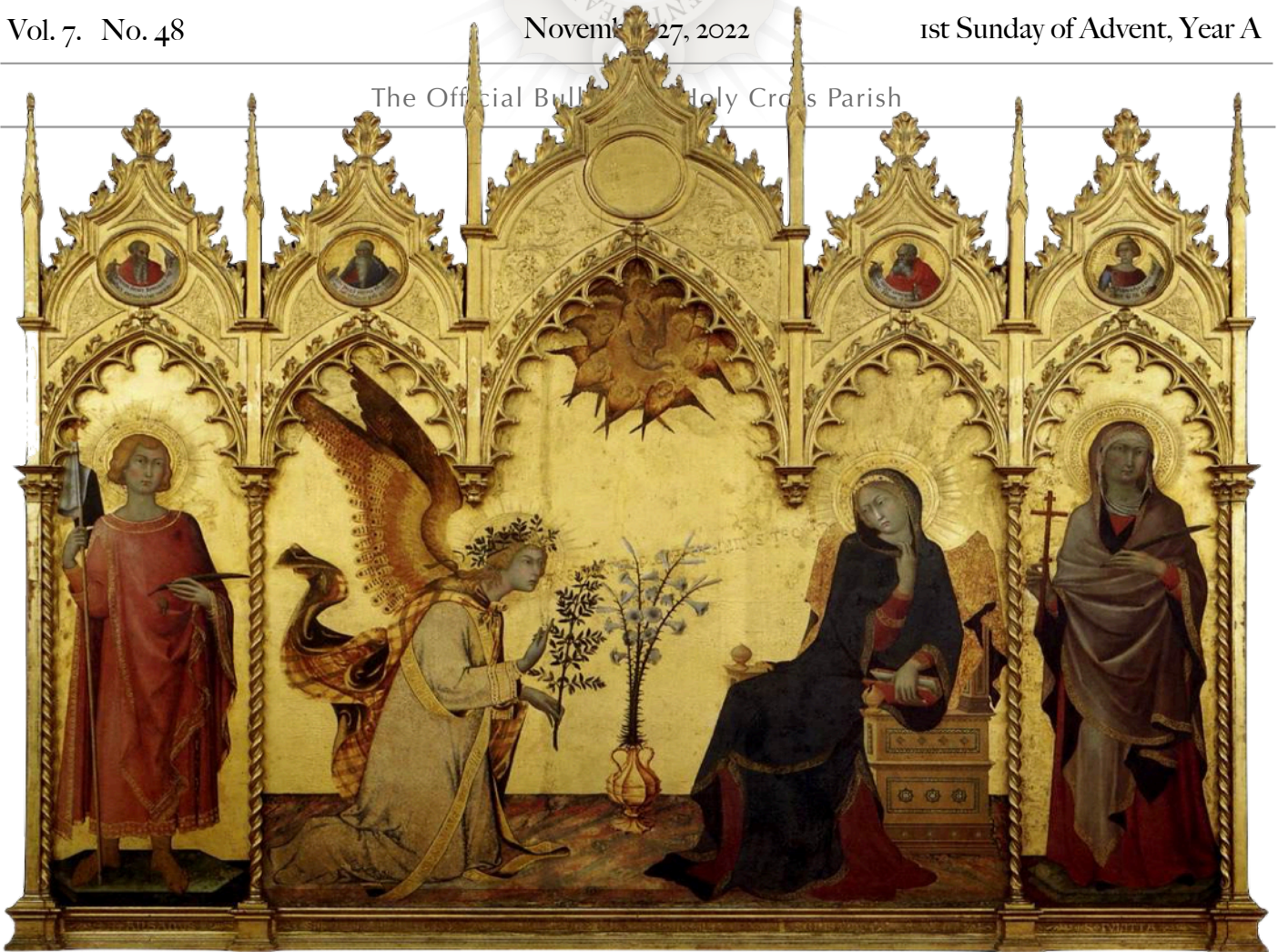

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“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

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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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.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Holy Mass in Latin

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.

Rosters

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

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Sisters

10:00 a.m. Rosza Kazmer,
Jasmine Miranda, Raphaella Chidiac

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap,
Attard family, Lorenza Attwill, Axiak family, Victor
Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg,
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family, Anna Saunig, Andrea So, Emmanuel Tabone,
Darren Thornton, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib
Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.



2023 Columban Art Calendars for Sale in our Piety Shops

The 2023 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from our piety shops.

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 our piety shops and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and of the parish.

While you are there, be sure to have a look at the beautiful items available as gifts and decorations for Christmas.

First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

First Friday Devotions in Honour of the Sacred Heart

This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and in reparation for our sins and for the sins of humanity.



At Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., there will then be the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for these devotions in honour of Our Lord and for the grace of His Sacraments, especially in this Advent season as a way to prepare yourself for the solemnity of the birth of Our Lord at Christmas.

First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated. The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish.

At Holy Trinity Church we are fortunate to have volunteers to take up these collections. At Holy Family Church boxes have been placed at the doors of the church for the first and second collections.

Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish.

Your regular contributions are a great support.

Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.

Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also please note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said, please speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.



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Can fund **essential groceries for a vulnerable person** facing housing stress and food insecurity.



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Can fund **transport costs to take homeless people with limited mobility to vital appointments.**



\$200

Can provide **four homeless people with gift cards to buy essential personal care items.**



\$600

Can provide **three homeless families with kitchen essentials.**



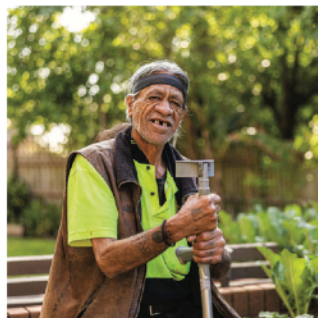
\$1,000

Can provide **five homeless people with basics and bedding to start a new home life.**



\$2,000

Provides **50 caseworker hours of practical and emotional support for vulnerable people** facing housing stress and homelessness.

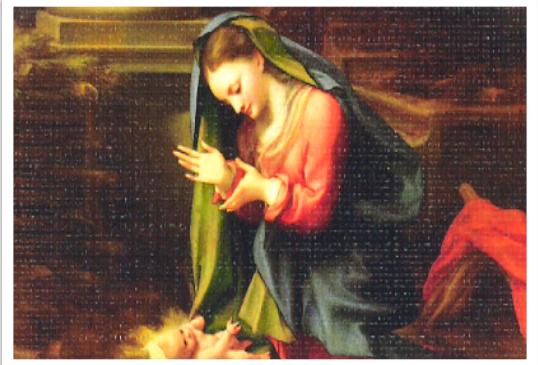


\$5,000

Can **help set up ten homeless people in community housing.**

To learn about the impact of your kindness, and enjoy a special thank you message, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/thankyou





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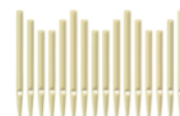
The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.

2023 marks over 100 years of the calendar.

The money from the sale of these calendars supports the work of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, an order of priests who work with the poor and the exploited around the world.

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Christmas

AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Holy Family Church

6 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Holy Trinity Church

7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Church

10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

5 p.m. Holy Family Church



1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

The Readings

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 Isaiah (2:1-5)

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v. 1)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. R.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ R.

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon—let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Ps. 84:8)

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

Gospel of Luke (24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Communio (Ps. 84:13)

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

*“We do not want a Church
that will move with the world.
We want a Church
that will move the world.”*

—G.K. Chesterton