



Sacred Heart Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C – 1st December 2024

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday

9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Queen Le Phan

Accounts:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

Weekday Mass Times:

English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:

7.00am

Wed: 6.30pm

Sat: 9.00am

Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm

Wed: 7.00am

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;
6.00pm

Polish: Sun: 11.30am

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm

(Chaplain): 4.00pm

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady

of the Southern Cross

Phone: 9723 3704

Sick Call Contact Number

0451 945 756

S.V.D.P.

Phone: 9823 1222

SHC Primary School

Principal: David Parawa

Phone: 9724 1560

Baptism/Wedding

Please contact parish
office

Celebrating the New Church's Year

Toward the end of 1999 people were gearing up to welcome in the new millennium. Some Christians who take the scriptures literally joined in the fun and declared that the end of the world was nigh and that Christ would return on his two-thousandth birthday.

They seem to subscribe to the old adage that, 'one should never let the facts get in the way of a good story'! Christianity took over the Roman calendar in what we now call the 4th Century of the Christian era. At Rome in 526, a scholarly monk named Dionysius Exiguus compiled a list of the dates of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

He assigned dates in the new Christian calendar for each of these events. Given the tools at his disposal, he did an extraordinary job. We know, however, from other historical sources and from the New Testament, where it mentions who the various Jewish and Roman rulers were in Palestine, that Dionysius was four years out with his dating. The church became aware of this mistake in 1582, but to correct it the world would have lost four years! So we have all lived with it ever since.

We can, however, safely assume that Jesus knows the year in which he was born and that if our fundamentalist Christian friends are right in believing he was going to return on his 2000th birthday, he would have done so in 1996!

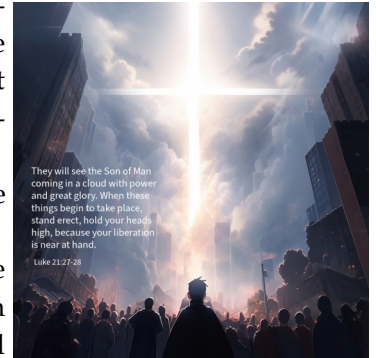
The facts are that in every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

Fr Richard Leonard



Pope's December prayer intention

Intention for Evangelisation-For pilgrims of hope

In anticipation of the Church's next jubilee, the faithful are asked to pray during the month of December that *"the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."*
Pope Francis

RCIA 2024 - 2025: Into the Order of Catechumens

We celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for the following 13 sisters and brothers on this first Sunday of Advent (10am & 7.30pm Mass). These adults have been on a journey among us with a view to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) at the coming Easter.

English Group: **Thanh Bui, Marvin Do, Sonia Feng, Derek Mai, Kathy Tran, Tyra Yeab**

Vietnamese Group: **Đặng Thị Hà My, Lê Kim Anh, Phạm Nhật Huy, Nguyễn Thu Huyền, Phạm Xuân Hoa, Nguyễn Thị Mỹ Nhiên, Nguyễn Gia Huy.**

The Rite today marks the end of the period of Enquiry / Evangelization and the beginning of the second period along their RCIA Journey: The Catechumenate. This will be a time of more formal learning and guidance, practice of prayer and worship and involvement in parish life. We, as members of The Catholic Family, together with Godparents / Sponsors, are called to welcome these catechumens liturgically for the first time; to journey with them in prayerful support; to give witness to their growth and assist them in their formation as we learn ourselves to live out our Christian calling each day.

Thank you- Fr Tuan Tran and Fr Dominic Nguyen

While Fr John is away, we have supply priests who come to our parish to celebrate some weekend Masses. This week we welcome **Fr Tuan Tran (Vigil 6.00pm & Sunday 6.00pm), Fr Dominic Nguyen (Sunday 8.30am Mass)** If you see any Father please also personally thank him for his time, and support to our community. God bless us all.

Year 6 Graduation-Wednesday 4 December @ 6.30pm

Please join us and pray for our children who will graduate and celebrate their 7 years at Sacred Heart Primary School.

Monday Mass will resume 9 December

Monday Mass will be cancelled on 2nd December.

Please join us the following Monday 9th December at 7.00am.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Please join us at the Mass with anointing of the sick next Saturday 07 December, 2024 at 9.00am. Kindly help bring along your family members who are in need of the Sacrament of Healing.

Thank you- Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers 27/11/2024

Our heartfelt thanks are once again extended to all volunteers who have served our parish life in so many ways during this year. - our 75th Anniversary.

It was great that many of you could be present at our thanksgiving Mass and dinner last Wednesday evening. We especially thank the members of our Social Committee, Youth Group, together with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, all generous helpers and donors who made that evening function so meaningful and joyful.

You are all gifts from God for this parish. May each of you continue to multiply God's gifts and share them with all people.

Cám On - Thánh Lễ Tạ Ôn với quý Thiện Nguyện Viên 27/11/2024

Chúng tôi chân thành gửi lời tri ân đến tất cả quý thiện nguyện viên, những người đã phục vụ giáo xứ bằng nhiều cách thể trong suốt năm kỷ niệm 75 năm thành lập Giáo Xứ.

Thật vinh hạnh nhiều quý vị cũng đã có thể hiện diện trong Thánh lễ Tạ Ôn và bữa tối thứ Tư vừa qua. Chúng tôi đặc biệt cảm ơn các thành viên trong Ban Xã hội, Nhóm Thanh Niên, quý Sơ Our Lady of the Southern Cross, cùng tất cả các ân nhân và những người giúp đỡ cho buổi tối ấy tràn đầy niềm vui và ý nghĩa.

Quý vị là những món quà Chúa ban cho giáo xứ này. Cầu xin Chúa cho mỗi người tiếp tục nhân lên những ân huệ của Ngài và chia sẻ chúng với mọi người.

