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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm. The Church is open every day from 7am to 6pm.

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BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Presenters needed, except in the school holidays.

COLUMBA CARE: Convenor Shaun Maton admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

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MARRIAGE ENQUIRIES: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION or CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am – 12pm.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST, PRE CONFIRMATION,

CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION: Contact Catechist Helen on 0401 329 479 or email

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V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

*R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. **Hail Mary***

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*R. Be it done unto me according to your word. **Hail Mary***

V. And the Word was made flesh.

*R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary***

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: November Masses for the faithful departed.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Monsignor visited Dallas Walsh for her 88th birthday and gave her a blessing. Lilian Simeon and Barry and June Curthoys, who received Holy Communion at home on Sunday; Patrick O'Loughlin is recovering well and Michael O'Loughlin is now in remission in Canberra.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: A founding member of the Jesuits order, preached the Gospel to the peoples of the East. In India, Francis touched the hearts of the natives with his poverty. But in Japan, where the feudal lords demanded formality, Francis approached suitably dressed as an ambassador. Sir Walter Scott eulogized him thus: "The most rigid Protestant and the most indifferent philosopher cannot deny to him the courage and patience of a martyr, with good sense resolution, ready wit and the address of the best negotiator that ever went on a temporal embassy." In ten short years, Francis established missions in India, Ceylon, Malacca, and Japan. He died near the coast of China in 1522. He is in our body in Goa, India.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: As the first word of Advent, Christ tells us, "Stay awake! You must be prepared." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. In what does Advent preparation consist? Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith. "Encouraging Christ, letting [ourselves] be caught up in and guided by his love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love.. Faith is a lamp that guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey" (Lumen Fidei, 53). "Let us walk in the light of the Lord."

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be outdoors on the oval. Carols will commence at 6:30pm with procession of the children dressed as angels and shepherds to the crib. We invite all children aged between 4-7 to participate. Please sign up on the lists provided at the main porch. The Mass will commence at 7pm, followed by the Christmas Cheer. Christmas Day, 7:30am and 9:30am.

COLUMBAN CALENDERS: Are now available. They support the work of the Columban Missions, especially in Asia and Latin America. The retail price is \$10 per calendar. They make ideal Christmas gifts.

BIBLE SUNDAY SPECIAL: Copies of the Holy Bible Catholic Edition of the New American Bible translation are now available for \$15 a copy.

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Will be held on the oval on Friday, December 2nd at 6pm. ALL WELCOME. Bring a rug and folding chairs and picnic style food.



SETTING UP THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: Takes place on Saturday, Dec 10th from 8:30am with John Curran supervising. We need volunteers to assist. Please speak to Monsignor Brian or an Acolyte or email admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org



FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW: In John's Gospel, we learn that Andrew was following John the Baptist when John pointed to Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (1:36). Andrew immediately went to his brother, Simon, declaring, "We have found the Messiah" (1:41). According to Pope Benedict XVI, Andrew was "a man who was searching." He lived with his heart thrown open, awaiting the fulfillment of Israel's great hope. After the Resurrection and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Andrew went to share the Good News. Tradition has him preaching in Greece and dying at Patras. The Eastern Church honours Andrew with the title "first called" or First of the Apostles.



CHRISTMAS CHEER: The annual Christmas Cheer following the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass on the 24th of December 2022. The Social Committee are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the set up/pack down and preparation of the day. For further information or to volunteer your interest, please contact Anna Francis on 0400 196 163. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

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 open in you be put to shame.

Gloria is omitted.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 102-106

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms: 121, **Response:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

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

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

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O People of Sion, 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.

Gloria is omitted.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 106-110

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms: 71, **Response:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

1st Sunday of Advent 26th/27th of November 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Walk in God's light. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life. - St Paul's Missal

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: St Andrew, Apostle; Friday: St Francis Xavier.

'INCARNATE' ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS: They are \$8 each, including postage. There are still a few copies available to purchase. Incarnate is a 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich. Shared reflections will be held following the 10am Mass on the Monday's of Advent in the Parish Centre.

THE NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE: Contains indents for each book, explanatory notes and commentary. Available for \$19.95 per copy. This Bible makes an ideal gift for those preparing for Reconciliation into the Church, or members of the RCIA.'

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:

Thank you for your generous response to the non-perishable food which filled at least 8 large bags for St Vinnies. The Saint Vincent De Paul have collected them from the school and the Parish check to the Como Conference of \$100.00 was given to them.



MISSION OUTREACH: The Christmas edition is now available. One copy per family. Is located on the back and side porches. It explores the concept of generosity, especially throughout the festive season. It also details information about their recent projects to Africa. Worth the read!

AGM UPDATE: Thank you to all who prepared the morning cuppa and those who prepared various activity reports. It was very well attended. Thank you to John Robertson, Chair, and all those attended.

Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin

THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU

DON'T EXPECT: The writers of the New Testament spoke not only of Christ who had come, but of the Christ who is coming. And Jesus spoke of his coming as a repeat of what happened in the days of Noah. In other words, people would not be expecting it, so would not be prepared. We are not to be constantly expecting the end of the world, but we are to properly understand his coming – to experience an Advent that will have meaning for our lives here and now.



When do we least expect Jesus? Not in the past. We know that he actually came into the world. Not out there in the future. We believe that someday he will return to the earth. The time we least expect him is today. So, we look for him, not in the clouds, but on the streets, among people who need him. We look for him in the face of a child; in the home where parents are out of work or out of love; in the bed of a sick friend; in the person who is in trouble at work or at school or at home; in the eyes of that person who is difficult to love.

Advent is an invitation to become spiritually alert, not alarmed. It is the season where we cultivate an awareness of Christ, that he will train our eyes to see him, not just in the past, or in the future, but now in many different ways everyday.

Lord, help us to understand your coming as a present reality. Amen.

By Fr. Sean Cullen who is the parish priest of Corpus Christi Parish in Mittagong-Bowral. He was ordained in 1984 and has served in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong. Over the years, he has undertaken various diocesan roles including vocations director and chair of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and member of the Council of priests. He is currently the Vicar for the clergy.

