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The Month of *the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Church dedicates the month of December to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the

Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall of mankind.

Scripture points to this truth. In the book of Genesis, in which the parallel between Mary and Eve: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (3:15). The early Church saw this passage as referring to the struggle between Christ and Satan, and so the Church sees in "the woman" a prophetic foreshadowing of Mary.

If there is to be enmity between the woman and the serpent, then she was never in any way subject to him at all. This implies an immaculate conception.

The dignity of being Mother of God is of infinite dignity. Yet Christ taught that the holiness coming from hearing the word of God and keeping it is something greater still. Mary's holiness is great: "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

Even though Mary was full of grace at the start of her life, yet she could still grow, for, as it were, her capacity for grace could increase.

A soul will grow in proportion to these things: firstly, the greater the dignity of the person, the greater the merit. In Mary's case, the dignity of Mother of God is the highest possible. Secondly, the greater the work, the greater the merit: Mary's cooperation in the redemption was the greatest work possible to a creature. Thirdly, the greater the love, the greater the merit. Love of God means the attachment of our will to His. Mary's will adhered supremely, with no obstacle at all, so that even ordinary household duties, which she saw as the will of the Father for her, were supremely valuable.

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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

Bus Driver

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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 2: P. Zaiter,
M. Kalouch, M. Taumalolo, N. Chidiac

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, G. Pinto

10:00 a.m. P. Mariasson, Sisters,
T. Martin

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

Mary Alby, Pius Ari, 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 continuing to hold 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.

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.

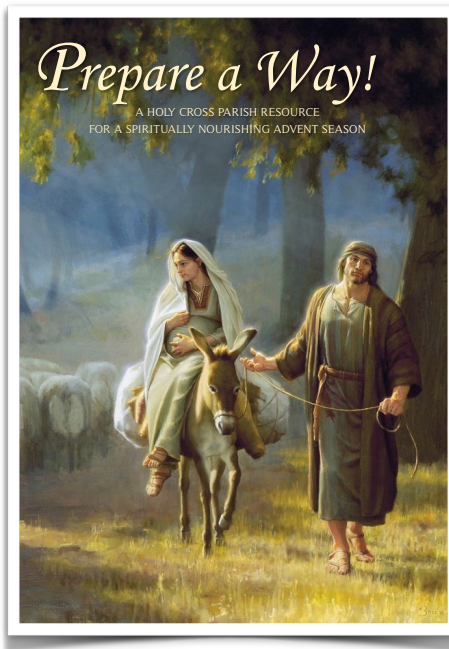
Campion College Summer Program

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.

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.

"Prepare a Way" A Holy Cross Parish Resource for a Spiritually Nourishing Advent Season



"Prepare a Way" is a book written specially for Holy Cross Parish for parishioners to pray each day the prayers of Advent and to faithfully look forward to the proper celebration of Christmas.

This book of devotions has been prepared by John Portelli to assist individuals and families to use this holy season as a way to draw closer to almighty God so that we can truly and faithfully celebrate the birth of Our Lord and look to His coming again.

The book includes devotions for every day of Advent including:

Beautiful images for each day

Introit from the Mass of the Day

Gospel of the Day

Daily Prayer

The Litany of St. Joseph

Ancient Hymns

Traditional "O Antiphons"

14 Tips to Make Advent Meaningful

A digital edition is available for download by visiting our parish webpage or our Facebook page, and printed editions will soon be made available.

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.

Prepare a Way!

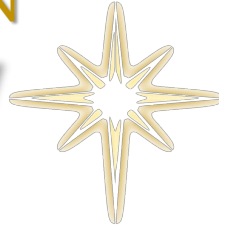
A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE
FOR A SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT SEASON





MAKING THIS ADVENT SEASON

Meaningful!



'Prepare a Way!' is an Advent resource designed to assist the reader set aside some time each day throughout the 4 weeks of Advent to reflect and allow the grace of this holy season to be ingrained into our daily lives. The resource offers daily reflections including antiphons, scripture and prayer.

The resource also makes use of the '*O Antiphons*' 7 in total, traditionally prayed in the 7 days leading to the Solemnity of Christmas. These Antiphons have been described as a "unique work of art...filled with the Spirit of the Word of God."

This resource is ideal for families, who may wish to meditate on each day in a family setting by sharing around the readings or alternatively for individuals seeking an exercise to help them further contemplate on the season by spending quiet time in solitude and prayer to focus deeper on each day's scripture.

It is hoped that this resource will help add an extra layer of prayer to your personal preparation for Christmas.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT

- * Attend Sunday Mass
- * Acts of Good Works (Almsgiving in support of the church and in support of those in need),
- * Fast one day each week or fast from one meal
- * Seek the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
- * Add a Weekday Mass to your spiritual devotions
- * Attend the December First Friday of the Month Devotions (including Adoration)
- * Attend the December Traditional Latin Mass
- * Pray the Holy Rosary in your homes as a family
- * Set up a prayer space in your home which can help to focus thoughts on Advent
- * Create or set up an Advent wreath in your home and light a candle each week of Advent
- * Pray daily for the Souls of the Faithful Departed, the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all Forgotten Souls.
- * Pray for Persecuted Christians who are forbidden from celebrating Christmas.
- * Pray the Litany of St. Joseph
- * Set up a nativity scene in your homes

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Printed edition coming soon!