Wedding Toll



May God bless your marriage with love, joy and peace everyday of your life. Congratulations to:
Haylee M. Tumanik & Macnos T. Mutano

Hope Reigns– Reflections for Advent 2024

This 70 pages booklets provides a series of short Reflections for each day of the Coming Advent Season, written by Br. Damien Price, CFC and published by The Archdiocese of Brisbane..

It is a good resource for group or individual use, now available from our piety Stall– **\$5.00 each.**

Jubilee Year 2025: “Pilgrims of Hope”

Pope Francis to open Holy Doors during Christmas liturgies

Pope Francis will commence the Jubilee of Hope with Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica on the night of Christmas eve, opening the Holy Door of the Vatican Basilica. On Christmas Day, the Pope will deliver his traditional Urbi et Orbi address and blessing “To the City and the World”.



Then, on the feast of St. Stephen, December 26, the Holy Father will preside at Mass in Rome’s Rebibbia prison to open the only Holy Door not in a papal basilica. New Year’s Eve will see the Pope pray First Vespers and the Te Deum in St. Peter’s Basilica at the close of 2024. The next day, he will preside at Mass to mark New Year’s Day and the 58th World Day of Peace. *Vaticannews.va*

Jubilee 2025

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

The logo shows how the way of the pilgrimage is not an individual effort, but rather collective, with the impression of a growing dynamism that tends more and more to the cross.



<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025>

Mass Intentions:

Other Intentions: For the sick and for conversions of mind and heart (2), for stable work (2), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (10), healing of sickness, personal intention(3), peace for a family(4), well-being for families and friends(2) safe travels, thanksgiving to the Holy Family, healing of sickness, for healing of sickness for Anre Vo Ngoc Chanh,

Lebanon Crisis Appeal

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation...This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter. **Donate today:** www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

A banner for the Lebanon Crisis Appeal. On the left, the Caritas Australia logo and "60 YEARS 1964-2024". In the center, the text "LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL" is followed by "Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care." Below this is a "DONATE NOW" button and the website "caritas.org.au/lebanondonate" with the phone number "1800 024 413". On the right, there is a QR code and a photo of a person holding a red Caritas flag.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.’

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1 (R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 84:8

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

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.'

Chúa Nhật Tuần I Mùa Vọng Năm C

Bài đọc 1: Gr 33, 14-16

Trích sách Tiên tri Giêrêmia.

Đây lời Chúa phán: Đã đến ngày Ta sẽ thực hiện tin mừng Ta loan báo về nhà Israel và nhà Giuđa. Trong những ngày đó và trong thời gian đó, Ta sẽ làm nảy sinh cho Đavít một chồi công chính, Ngài sẽ xét xử và thi hành công lý trong xứ sở. Trong những ngày đó, Giuđa sẽ được cứu thoát, Giêrusalem sẽ sống yên ổn. Và đây là tên người ta sẽ gọi Ngài: "Thiên Chúa, Đấng Công Chính của chúng tôi".

Đáp Ca: Tv 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 và 14

Đáp: Lạy Chúa, con vươn linh hồn lên tới Chúa (c. 1b).

Bài đọc 2: 1 Tx 3, 12 – 4, 2

Trích thư thứ I của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Thêxa-lônica.

Anh em thân mến, xin Chúa gia tăng và ban cho anh em tràn đầy lòng thương yêu nhau, và thương yêu mọi người như chúng tôi đối với anh em, để lòng anh em được bền vững trên đường thánh thiện, không có gì đáng trách trước mặt Thiên Chúa là Cha chúng ta, trong ngày Đức Giêsu Kitô, Chúa chúng ta, ngự đến cùng với tất cả các Thánh. Amen.

Anh em thân mến, ngoài ra, tôi còn van nài anh em trong Chúa Giêsu điều này, là như anh em được chúng tôi bảo cho biết phải sống thế nào cho đẹp lòng Chúa, anh em đang sống như vậy, xin anh em cứ tiến thêm nữa. Vì anh em biết rõ huấn thị chúng tôi nhân danh Chúa Giêsu đã ban cho anh em.

ALLELUIA: Tv 84, 8

Alleluia, alleluia! Chúa phán: Lạy Chúa, xin tỏ lòng từ bi Chúa cho chúng con, và ban ơn cứu rỗi cho chúng con. – Alleluia.

BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Lc 21, 25-28, 34-36

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca.

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ rằng: "Sẽ có những điềm lạ trên mặt trời, mặt trăng và các ngôi sao; dưới đất, các dân tộc buồn sầu lo lắng, vì biển gầm sóng vỗ. Người ta sợ hãi kinh hồn chờ đợi những gì sẽ xảy đến trong vũ trụ, vì các tầng trời sẽ rung chuyển. Lúc đó, người ta sẽ thấy trên đám mây, Con Người hiện đến đây quyền năng và uy nghi cao cả. Khi những điều đó bắt đầu xảy đến, các con hãy đứng dậy và ngẩng đầu lên, vì giờ cứu rỗi các con đã gần đến. Các con hãy giữ mình, kéo lòng các con ra nặng nề, vì chè chén say sưa và lo lắng việc đời, mà ngày đó thành linh đến với các con, như chiếc lưới chụp xuống mọi người sống trên mặt đất. Vậy các con hãy tỉnh thức và cầu nguyện luôn, để có thể thoát khỏi những việc sắp xảy đến và đứng vững trước mặt Con Người!"

"Còn về ngày đó hay giờ đó, thì không một ai biết được, dù các thiên thần trên trời, dù Con Người cũng chẳng biết, chỉ có mình Cha biết thôi".

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.