First Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st December 2024

Sunday Reflection

Today we begin the season of Advent and with this, we begin the new liturgical year. On this day the church invites us to be ready and prepared to receive the Lord. Advent means waiting and we wait eagerly for someone we love, we care, and we are ready to invest our time in him. In the liturgical calendar, the season of Advent means a joyful waiting, waiting for someone with love. Here we wait for Jesus and there is the eagerness within us to receive him as we look forward to this great event of God becoming a man.

During this season we anticipate and await the coming of our Jesus. There are three aspects of Jesus' coming into the world. We look at the past as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus in History that took place 2000 years ago. Secondly, we look to the present as we prepare ourselves to receive him in our daily lives. We accept him in the Word and in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Finally, we look into the future and await his coming at the end of times in majesty and glory to judge the world. Therefore, the focus of Advent is by no means limited to just Christ's first coming. An equal, if not more important theme found in the Advent Liturgy is the Second Coming of Christ when he comes again to judge and reunite the world. The name Advent comes from the Latin words, ad venire meaning to come to and adventus meaning an arrival of a person of importance, a king or a prince or a warrior leader, and in this context, it refers to Christ's coming.

Today three readings from the Holy Bible prepare us to be spiritually uplifted according to these three goals of the Season of Advent.

- (credit: Fr. Eugene Lobo SJ.)

Adelaide Cathedral Parish Young Adults Youth Group invites all our Parishioners: Christmas Caroling@Nursing Homes

7th December: Saturday, 10.30am: Southern Cross Care JP 2, Klemzig

7th December: Saturday, 1.30pm: Southern Cross North, Plympton.

14th December: Saturday, 1.30pm: Villa St. Hilarion,

Kindly contact Ngoc on 0424643310 if you wish to join in and require transportation to these venues. We look forward to the support of our parishioners to sing along with our Youth Group and bring joy to the residents at these Nursing homes during the season of Advent.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.

Christmas Concert Recitals in December

Pipe Organ Recitals

7th December: Saturday, 7.30pm: Christmas Pipe Organ Recital. Amir Robin-Karas and members of Cathedral Choir.

19th December: Thursday, 4pm: Young Organist End of Year Concert

Metropolitan Male Choir of Australia

The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Elder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of **Saturday, 14th December at 7.30pm.**

Cathedral and Holy Choir Christmas Concerts

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works by Arnesen, Choplin, Forrest, Gibbs, Gjeilo, Hagenberg, Johnson, Lawlor, Narverud, Mendelssohn, Owens, and Rutter. Codirected by Timothy Davey and Arthur Siow.

13th December: Friday,7.00pm: Cathedral 15th December: Sunday 1.00pm: Church of Holy Cross

Agape Music Collective: Christmas Concert <u>"Total Praise"</u>

The musicians at Agape Music Collective would like to invite you and your church community to a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, 15th December at 4pm in Flinders Street Baptist Church.** AMC is currently made up of around 50 Christian volunteers who offer their time and talent to the glory of God and to raise much needed funds for Gospel partner organisations. The issue of homelessness and financial hardship has really been amplified the past few years and, with this in mind, the income from ticket sales will be going towards the much needed work WestCare is doing amongst vulnerable people in financial, physical and ultimately spiritual need. Bookings are essential to attend. Please purchase your tickets through the trybooking link below:

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1312075

Harpsong for Christmas

Join the Harp2Harp duo of acclaimed pedal harpist and soprano Emma Horwood and folk harpist-singer Visnja as they explore Christmas music old and new with their heavenly harps and voices in harmony. "Harpsong for Christmas" on Monday 23rd Dec at 6:30pm in St. Marys Church, 179 Stanley St, North Adelaide. Prior booking is required with Tickets at \$25/\$20conc/\$10 child. Please visit https://www.trybooking.com/CXJBG

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

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Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for

parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



Regular Mass Timings

REFER TO PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILED SCHEDULE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses

Sat: 6pm(Vigil) Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour

Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

Public Holidays 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral 26 January—Mass at 9am at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide Tues and Fri: 8am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions: 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my god. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16.

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, life my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty,

and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next week: The Second Sunday of Advent.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6.

Liturgies & Activities (2nd-8th Dec)

St. Francis Xavier (Patron Saint of our Cathedral).

Wed St. John Damascene and St. Barbara.

Fri St. Nicholas. Sat St. Ambrose.

Sun Second Sunday of Advent.

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Emerlina Huertas, Anna Panozzo and Conchetta Colletta.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Giovanni Altamura, Megan Timbs, Kota Szilassy, Prudencio Regalado, Fr. Anthony Van Dyke, Norma Jean Baker, Drande & Kole Beka, Shuke & Simon Beltoja, Kayla Wright and Fapiena Kaho.

