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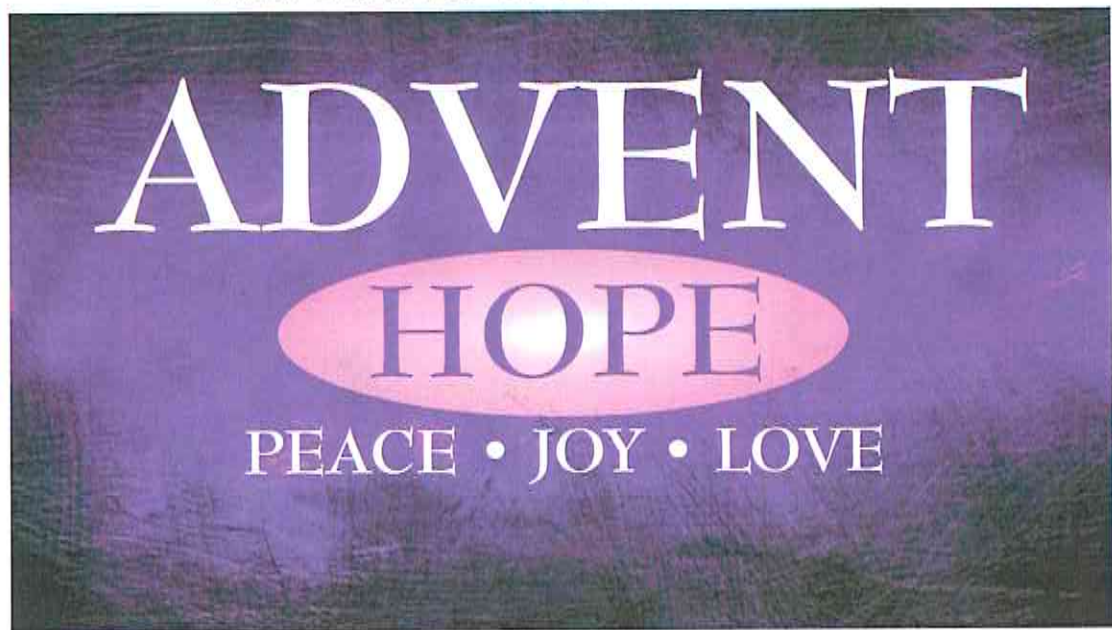


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3rd December 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / YEAR B



Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming.

