

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

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.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAM.**Ps 84: 8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Saint John Paul II Parish**

28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

**FIRST READING****Jer 33: 14 - 16****RESP. PSALM Ps 24: 4 - 5. 8 - 9. 10. 14.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. R

2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R



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SJPII MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS 8.00am

SATURDAY 8.00am **VIGIL MASS** 6:00pm

SUNDAY 9.30am

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to offer a Mass up for a special intention, please contact Fr Vinh.



Reconciliation by appointment

Baptism by appointment

Weddings by appointment

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - 27TH/28TH NOVEMBER

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil: Jude	Sun 9.30am: Abraham
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil: 1. Eldi 2. Rachel S	Sun 9.30am: 1. Tony 2. Anne O
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am: Cross Bearer ☩:	Candles:

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 4TH/5TH DECEMBER

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil: Lumoro	Sun 9.30am: Thomas N
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil: 1. Mailyn 2. Geraldine	Sun 9.30am: 1. Courtney 2. Amor
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am: Cross Bearer ☩:	Candles:

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass, please arrange a swap with another person from the particular ministry. Thank you.

MASS MINISTRY SUPPORT Please see Fr Vinh, or a member of the Liturgy committee to see if there is a ministry role needing support before each Mass. Hopefully all parish rosters will be in full swing again soon.

CONTACT REGISTERS- Please continue to support Fr Vinh and our parish in complying with the contact registers directive.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER If you would like to add the name of a relative or friend to the Book of Remembrance, please speak to Fr Vinh. During November, those whom have gone before us are remembered, honoured and prayed for.

IF, THEN, WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST,
WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL ALSO LIVE
WITH HIM. (ROMANS 6:8)



ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink was held throughout the Archdiocese recently- 13/14 November, 2021. If you have not yet returned your envelope please do so as soon as possible. You can mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided, or return your envelope & donation for Special Collection at Mass, or at any time over the coming weeks during Mass.



Lifelink
Catholic Caring Agencies

ST JOHN PAUL II CPS ENROLMENTS In Harmony with our God, St John Paul II Catholic Primary School community is centred on Jesus Christ and shaped by the spiritual gifts of unity, compassion and forgiveness. These Charisms, favoured by St John Paul II, our Patron Saint, guide and direct our faith focus and way of life. If these Charisms speak to you and you are looking to enrol your child in an excellent and supportive Catholic school for the 2022 school year please call into the school office during business hours and pick up an enrolment form. Alternately, please email admin@sjpiicps.wa.edu.au or call 9303 7101. For more information on the school, programs etc please visit their website at www.sjpiicps.wa.edu.au



MISA DE GALLO (Simbang Gabi) St John Paul II Parish will once again host the Misa de Gallo this Christmas in Fr Vinh's morning Mass room. It will begin on **WEDNESDAY** 15th of December and be held at 7.00pm each night. Please bring along a plate to contribute to the shared supper following (except Saturday and Sunday). On Saturday evenings this will begin at **6.00pm**. Everyone is welcome.

PILGRIM STATUE HOME VISITATION The statues of Pregnant Mary and Joseph will again be used for home visits, for devotional prayer. If you would like to participate in this unique devotional tradition of our SJPII parish, please speak to Sr Tuyen, Sr Duyen or Fr Vinh. It is a truly touching way to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

SJPII PARISH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY For all parish children, there will be a children's nativity play held on Saturday the 25th of December. Please speak to Sr Tuyen to find out more! This will be an exciting and fun way to engage our youngest parishioners in what makes our festive season so special, the birth of Jesus and the events that surround this. If you would like to join, please see Sr Tuyen this weekend!



On the first Sunday in Advent the "Hope" candle is lit

The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope. It is a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He has given us through Jesus.

Alleluia

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

Alleluia

The Universal Prayer Sunday 28th November 2021 First Sunday of Advent Year C

1. That the Holy Spirit will guide Pope Francis as he prepares for pastoral visits to Cyprus and Greece, building up trust and friendship with the Orthodox Churches.
Lord, have mercy.
2. That as the world is bewildered by present events and nations are in agony, may the Church, waiting for Christ's return, stay awake and pray for strength for all people.
Lord, have mercy.
3. That during Advent we will devote ourselves to loving one another and the whole human race, so that with hearts confirmed in holiness, we may be blameless in the sight of God.
Lord, have mercy.
4. That the people of Myanmar, victims of the military; the people of Lebanon, overwhelmed by economic and political collapse; the people of Afghanistan, violated by the Taliban; and the people of Sudan, trying to re-establish peace, will all be sustained by God.
Lord, have mercy.
5. That in this Time of Advent we will devote ourselves to praying for our fellow Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus, so that in these difficult times they will live with honesty and integrity.
Lord, have mercy.
6. That our departed will be taken into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and live with Mary, Joseph and all the Saints.
We also remember...
Lord, have mercy.