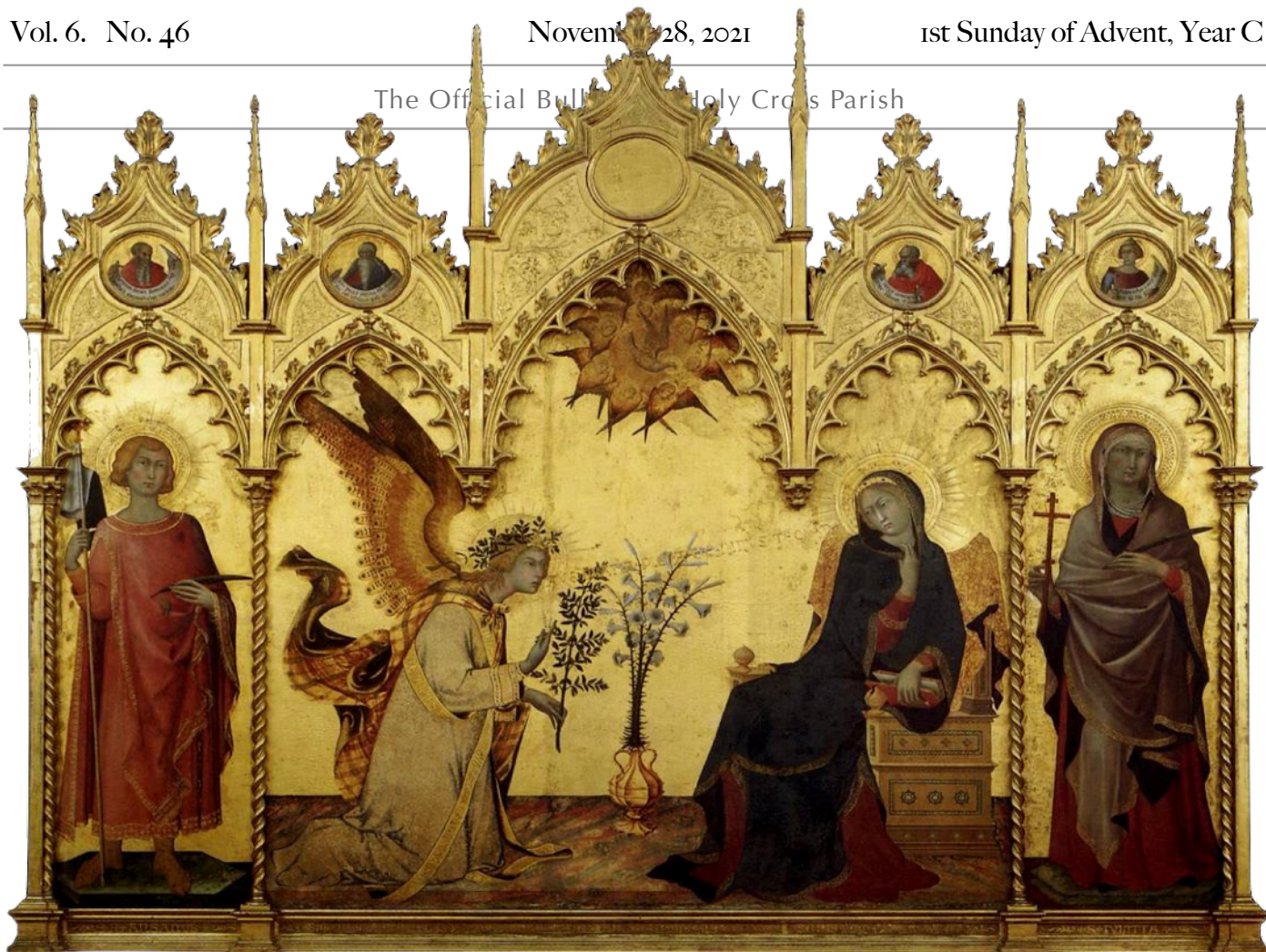

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.” With this prayer the Church begins the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. And with this new season, the first of the seasons, the Church acquires a new colour—violet—the colour not only of penance and preparation but the colour of kings and emperors. Because with this season we are reminded that we live in a time

in-between the birth of our Lord and His coming again.

