



Our Lady of the Rosary

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A -

7 December 2025

Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading:

Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths:
all people shall see the
salvation of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

IN OUR PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am. Mass at 12 noon

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

24 hours, 7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel.
 (All are welcome)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 6 Dec ST NICHOLAS

6:00pm M K Joseph

Sun 7 Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Edison Mirafuentes Saynes
 10:30am Pro Populo
 5:30pm Joyce Verri

Mon 8 Dec IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM

6:30am Leo & Therese Pereira
 9:00am Wikolo and Gordana

Tues 9 Dec ST JUAN DIEGO

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed 10 Dec OUR LADY OF LORETO

6:30am Thelma Mathias
 12noon Adoration Chapel Adorers

Thu 11 Dec ST DAMASUS I

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Fri 12 Dec OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:30am Nediljko Pecic
 9:15am Derek Gilbert
7:00pm Expectant Mothers and women
 hoping to conceive

Sat 13 Dec ST LUCY

8:00am Wilhemina Concepcion

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands

Michelle Edwards, Mick Boyle, Susana Quinonez, Argarita, Cesar, Rosario Valverde, Marylin Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Tenesha Faulkner, Linda Weightman, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Julieta Miguel, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Tomas Ilagan, Fr Bob Bossini, Bertha Wetton, Cocksedge Family, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, David Freeman, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Sarafino Enadid, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Shiv Naiker, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstick, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Jackie Cullen, Vicky Xerri, Esperanza Mirafuentes, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Alicia Bulatao, Mhom Samson, David Villamor, Adam Burton.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

Zenobius Choi, Violat Fernando, Ernesto Cunanan, Colin Kelson, Maria Spiteri, Wieslawa Snopkowski, Judy Winterton, Bishop Peter Ingham, Adrian O'Brien, Tony Pearsall, Danica Cirjak, Betty Smith, Peter Borg, Patricia McGee, Marie Thompson, Gloria Rivas, Valerie Hennessy, Lucy Levelle, Lolita Allarey, Bishop Kevin Manning, Maria Anh Nguyen, Elvis Vaz, Roland Peters, Roberto Rayco, Sr Mary Griffiths, Sr Theres-Anne Curmi FMA, Sr Kathleen Hanna FMA., Cynthia Sulvita, Evelyn McVey, Patrick Nathaniel, Sybil Williams, Karl Kiseli, Kevin Piesley, Foad Sakkour, Antonio Oliverio, Peter Dorakay, Janice McKelvie, Marc Norric, Cecilia Milo, Richard Scibberas, Edna Coles, John Joe Noonan, Ben Santiago, Rolando Aguda, Maria Crastic, David Reddin, Noelene Trower, Evelyn Bates, Peter Nicholson, Remon Goldstone, Maria Pace, Dominica Rositano, Vijaya N Perera, Pauline Harris, Pauline Carr, Phyllis Cross, Ellen Buss, Joseph Khanh Le, Bill Burke, Rainer Cruz, Henryk Kowalczyk, John Ross Birch, John Rodriguez, Argyna Santiago, Pope Francis, Nozha Mey, Denis McGee, Rodney Blundell, Jamie Dowsett, Ivan Canic, Josh Bulloch, Ruth Borg, Ostono Vaurasi, Len Dettling, Damian Bonser, Sr Joanna Healey, Clementina Canuto, Ross Graham, Paul Muscat, Lenin Nunes, Frank Stricek, Christine Walker, Paz Jacinto, Perry Peisley, Beryl Martin, Pauline Rogers, Carmel Jeffery, Greg Whitby, Charlie Kirk, Marie Rosario, Suzana Stojcevski, Fr John Briffa SDB, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Kumar, Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

1st and 2nd Collections:

We Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

**If you prefer to donate via ONLINE BANKING,
 Please refer to details below:**

(1st Collection) - For the Clergy's sustentation & care

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 00004414

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - Parish Ministry & Maintenance

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 100000329

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend)

Second Collection (previous weekend)

Tap & Go Donations

\$2090

TAP & GO MACHINES

**The two New Tap & Go machines in the church,
 donations go towards the Church Refurbishment.**

Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

6-7 Dec: **2nd Sunday of Advent**
7 Dec: Life Alliance Group Fundraiser
8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of BVM.
Masses 6:30am, 9:00am, 7:30pm.
12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass **7:00pm**
13/14 Dec: Sale of Honey
14 Dec: Carols by Candlelight
16 Dec: **2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7:30pm**
16-24 Dec: Misa De Galo Mass (English), **5:00am**
21 Dec: Farewell - Fr Brendan, Br David, Sr Anna

ST JOHN PAUL LIFE ALLIANCE GROUP

A new Ministry has been formed in our parish to promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

On **Sunday 7 December 2025** after all morning Masses, there will be a sale of Christmas handmade items, (nothing over \$10).

We kindly ask for your support to help us raise much needed funds for those in need within our community and beyond. Thank you.

OLR - BEE HIVE HONEY

Honey for sale after all Masses next weekend **13/14 December 2025.**

\$10 per jar. Only while stock lasts.

Pure Raw 100% natural honey with all it's natural goodness. from our very own Bee Hive.



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 14th December

Time: 7:15pm for 7.30pm start

MacKillop Centre, Cnr Swanston & Collins St

Children are welcome to come dressed as Angels & Shepherds.

If any choirs / singers would like to participate kindly contact Tina on 0402 619 250.