Queen of Angels: Domenico & Michalia Morabito, Anna Marafioti, Saverio & Anna Sergi and Ielasi family (Antonio, Rosario & Caterina).

St. Mary's/ Holy Name: Dick Jordan and John Brosnan.

St. Peter Claver/St. John Vianney: Pelligrino De Filippo, Carmel Perry, May Jordan, Jean Murray, Barbara Shield, Lorna Fyfe, Getrude Berger, Bart Schulz, Annie O' Sullivan, Patricia Osborne, Mildred Leake and Jack & Nan Walsh.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Steve Gleeson, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Emily Swan, Angelina Musico, Carol Giles, Domenica L. Musico, Vilma D'Cruz, Joshua Jose, Madison Musico, Carol Giles, BeverlyGarton. Peter Slobodian, Domenica L. Musico, Joshua Antony, Denis Cranswick, Gloria Bundal, Maresa, Fidel Ruivivar and Araceli Suzara.

Prayers for Departed Souls in November

Kevin Healy, Neuwirth family, Hoppe family, Wolterkessen family, Marshall family, Cornish family, Pardede family, Fr. Eric Santos, Russel & Nelima Silverio, John Agada, Chan Wei Fung, Ng Shounmen and Chan Mei Wah.

21 Oct-31 Jan: IMPORTANT TO NOTE: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Re-roofing

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will be undergoing a complete re-roofing over the next 2.5 months in different phases (21 October 2024-31 January 2025). We request all parishioners to please note this information when visiting the Cathedral during this time.

Areas in the church will be cordoned off over different periods of time due to dust falling from the ceiling. Keeping in mind the safety of all our Parishioners, we request you to kindly avoid these areas at all times. If you need to wear a mask when attending Mass on weekdays, please do so. We request you to please adhere to all safety protocols in place and any requests made by staff when visiting the Cathedral during this period of time. Please be aware of the external scaffolding when entering and exiting the Cathedral.

Please DO NOT PARK your vehicles during this period of time on the driveway next to the Cathedral lawns and observe the No-Parking and Danger Signs installed. Children should not be allowed to play on the lawns and must be accompanied by a parent/ adult at all times. The Handicap parking spot is also not available till further notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

1 Dec: St. Vincent De Paul Christmas **Giving Tree: Adelaide Conference**

This week, we begin our Christmas Giving Tree at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. We invite you to place gifts such as dry goods (pasta, canned food, and Christmas treats), toiletries, children's and adult's gifts under the tree. Your generous donations will support our Vinnies Adelaide Cathedral Conference and help provide Christmas Hampers for those in need this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in spreading Christmas cheer to those who need it most. The last day to make a contributions to the Giving Tree will be 20th December 2024.

1 Dec: Advent Time-table 2024

The Advent and Christmas Time-table for December 2024 and New Year 2025 is now available on the Parish website. The schedule of services including confessions and Masses for all churches of our Parish is also available on all church notice boards. You can also download a detailed copy of the schedule from the link:

1 Dec: Advent Reflection Booklets 2024

Advent Reflection Booklets for 2024 are available in the foyer of all churches in our Parish. The booklet is a very useful resource for personal or group reflection during the season of Advent. We welcome you to take home a copy to share with your families and communities. A PDF version of the booklet is available online at: https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html

1 Dec: Sunday Night Choir

The Sunday Night Choir returns for the last evening of music and singing for the year on Sunday 1st December at 7.15pm. It's okay if this is your first time attending as we are a welcoming bunch. Bring friends too! There will be Advent songs and songs of worship in the Cathedral Hall (free car parking available). For more information, please visit: ofw-adelaide.org.au/sundaynightchoir or contact Lauren Bierer |bierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au / 8210 8107.

1 Dec: Nunga Christmas at Warriparinga

This event, to be held on the evening of Sunday, 1st December from 6pm, aims to provide a family-orientated fete and outdoor film evening for Aboriginal children and families, and is also open to the general public. The event is hosted by Neporendi Aboriginal Forum and Southern Cultural Immersion (SCI) and is being held at Warriparinga and the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre. Please find more details of the event at this SCI Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/share/17p6UBwbgn/

There will be information posted soon by SCI on the Facebook event page regarding a community bus, kindly provided by Cardijn College, that can assist people and families from the southern suburbs with travel from various transport hubs.

3 Dec: Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier at the Cathedral

The Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish celebrates the feast of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of our Cathedral at all masses on 3rd December. A special Feast Mass will be held at 5.45pm to commemorate the Feast Day. All our parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend.