Mark wrote his gospel to encourage Christians who were suffering persecution for their faith. In chapter 13, Mark used an "apocalyptic" form of writing that was popular during times of crisis. This style borrowed images from the Hebrew Scriptures that depicted a time of turmoil and tribulation before the great "Day of the Lord." The author's purpose was not to instil fear, but to inspire hope in God's ultimate triumph over evil forces. While no one knows for certain the exact "day or hour" (Mk 13:32) of Christ's return, God's servants must be vigilant for his inevitable coming. As we begin this Advent time, God invites all of us to reflect on our readiness to bring the Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, to our world today. We are invited to "wait in joyful hope" for the Lord's coming in each and every day of our lives.

~~~~~THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT~~~~~

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.



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**NEWTON MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9am, 5pm, 10:30am Italian  
Monday-Saturday: 8am  
Friday: 7:30pm Italian

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00 noon  
5:00pm - 5:45pm

**ADORATION**

Weekdays: 8:30am - 9:30am  
Friday Nights: 8:10pm - 10:00pm  
1st Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
& 8:10pm - 10:00pm


**ATHELSTONE**

HOLY NAME CHAPEL MASS  
Sunday 9:00am

Wed & Fri 8:00am  
(School Term Only)

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## WELCOME

to God's family through **Baptism**  
**Alonzo Malliaros**

*Our Prayers & Blessings to him and his family*

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose, *bishop, doctor* (M)  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. (S)

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**  
Divine Will Prayer Group - Bishop Kennedy Room  
*This will be the final meeting of the year and will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

Montevergine Committee - Parish Hall

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**

Legion of Mary - Bishop Kennedy Room

### WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

*We pray for the year 7 students who concluded their primary education: that God may bless and protect them as they enter a new phase of their life.*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Donations may be placed in the envelopes provided in the foyer. See the Giving Tree for Food and Gifts needed.

### Children from State Schools ages 8 years and above

wishing to attend **SUNDAY SCHOOL** are invited to attend an information session on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 after 9.00am Mass in the Bishop Kennedy Room**  
For more information contact the **Parish Office 8337 3849**

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation and your financial support of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

**Our Gifts for Weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Second Collection:** Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the Parish Planned Giving supports the parish's mission and ministries, and the daily operating costs of the Church and Parish.

*Weekly Promised Amount: - \$2,993 (as at 5 May 2017)*

**Pledged Giving:** Offertory Envelopes \$2,132  
Direct Debit \$43  
Credit Card \$210

**Total \$2,385**

**Unpledged Giving:** Loose Plate \$624

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
(Vigil 7.30pm in English)  
with the Secular Franciscan Order

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
8:00am - Morning Mass as usual  
7:30pm - Mass in Italian in honour of our Lady of Montevergine

*Messa in Onore dell' Immacolata Concezione di Maria*

**GIOVEDÌ 7 dicembre**  
(Veglia 7.30pm in inglese)  
insieme all' Ordine Francescano Secolare  
**VENERDÌ 8 dicembre**  
8.00am - Messa in inglese  
7.30pm - Messa in onore della Madonna di Montevergine

**FESTA IN ONORE DI SANTA LUCIA DI SIRACUSA**

**Domenica 10 dicembre ore 10.30am** Messa, celebrata da **Padre Eldridge D'Souza** Messa cantata seguita dalla Processione. Gentilmente invitiamo tutti i comitati delle feste a partecipare alla processione con i loro standardi. **SIETE TUTTI BENVENUTI!**

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### MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**  
CONFESSIONS

11.00am - 12noon & 5.00pm - 5.45pm  
6.00pm - VIGIL MASS

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

9.00am (English), 10.30am (Italian)  
NO 5.00pm MASS

6.00pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS &  
8.00pm - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS in English  
MIDNIGHT MASS in Italian

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.00am in English, 10.30am Italian  
NO 5.00pm MASS

**BOXING DAY**

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mass at: 8.00am

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
9.00am Mass (English), 10.30am Mass (Italian)  
5.00pm Mass (English)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2017**  
Solemnity of the Mother of God  
9.00am (English) 10.30am (Italian)



### PROGRAMMA PER LE FESTE DI NATALE

**SABATO 23 DICEMBRE**  
CONFESSIONI

11.00am - 12.00pm & 5.00pm - 5.45pm  
6.00pm -Messa (Veglia)

**DOMENICA 24 DICEMBRE**

9.00am (Inglese), 10.30am (Italiano)  
**NON CI SARÀ LA MESSA DELLE 5.00pm**  
6.00pm Messa di Natale (vegilia) in inglese  
8.00pm Messa di Natale (vegilia) in inglese  
MESSA DI MEZZANOTTE IN ITALIANO

**GIORNO DI NATALE**

**LUNEDÌ 25 Dicembre**  
Messa 9.00am in inglese, 10.30am in italiano  
**NON CI SARA LA MESSA DI 5.00pm**

**BOXING DAY**

**MARTEDÌ 26 Dicembre**  
Messe alle ore:8.00am

**VIGILIA DI CAPODANNO**

**SABATO 30 Dicembre**  
6.00pm Messa (Veglia)  
**DOMENICA 31 DICEMBRE**  
9.00am Mass (Inglese), 10.30am Mass (Italiano)  
5.00pm Mass (Inglese)

**PRIMO GIORNO DELL'ANNO 2018**

**LUNEDÌ 1 gennaio** lo cominceremo salutando **Maria SS come Madre di Dio** e anche madre nostra. La Messa in suo onore sarà alle ore **9.00am in inglese, 10.30am in italiano.**

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Every **FRIDAY**

**TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE**

7.30pm Mass in Italian  
8.15pm Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
10.00pm Solemn Benediction

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION SUPPORT GROUPS  
**St Lucy / Montevergine**



**ADORAZIONE del SS Sacramento**  
Ogni **VENERDÌ** sera

**PREGARE PER VOCAZIONI AL SACERDOZIO E ALLA VITA RELIGIOSA**

7.30pm Messa in italiano  
8.15pm Esposizione del SS Sacramento  
10.00pm Benedizione Solenne

QUESTA SETTIMANA È DI TURNO IL GRUPPO DI:  
**San Lucia / Madonna di Montevergine**

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**ENTRANCE ANTP.**

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 to shame.

**1st READING:**

**Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8**  
*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

**PSALM:**

**Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4**  
**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**2nd READING:**

**Corinthians 1:3-9**  
*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACC.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:33-37** *Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

**COMM ANTP.**

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

## ON THE ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

**6.00pm Vigil: 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Commentator: Heidi Beyer  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers: Malcolm Rebello, Darren Rebello  
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm.: Denise Ferguson, Teresa Aistrope

**9.00am: 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Vanda on 8336 5125**

Welcomers: Jim Shi & Nancy Middeldorp  
Commentator: Helen Mysak  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers: John Middeldorp, Anne Wardle  
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm. I. Augustine, A. Burvill, B. Burvill

**10.30am: 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Commentator: Antonietta Corbo  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers: Iolanda Corbo, Antonio Cardone  
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm. G. Masone, G. Cerasa, A. Tronnolone

**5.00pm: 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Commentator: Bill Ryan  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers: My Linh Nguyen, Grace Estrada  
Ex. Min. Hol. Comm.: Margaret Ramsay, Marie Rego

**CLEANERS: 9<sup>th</sup> December**

A. Ferraro, G. Callisto, F. Congedi,  
A. D. Uva, R. Fernando, J. Furmage

**READINGS NEXT WEEK: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / St Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8**