Advent is not only a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ but also a preparation for the day when our Lord will return. Just as the Archangel Gabriel declared to the Blessed Virgin Mary that the Lord’s name would be Emmanuel—meaning “God is with us”—we await the day when the Angels will sing again, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

So as the Church undergoes these four weeks of Advent, as the violet and rose candles of the Advent wreath slowly burn away to reveal the white candle of the true light of the world, let us join ourselves to that holy preparation by making our confession, by attending one more Mass during the week, by praying the holy Rosary, and by attending to the material needs of the parish and the poor, so that we can make ourselves fit to kneel along side the shepherds and the kings and adore God made man, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Counters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Latin Mass

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Group 1: L. Hale,
D. Portelli, L. Woman, W. Krasinski,
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, B. Francis,
L. Franco

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Sisters

10:00 a.m. Sisters

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Ruth La Rosa, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Haydee Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Fr. Renato Paras, Rev. Mr. Owen Rogers, Mary Alby, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Carmelo Galea, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Lam Hatran, Maria Kim Hoang, John Ibrahim, Laila Ibrahim, Nouhad Khoury, Betty McGrath, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Neville O'Sullivan, Edward Pidgeon, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, Francis Tran, Peter Doan Van Tran, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam Welangoda, Dib Zaiter.

The Catholic Foundation Christmas Appeal

The Parramatta Catholic Foundation is holding its Christmas Appeal this weekend in support of Catholic Care's "Houses to Homes" programme for homeless women and children. This programme provides health care, pregnancy and parenting support and financial assistance, as well as developing essential parenting and independent living skills.



No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas

Donations to this appeal can be made by using the envelopes available on the pews to make a cash donation or a credit card donation, or donations can be left in the box by the doors of the church. Donations can also be made online by visiting yourcatholicfoundation.org.au

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

For more information on the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or call 8838-3482.



N.S.W. Government Public Health Restrictions

Public health restrictions imposed by the N.S.W. Government continue to be in place for churches. Under the current restrictions, churches are limited in capacity to one person per two square metres, social distancing of 1.5 metres between members of different households is required, **face masks must be worn indoors** (for those over 12 years old), congregational singing is not permitted, and hand sanitising and check-in is required for all attending.

How to Check-In

1. Download the Service NSW app
2. Select "Covid Safe Check-in"
3. Follow the prompts
4. Write "QR" for yourself and the number of dependents checked-in on the manual sign-in sheets (this is to demonstrate that we comply with capacity limits)

If you do not have the app, write your full name and telephone number on the manual sign-in sheets.

Please assist us with following these requirements to ensure the health and safety of all who attend Mass.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass, while restrictions are in place that limit the number of people allowed per two square metres, we will continue with the **temporary** Mass times of Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

The temporary confession times of Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church will also continue whilst the temporary Mass times schedule is in place.

Please Respectfully Assist with the Public Health Restrictions

Please be aware that the current public health restrictions are those imposed by the N.S.W. Government and are **not at the discretion nor are they choice of the parish.**

All organisations, including churches, across New South Wales are obligated to follow these restrictions and to ensure that all those entering their buildings follow these restrictions. Failure to follow these government restrictions mean that the parish can be fined up to \$55,000 and individuals can be fined up to \$11,000.

Three of our parishioners, Rosette Chidiac, Spiro Portelli and Claudette Takchi, have very generously volunteered their time each and every week at multiple Masses to assist you with these restrictions. They regularly volunteer at up to three Masses every weekend and have been doing this ever since the restrictions were imposed last year. Please show your gratitude to them for their incredible generosity and please respect them as they assist parishioners at the doors. Because of their generous service to us, we are able to open the churches. Without their help, we could not continue to offer Mass publicly.