Bring your own snacks, drinks, chairs, candles.

Cardinal Newman Centre will be open on the night for purchase of Christmas Gifts

Strictly No Alcohol permitted on the premises



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Mr and Mrs Tartak
10 Beatty St, St Marys**

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, kindly contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.



WE WELCOME

Kara-Ann Stagg, Johanna Lorin Marquez,
Neriah Ashidma Ogwu, Avila Ison,
Leah Mae Torda

into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



If you have taken a St Vincent De Paul Christmas Tree Gift Envelope, kindly return the envelope with the Gift Voucher to the parish office NO later than Monday 8th December.

Thank you again for your continued support of the SVP Society and local families in need.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing.

Sunday 21st December 2025, 2:00 pm

Celebrant: *Fr John Puli*

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys.

All Welcome!



FAREWELL & THANK YOU!

Fr Brendan Murphy

SUNDAY 21 December 2025

Bishop Vincent will be celebrating the 10:30am Mass thereafter to the Don Bosco Youth Centre 11:30am to 2:30pm

We will also be farewelling Br David O'Brien
Everyone is invited to come along to this Special Event. Please bring a dish to share to help with the catering.

Catering Details in the Church Foyer

Donate to Jesuit Refugee Services this Christmas!

As Christmas approaches, Jesuit Refugee Services is calling upon the community to support their work accompanying and serving people seeking asylum who are facing homelessness. Parishes and communities are invited to contribute to JRS' Advent Food Drive, collecting pantry staples to stock their Foodbank, purchasing supermarket gift cards for groceries over the holiday period or donate to their Christmas Appeal.

For more information about how you can help, please contact Kristen on (02) 9356 3888 or email kristen.lazarus@jrs.org.au.



December 7 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dear Parishioners,

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady: Happy feast day for Monday's great feast of Our Lady. There is also an evening Mass for the feast.

December 12: This Friday evening there will be a 7:00pm Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

All are welcome to attend this Mass. Parents expecting a child and those hoping to achieve pregnancy are particularly invited, and there will be a blessing after Mass for those couples.

Ivan Canic RIP Dec 9 2022: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Ivan Canic, whose generosity to our parish will in a few months enable us to clear our church renovation debt. May he rest in peace.

Coming Up:

Mon Dec 8: Immaculate Conception of BVM.

Masses 6:30am, 9:00am, 7:30pm.

Fri Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass 7:00pm

Sun Dec 14: Parish Carols by Candlelight.

Tues Dec 16: 5:00am Misa di Gallo Mass.

7:30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

Christmas Masses:

Wed Dec 24: 6:30pm, 8:30pm, 12 midnight.

Thurs Dec 25: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

What does the word 'Advent' mean in the Catholic Church?

It has Latin roots and a double spiritual meaning.

The word "**Advent**" stems from the Latin word **adventus**, which literally means "**coming**" or "**arrival**." In context, this commonly refers to the coming of Jesus on Christmas day.

St. Jerome, when composing the Latin Vulgate, also used **adventus** when translating the Greek word **parousia**. This word has a similar meaning, but in a broader context refers to Jesus' second coming at the end of time.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* confirms this double meaning, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, **she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming**" (CCC 524).

There is even an ancient tradition that says **Jesus will come again during the Advent** season. For this reason as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we recognize that Jesus could come again at any time and prepare our own hearts to receive him when he does.

At the same time, Advent also reminds us of Jesus' coming in the Eucharist and how he comes to us every time we receive him at Mass.

It is a multi-faceted word that helps us enter into this beautiful season of preparation.

Philip Kosloski – Aleteia, 1/12/25

Pope visits one of world's most loved Saints: Charbel
Hailed as a miracle worker well beyond Lebanon (by Christians and Muslims), St. Charbel is one of the country's most beloved saints. Pope Leo prayed at his tomb.

While the faithful in Lebanon are excited enough to line some 25 miles of the Pope's route with people (even in pouring rain), the atmosphere for Leo's first stop this morning, December 1, was also quite prayerful. The Pope visited the tomb of one of Lebanon's most beloved saints: Charbel.

He is the first pope to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Charbel Makhoul at the Monastery of St. Maroun in Annaya, where this 19th-century hermit, lived.

Saint Charbel (1828-1898), a hermit monk of the Maronite Church who was beatified in 1965 and canonized by Paul VI in 1977, is at the centre of many extraordinary phenomena and miracles that make him a central figure of popular piety in Lebanon and beyond. His tomb is visited every year by thousands of faithful from all over the world, especially on the 22nd of each month.

Leo XIV explained that his predecessors "would have very much liked" to come to this shrine, especially St. Paul VI, who beatified and canonized this monk during the painful context of the Lebanese civil war.

The Holy Father reflected before the cedar wood tomb about what the saint still teaches us today.

"Dear friends, what does Saint Charbel teach us today? What is the legacy of this man who wrote nothing, who lived a hidden and silent life, yet whose fame spread throughout the world?"

"I would like to offer the following summary of his legacy. The Holy Spirit formed him so that he could teach those who live without God how to pray, those who live immersed in noise how to be silent, those who live ostentatiously how to be modest, and those who seek riches how to be poor. All of these behaviours are counter-cultural, yet, that is precisely why they attract us, just like fresh, pure water draws those walking in the desert."

The Holy Father entrusted to St. Charbel a three-fold intention: for the Church, for Lebanon, and for the world.

Kathleen N. Hattrup, Aleteia, 1/12/25

