



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C – 8th 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:

Quyen 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 the parish  
office 6 months prior

## *Make his paths straight!*

St Augustine (354-430), having gone through a tough process of conversion and found God as the very anchor of his life, offered this remarkable advice: "He who loves the coming of the Lord is not he who affirms that it is far off, nor is it he who says it is near, but rather he who, whether it be far off or near, awaits it with sincere faith, steadfast hope and fervent love."



"All shall see the  
salvation of God."

Luke 3:6

Such is the very spirit and attitude the season of Advent is calling for. Such is the matter urgently proclaimed by "voice in the wilderness", originally announcing a new dawn of liberty and peace as a result of the in-breaking of God in human world. In today's Gospel (Lk 3:1-6), John the Baptist, as Jesus' forerunner, powerfully echoed that voice, urging his people to prepare a way – to make a change of heart – for the imminent arrival of the saving Lord as foretold in ages past: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain

and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God" (cf. Is 40: 1-5,9-11).

It is remarkable that John's voice though lonely, did not seem to fall to deaf ear. His voice was even met with popularity and active response (cf. Acts 18:25; 19:3) His service even marked a beginning of the apostolic witness to Christ in the early church (Acts 1:21)

Accordingly, there is always an urgent need for such a voice and a real conversion it calls for. The change of heart is difficult though, walking a straight path requires a great deal of strength, wisdom and single-mindedness. But God is walking with us – working from within us through the One who has come and baptised us with the Holy Spirit: "I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Phil 1:3-6,8-11). It is God who ultimately "has decreed the flattening of each high mountain...[who] will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort" (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bar 5:1-9)

How is such a "voice in the wilderness" echoed in my daily life? What would be some crooked attitude, some crooked relationship or some crooked way of behaving I need to straighten out in preparing for Jesus' path into my heart and my world?

*Maranatha – O Lord, come!* (1Cor 16:22)

*Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui*

## Pope's December prayer intention



"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope." *Pope Francis*

### Welcome back Fr John– Thank you Fr Remy

We are so happy to welcome you, Fr John, back from annual leave. Your presence has been missed, as we are grateful for your dedication and the guidance you provide to nurture our community. We look forward to joining you for Mass and seeing you around again, refreshed and renewed.

We also want to thank Fr. Remy for the wonderful role he has played in the past weeks. We are deeply impressed by his loving care, guidance, and support of our community during Fr. John's absence.

### Immaculate Conception—Monday 09/12/2024

#### Mass Times

7.00 am	English
9.20 am	School
11.00 am	Polish
5.30 pm	Chaplain Viet
7.00pm	Parish Viet

### Lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm Nguyên Tội– Thứ Hai 09/12/2024

7g00 sáng	Tiếng Anh
9g20 sáng	Tiếng Anh (School)
11g00 sáng	Tiếng Ba Lan
5g30 chiều	Tiếng Việt GĐ
7g00 tối	Tiếng Việt GX

### Primary EOY Celebrations

Warmest congratulations are extended to all our dear Year 6 graduates. (Graduation Mass was held last Wednesday).

We join our principal & staff, our children & families of Sacred Heart PS in thanking God for many wonderful blessings & achievements during 2024. EOY Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on this coming Tuesday, 9.20am. All are welcome. Please also keep in your prayers all our high-school & university students at this time of year.

## Mass with Anointing of the Sick-Thank you

Many thanks to the families who bring their loved ones to the Mass and Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Your dedication and care are truly appreciated.

Also, heartfelt thanks to those who organised the morning tea and refreshments after the first Saturday Mass each month. Your efforts have made our parish warm and welcoming.

### Thank you—Catechists

With grateful hearts we bless God for our dedicated catechists who have completed their mission of bringing the Good News to the State Schools Children throughout this year.

### Welcome to God's Family

This weekend we welcome to God's Family through baptism:

**Jophiella Nhi (Mary Joseph) Vien**



### Wedding Toll

May God bless your marriage with love, joy and peace everyday of your life. Congratulations to:  
**Julie Tang & Thanh Tuan Nguyen**

### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate)

### Pope Francis—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".

*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.

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

## Blessing of Nativity Scene

The Ritual is held after **Vigil 6.00pm and Sunday 10.00 Mass** this weekend. We thank our volunteers who have managed to put on our nativity set and continue giving it a final touch.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Betty Cozens, Maria Nguyen Thi Kim Hue, Marco Tran Cong Hoang, Anna Nguyen Thi Thanh Binh

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Daminh (2) Maria(14), Giuse Tran Van Vuc, Phanxico Xavie Nguyen Van Doan, All Souls(16), Teresa (4), forebears departed (3), departed grandparents & parents (4), Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Phero, Phanxico Xavie, Giuse (7), Maria Madalena, Da Minh, Martino, unborn babies (2), Vincente (4), Matta, Phero (3), Anna (3), Gabriel, Micae, Rafael, Maria Dinh Hoang Mai, Giuse Dinh Xuan Viet, Giuse Dinh Hoang Son, Giuse Nguyen Van Tan, Giuse Nguyen Ngoc An, Maria Tran Thi Loan, Maria Vo Thi Ty, Julyo, Phaolo, Daminh Nguyen Huu Khue, Maria My, Phero An, Giuse Lawrence Nguyen, Gioakim, Maria Hoang Thi Nhung, Lucia, Vincente, Anton, Giacobe.