Please respectfully assist them and the parish by checking-in at the doors of the church and wearing a face mask whilst inside the church.

They do this for the love of God and the Church and to offer their service voluntarily to parishioners.

Holy Family Church Readers

If you would like to be rostered as a reader for Holy Mass at Holy Family Church for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass or the 5:00 p.m. Mass, please speak with Fr. Andrew or call the parish office.

First Thursday Traditional Latin Mass

This Thursday evening, the first Thursday of the month, we continue with the Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Join us for this, the Mass of the Ages, and delve into the rich tradition of the Church and pray the Holy Mass with the Church on earth united with the Church in heaven.

As we begin the holy season of Advent, seek to add a weekday Mass to your spiritual exercises in preparation for the great solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord.

“An Evening with Our Lord” First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and Important Notice Regarding Confessions

This Friday evening, the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord at Holy Trinity Church, as we pray in reparation for the sins of humanity against almighty God.

Beginning with Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Never miss a chance to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and to receive the abundant graces that pour forth from His Sacred Heart, especially on the first Fridays of the month.

Please note that as Delany College will be holding their graduation on Friday evening, which Fr. Andrew will be attending, confessions will not be available at 6:15 p.m. Confessions will be available on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

2022 Columban Art Calendars for Sale

The 2022 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from the piety shop. The Columban Art Calendar is a major fundraiser for the Missionary Society of St. Columban—an order of priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.



The calendars are available for sale in the piety shop and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and of the parish.

Compulsory Child Protection Training for Volunteers

The Diocese of Parramatta has mandated that all volunteers in all roles in parishes must undertake child protection and vulnerable adult training.

Training is available online or in person. There are three compulsory modules and each takes from 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

If you have not submitted your details to the parish office, please speak with Fr. Andrew or call the parish office and we can assist you with this process.

Volunteers Needed for Next Sunday

Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Sr. Theresa will celebrate her silver jubilee of religious profession. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Peter Williams and a number of visiting Priests.

Because of the number of guests attending this Mass, we need volunteers to assist at the doors of the church to help people check-in and to advise of the public health restrictions. We are looking for 5 people to help out for this Mass which will allow us to open all the doors and to provide easier access to the church.

If you can volunteer at the doors of the church for this Mass, please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Campion College Summer Program

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program.



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This Christmas will you show your Christian kindness to homeless young mothers and children?



\$25

Can provide **nappies or baby formula** for a young mum and baby.



\$50

Can provide **financial counselling** or a session on **parenting and living skills, education and employment support**.



\$75

Can provide **psychological counselling** for a mother in turmoil.



\$100

Can provide a **high chair**.



\$200

Can provide a homeless young mum with a **mattress, cot sheets, and blanket**.



\$250

Can give mums a **newborn hamper** with **basic essentials** like nappies, muslin wraps, bottles and baby shampoo.



\$500

Can provide two homeless young mums with a **baby bassinet/cot**.



\$600

Can provide three homeless young mums with a **mattress, cot sheets, and a blanket**.



\$1,000

Can provide four homeless young mums with a **maternity kit** including sleep wear, underwear, sanitary pads, and baby clothing.



\$2,000

Can provide a month's **shelter** for new mothers and babies fleeing domestic violence.

Your gift today will help homeless young families to find a place to call home.

Your gifts to Parramatta Catholic Foundation support the charitable works of the Diocese of Parramatta and CatholicCare across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and are not limited to those described in this appeal.



The 2022 Columban Art Calendar is on sale now at the piety shop for \$10.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar,
well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.
2022 marks the 100th edition.

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Introit (Cf. Ps. 24:1-3)

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 hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (3:12-4:2)

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 (Ps. 84:8)

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

Gospel of Luke (21:25-28, 34-36)

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.’

Communio (Ps. 84:13)

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

