

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9  
**RESPONSE:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!'

May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

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**SECOND READING:** Romans 13:11-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 24:37-44

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

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

*Is 11: 1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3: 1-12.*

**Safeguarding children training.**

Training for all parishioners, especially those who undertake ministries and who have provided us with their WWC number, will be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the church. This training is a refresher session and all parishioners are very welcome to attend.



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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**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 to shame.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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26 / 27 NOVEMBER 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH	P BRODERICK	R LEUNG
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	NOVEMBER ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

3 / 4 DECEMBER 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 7: P TREACY	S DIMICHIEL	M PEARCE
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

## PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

### Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



### Season of Advent.

This weekend we begin the new Liturgical year with the "Season of Advent" and we will light our first candle on the advent wreath. This is a time of preparation for Christmas; a time of waiting and expectation; a time of penance and hope.



The light of the candles itself becomes an important symbol of the season. The light reminds us that:

- Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope.
- We are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace to others ([Isa 42:6](#)).

The progression in the lighting of the candles symbolizes the various aspects of our waiting experience. As the candles are lit over the four week period, it also symbolizes the darkness of fear and hopelessness receding and the shadows of sin falling away as more and more light is shed into the world. The flame of each new candle reminds the worshippers that something is happening, and that more is yet to come. Finally, the light that has come into the world is plainly visible as the Christ candle is lit at Christmas, and worshippers rejoice over the fact that the promise of long ago has been realized.

**The first candle is called the Prophet's candle:** The lighting of this candle draws attention to the anticipation of the coming of Messiah, the Anointed One. His coming is woven like a golden thread all the way through Old Testament history.

Advent challenges us to wait, to hold off on celebrating Christmas until we've prepared ourselves. If we don't plan for Advent our lives will be shaped by the frenzy of the holiday season. Won't you take the time this season to prepare your heart for Christmas. **Do not Miss the Reason for the Season!**



## NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS 2022 SAINT THERESE – DENISTONE

71. Frank Pompeus ~
72. Louis Thien, Frank Landers ~
73. Maurice Raymond, The Raymond & the Pompeus families ~
74. Archer Gray ~
75. Mr Giulio & Mrs Ida Ranaldi & family, Mariano & Antonia Orlandi & family, Marinelli, Trionfetti & Cerrini families, and all the souls of friends. ~
76. Ron Taffa ~
77. Anisie (Cherie) Shear. ~
78. Taffa, Sayegh, Bacash & Malouf Families ~
79. Vincent Family, Windsor family, Pinot de Maria Family, Vaz Family and Dias Family ~
80. Families: Potubek, Kunicki, Warchalowski, Kokoszynski, Krawiec & Miranda ~
81. For the most abandoned Holy Souls ~
82. Joseph Tae Bong Jee, Joana Lee, Jemma Suh, Elizabeth Jung, Agatha Jug, Margaret Park, Susanna Choi, Stephen Kang, Susanna Kim, Lea Kang, Stella Jeon, Abortion souls, purgatory souls all friends and ancestors of Cecilia Kim Family, all friends and ancestors of Laurence Kim family

83. All friends and Ancestors of John Pak family, all friends and ancestors of Angela Pak family, abortion souls, purgatory souls, Lucia Moon, Christina Suh, Lucia Kim, Peter John the Cross Kim  
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84. Ji Tae Kim, Ambrosio Kim, Regina Kim, Noveldo Kim, Maria Park, Bundo Kim, Malgina Kim, Magdalena Kim, Lucia Kim, Cecilia Kim.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and all the souls of the  
faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.

### Advent Prayer Reflection – Stay Awake!

This Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> November our Advent Reflection continues in the St Therese School Hall at 7.30pm. These reflections are very similar to our Lenten Reflection Group. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Advent-Christmas Giving Tree.

This weekend we will collect your cash donations for our Christmas Giving Tree. Please add your donations to the basket in front of the altar. We will do another collection NEXT weekend too.



As previously advised, we will use your donated cash to purchase gift cards and give them St Vincent de Paul, as last year they found that our gift card donations made their distribution so much easier.

### Reconciliation for Christmas.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December the parish will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation at 7.30pm in the church. Add this date to your diaries.



### Parish Council, Finance and Maintenance committees Christmas get together.

Fr Roberto will host a get together for our councillors and committee members on Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the presbytery.



Please bring a small plate of food to share with others.