**Other Intentions:** For the sick, for conversions of mind and heart (2), thanksgiving God, Mary & St Joseph (12), for peace & wisdom, peace and well-being of a family (15), thanksgiving the Holy family, healing of sickness (3), personal intention (8), safe travels (2),

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

### First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

*A reading from the prophet Baruch*



Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness".

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

*A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4, 6

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

## Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

## Chúa Nhật Tuần II Mùa Vọng Năm C

### Bài đọc 1: Br 5, 1-9

*Trích sách Tiên tri Barúc.*

Hỡi Giêrusalem, hãy cởi áo tang chế và sầu khổ của ngươi, hãy mặc lấy sự huy hoàng và vinh quang đời đời của Chúa mà Chúa ban cho ngươi. Chúa sẽ mặc cho ngươi áo công lý, và đặt vương miện vĩnh cửu trên đầu ngươi. Vì chưng, Chúa sẽ tỏ bày huy hoàng của Chúa trong ngươi cho mọi kẻ trần gian. Vì Thiên Chúa sẽ đòi đời gọi tên ngươi là Hoà bình trong công lý và Vinh dự trong hiểu nghĩa.

Hỡi Giêrusalem, hãy chỗi dậy, đứng nơi cao, và nhìn về hướng đông. Hãy nhìn con cái ngươi từ đông sang tây họp lại theo lệnh của Đấng Thánh, họ hân hoan thấy Chúa nhớ đến họ. Họ bị quân thù dẫn đi xa ngươi, nhưng Chúa đã đem họ về cho ngươi trong vinh dự như các hoàng tử. Theo lệnh Chúa, những cánh rừng, những cây có hương thơm, đã cho Israel núp bóng, vì Chúa sẽ hân hoan lấy lòng từ bi và công bình của Người dẫn dắt Israel đến ánh vinh quang.

Vì Chúa đã ra lệnh triệt hạ mọi núi cao và mọi đồi từ ngàn xưa, lấp đầy những hố sâu, để trái đất được bằng phẳng, hầu Israel vững vàng bước đi cao rao vinh quang Thiên Chúa.

### Đáp Ca: Tv 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6

**Đáp:** Chúa đã đối xử đại lượng với chúng tôi, nên chúng tôi mừng rỡ hân hoan (c. 3).

### Bài đọc II: Pl 1, 4-6. 8-11

*Trích thư Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Philipphê.*

Anh em thân mến, luôn luôn trong mọi lời cầu nguyện của tôi, tôi hân hoan khẩn cầu cho tất cả anh em, vì anh em đã thông phần vào việc rao giảng Phúc Âm từ ngày đầu cho tới nay. Tôi tin tưởng rằng Đấng đã khởi đầu việc lành đó trong anh em, cũng sẽ hoàn tất cho đến ngày của Đức Giêsu Kitô.

Vì Thiên Chúa làm chứng cho tôi rằng: tôi yêu mến tất cả anh em với tâm tình của Đức Giêsu Kitô. Điều tôi cầu nguyện bây giờ là lòng bác ái của anh em ngày càng gia tăng trong sự thông biết và am hiểu, để anh em xác định những điều quan trọng hơn, để anh em được trong sạch và không đáng trách cho đến ngày của Đức Kitô, anh em được Đức Giêsu Kitô ban cho dư đầy hoa quả công chính, hầu tôn vinh và ngợi khen Thiên Chúa.

### Alleluia: Lc 3, 4. 6

**Alleluia, alleluia! – Hãy dọn đường Chúa, hãy sửa đường Chúa cho ngay thẳng; và mọi người sẽ thấy ơn cứu độ của Thiên Chúa. – Alleluia.**

### Phúc Âm: Lc 3, 1-6

*Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca.*

Đời hoàng đế Tibêriô năm thứ mười lăm, Phongxiô Philatô làm toàn quyền xứ Giuđêa, Hêrôđê làm thủ hiến xứ Galilêa, còn em là Philipphê làm thủ hiến xứ Ituria và Tracônítêđê; Lysania làm thủ hiến xứ Abilêna; Anna và Caipha làm thượng tế; có lời Chúa đã kêu gọi Gioan, con Giacaria, trong hoang địa. Ông liền đi khắp miền sông Giođan, rao giảng phép rửa sám hối cầu ơn tha tội, như lời chép trong sách Tiên tri Isaia rằng: “Có tiếng kêu trong hoang địa: Hãy dọn đường Chúa, hãy sửa đường Chúa cho ngay thẳng, hãy lấp mọi hố sâu và hãy bạt mọi núi đồi; con đường cong queo hãy làm cho ngay thẳng, con đường gồ ghề hãy san cho bằng. Và mọi người sẽ thấy ơn cứu độ của Thiên Chúa”.

### 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](mailto: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.