4-8 Dec: Festa at Queen of Angels

The Annual Triduum for the "Festa della Madonna Immacolata" will take place at Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton from 4th to 8th December. The schedule of Masses for the Triduum are outlined below:

Date	Day	Mass Intention	Time
4 Dec	Wed	Rosary Vocations Mass	6.45pm 7.00pm
5 Dec	Thu	Rosary	10.15am
		Anointing of the sick and Infirmed Mass*	10.30am
6 Dec	Fri	Rosary	6.45pm
		Holy souls Mass	7.00pm
7 Dec	Sat	Vigil Mass	6.00pm
8 Dec	Sun	Feast of Immaculate Conception	10.00am
		Procession	11am
		Festa Lunch**	12pm

*The Mass is not only for the sick but those suffering from any malady or other health conditions. All are cordially invited to the Masses and events scheduled for this year.

Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross and St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/ Parkside invites you to a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, Second Sunday in Advent, 8th December, 5pm at St Raphael's Church, Young Street, Parkside.

13 Dec: Adelaide Catholic Ball: Winter Wonderland



Croydon parish would like to invite you to the Adelaide Catholic Ball with a theme of Winter Wonderland on Tour Boson.
ber rom 6-10pm. The ticketed fancy
dress event will be held at St Margaret
Mary's Hall, 280 Tungara Avenue,
Croydon Park. Special guests include of Winter Wonderland on

Fr. Dean Marin, Vicar General and Kaurna Elder John Lochowiak and members of religious orders. Tickets via Trybooking/ QR code or contact the Parish Office.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

2025 FSSP calendars, and FSSP Christmas Cards are now available. \$15 per calendar, \$10 per pack of 10 cards.

Monday Scripture class continues tomorrow at 7:30pm. We will conclude St Paul's Letter to the Phillipians. All are welcome.

This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of the month. We will be holding 40 Hours Adoration at Holy Name, from 6:30pm Fri. 6th – 7am Sun. 8th Dec. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition designed by Bl. Carlo Acutis will also be on display. Please take a flyer and follow the directions to sign up for an hour of prayer. Thank you.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey, Fr. McGuckin or Fr Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Stephen Lawler (Kathleen's father), Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiote, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your love for Lebanon and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Please donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

14/15 Dec: Blessing of the Cribs Mass

The Cathedral Parish invites families to bring their Nativity Scene to the Blessing of the Cribs Masses which will take place on the weekend of 14th/15th December in the Cathedral. Families can bring forward their cribs as part of the entrance procession and the Blessing Ceremony will take place during the Saturday VIGIL and Sunday: 9am,11am, and 6pm Masses. There will be no blessing of cribs at the Sunday 7am Mass. All are welcome to attend with their families and friends.

20 Dec: Adelaide Cathedral Parish Office Closure for Christmas and New Year 2024

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year 2025 from Friday 20th December 12pm. The office will re-open on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 9.30am and resume normal business hours. Kindly note that the phone line 82108155 and email requests will not be answered during this period. We request all our parishioners who may need Mass intentions or other services during this time to kindly place your requests with the Parish office before 20th December 2024.

Seeking Children Choir Members for the Family Christmas Mass

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is issuing an open invitation to children aged 6-13 to sing together at the Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass. The music will be mostly well-known Christmas carols. Children are welcome to come and join our regular children's choir members on this special night and family-centred Mass. There will be an opportunity for a rehearsal before that Mass to make sure everyone is comfortable and ready to praise God in the spirit of Christmas joy. For details please write in to E: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Adelaide Cathedral Parish School Aged Sacramental Program 2025

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2025 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in early 2025. The program will start in February 2025 and enrollments should be completed at the earliest. If your child requires the sacrament of baptism, you will need to arrange an appointment to meet the parish administrator, before they can be enrolled in any other preparation program. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program should contact the Parish Office email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155.

You can support the 2025 National Deacons Conference

Would you like to support the Deacons of South Australia and Northern Territory chosen to host the 2025 National Deacons Conference early next year (Hahndorf, February 27 – March 2, 2025)? Deacons of the SA/NT region represent 10 per cent of deacons in Australia (200). Each biennial National Deacons Conference is locally funded, relying entirely on nationwide registrations and generous local sponsors. Deacons (often married men) are the fastest growing ordained ministry worldwide and can be the face of creative ways in which the Spirit moves within the Church and community. Your personal financial support of the Conference will be greatly valued. To donate today (whether \$200, \$100, or any amount), please contact Deacon Paul Crowe, National Deacons Conference Convenor via phone on 82108155 or email:pcrowe@acp.adelaide.catholic.org.au