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



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.

Christmas

HOLY MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. *Holy Family Church*

7:00 p.m. *Holy Trinity Church*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight *Holy Family Church*

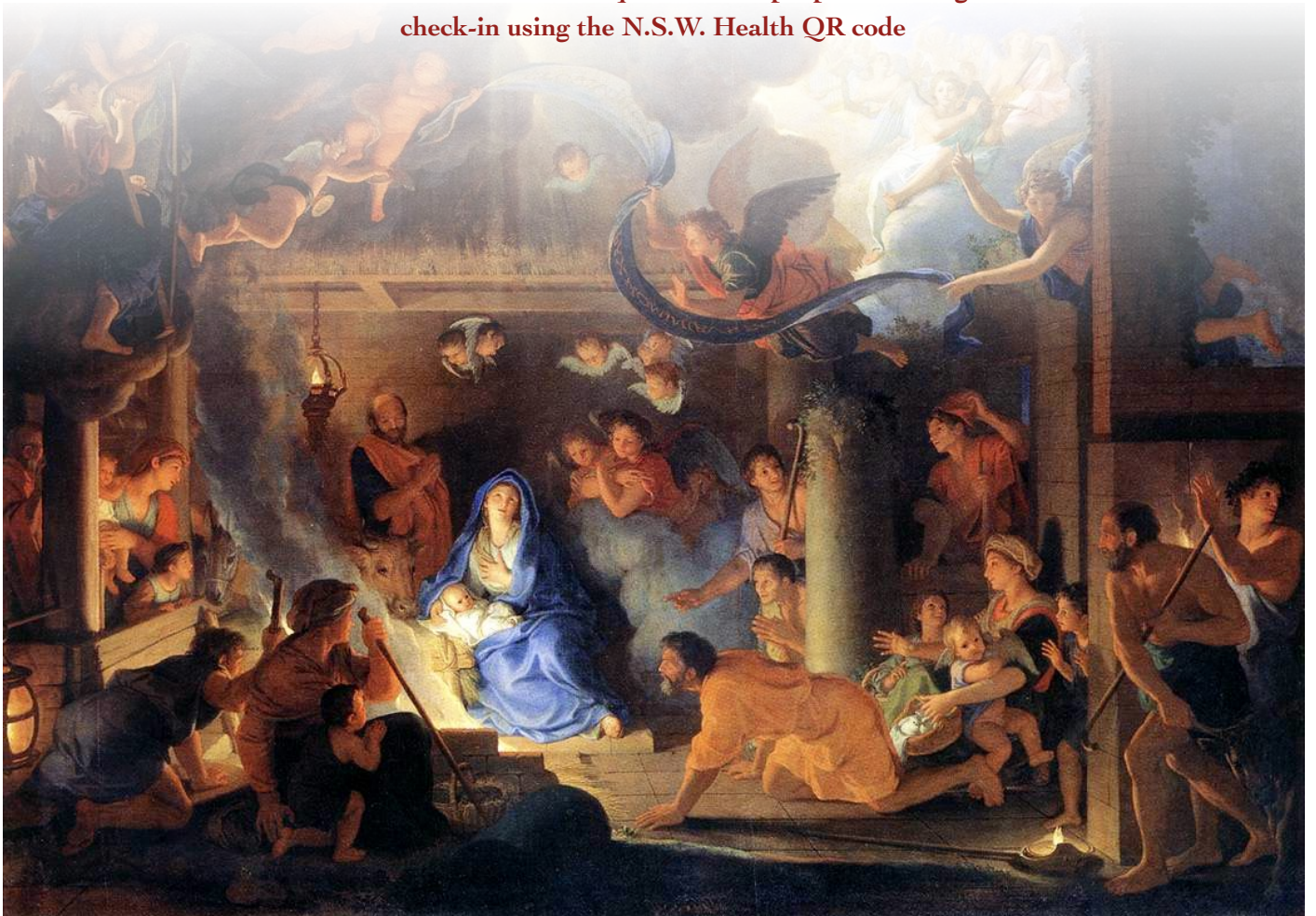
Midnight *Holy Trinity Church*

8:30 a.m. *Holy Family Church*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Trinity Church*

5:00 p.m. *Holy Family Church*

Public health restrictions will require that all people attending a church check-in using the N.S.W. Health QR code



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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Is 30:19, 30)

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.

First Reading

The Prophet Baruch (5:1-9)

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.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:3-6, 8-11)

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 (Lk 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 of Luke (3:1-6)

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.

Communion (Bar 5:5, 4:36)

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