Fr. Phong. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board and take a brochure home. Interested pilgrims, please contact Fr. Phong at the Parish Office on 9310 1747 or drop an email to [faithtours@faithtours.com](mailto:faithtours@faithtours.com).

## Diocesan Notices

### 25th SHRINE JUBILEE - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 3:00PM Holy Mass

With celebrant Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston. We warmly invite you to join the Sisters and the Schoenstatt Family to celebrate and give thanks for 25 Years of Blessings from the Shrine.

### ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY PERTH MASS - SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOV.

Come join the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Perth to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John Paul II's visit to Australia and his message to Aboriginal people and whole Church. Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 4.45pm Smoking Ceremony and Welcome, 5pm Mass followed by nibbles and sharing. For more information contact Vicky Burrows 0412529656 or [Vicky.burrows@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:Vicky.burrows@perthcatholic.org.au)

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

Invites you, to bring your friends and family to enjoy this evening of: Songs of Praise "Christmas Carols" with thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr Greg Carroll, Fellowship and light supper. Friday 2 December 2016, 7.30pm St John & Paul Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory. Feel free to bring a plate for our fellowship after mass. For more information please contact Ann: 0412 166 164 or Ivan 0428 898 833 E mail: [catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com)

### SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION, NATIONAL CATHOLIC RETREAT

For over 30 years the Summer School of Evangelisation has been empowering the lives of young people all over Australia, bringing life and energy to the Church. It provides a chance to retreat for a week into the powerful experience of the Holy Spirit of God. Registration for the 2017 Perth Summer School is now open (for those aged between 16 - 35). Please visit [www.summerschool.org.au](http://www.summerschool.org.au) or contact Mario Borg on 0411 641 245 for more information.