

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

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

The Season of Advent and the Significance of Advent Wreaths in 2024

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Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming," is a time of preparation and anticipation in the Christian liturgical calendar. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and marks the start of a new liturgical year. In 2024, Advent commences on December 1 and continues until December 24.

This sacred season focuses on the dual aspects of Christ's coming: His humble birth in Bethlehem and His glorious return at the end of time. It calls believers to reflection, repentance, and renewal. The themes of hope, peace, joy, and love resonate throughout Advent, preparing hearts to welcome Christ anew.

One of the most cherished symbols of Advent is the Advent wreath, a circular arrangement of evergreens symbolizing God's eternal love and the unending nature of His promises. In 2024, lighting the Advent wreath serves as a meaningful tradition in homes and churches alike.

The wreath holds four candles, typically three purple and one pink, each lit on successive Sundays. The first candle symbolizes hope, the second peace, the third (pink) joy, and the fourth love. Some wreaths include a central white candle, lit on Christmas Day to represent Christ as the Light of the World.

The Advent wreath serves as both a reminder and a prayerful tool. Its gradual illumination mirrors the growing anticipation of Christ's arrival, encouraging individuals and families to focus on spiritual readiness amid the busyness of the season.

As Advent unfolds in 2024, the wreath reminds us to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel—God with us. May this season be a time of deepened faith, joyful hope, and renewed love.



Parish Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

30 Nov / 1 Dec 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Response:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R**

2. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

How to Donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In the Bulletin boxes there are envelopes. Please fill out and return to the **Poor Box** or send in by post. You can donate by phone 131812 or on line at www.vinnies.org.au Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Last year we were able to help 56 local families with hampers. The requests for assistance throughout this year has increased by 50% so we are anticipating many will request help this Christmas. We invite parishioners to donate items for hampers during the coming weeks. For those in dire need, we need your help. *Please leave your items in shopping bags at the main entrance.* Details of suitable items are on posters at the side doors. The last date for contributions is *Sunday 15th Dec.*

Columban Calendars \$11 and Vinnies Christmas Cards \$8 Pack of 10

These are available at the main entrance. Please place money in envelopes provided and then deposit in Poor Box.



YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR!

The early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St. Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES ROSTER

We are seeking Liturgy Volunteers for the Christmas. If you are interested to take the roles, please write your name on the Christmas Roster, which is posted on the door of the Main Entrance. Your support and participation will be very much appreciated.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Rosters—7/8 Dec 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent**

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Antonetta Bartley Mikala Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Suanne WoitdP
Count team	Paul Halliwell Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	23/24NOV 2024
Open Plate	\$379.85
Planned Giving	\$425.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$804.85

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$600.55



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex

The word "Gospel" means glad tidings, and it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance. We must share the Gospel with the joy of those who have unearthed a hidden treasure and precious pearl.



PARISH NOTICES

Planned Giving Envelopes
We appreciate your continuous support to the church. The Dec-to-May batch of planned giving envelopes are now available for collection. They are placed in a box on the table at the main entrance of the church. Thank you

Chinese Community Mass 1st Dec 2024
The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their monthly community mass on Sunday 1st Dec 2024 at St. Joseph's Church Tranmere. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

2024 Archdiocesan Advent Resources available online and in parishes
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).

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, December 8, 5pm at St Raphael's Church, Young Street, Parkside.

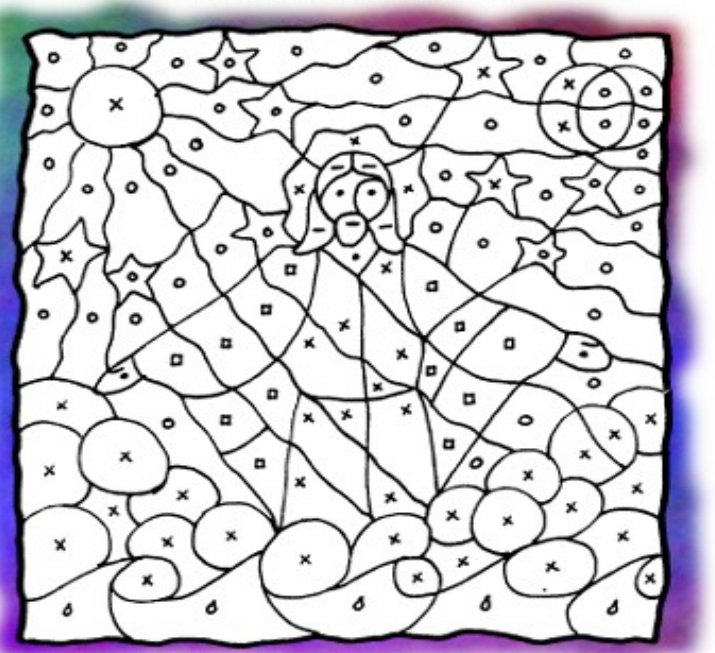
Carols on Christmas Eve
All children are invited to sing with the Cathedral children's choir at the Christmas Eve 6pm Family Mass. There will be a rehearsal before Mass. Children are welcome to dress up. For more information: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Christmas Concert
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. Friday December 13, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier. Sunday December 15, 1pm, at Church of Holy Cross, Goodwood. For more details: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/christmas-concert> E: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Sunday Night Choir
The Sunday Night Choir returns for the last evening of music and singing for the year on Sunday December 1 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 St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall (free car parking available). Visit: ofw-adelaide.org.au/sundaynightchoir for more info or contact Lauren Bierer lbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au / 8210 8107.

Morning Tea
Next Sunday
8th December
after 9:30am
Holy Mass
All are welcome!

The Kids' Bulletin
First Sunday of Advent
December 1st, 2024



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

- Use the code to colour in the picture!
- x white
 - o blue
 - skin colour
 - o black
 - red
 - dark brown

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!



Christmas

MASS TIMES

24 December
Tuesday 6:30pm
Vigil – Family Mass

24 December
Tuesday 11:30pm
Christmas Carols and Midnight Mass

25 December
Wednesday 9:30am
Christmas Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tranmere