

## Sacramental Timetable

<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
<b>Weekdays:</b>	Mon - Fri 9.15am, Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec: Adoration Vigil, Mass at 11.30am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Monday – Wednesday after 9.15am Mass
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am, and after weekday Masses

## Sunday School

Let your Advent be a time for tremendous preparation to welcome Jesus into your hearts with: **A Daily GOOD DEED and a PRAYER: 'COME LORD, JESUS!'**  
Pray it a few times with all your heart each Advent Day!

## Rosters for Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro		
<b>Ministers of the Sick</b>	Kath Chosich, Brian Rycroft, John Staunton, Pat McCulloch, Victoria Choi, Philomena Joseph		
<b>Counters</b>	Keith and Margaret Campbell, Barry and Margaret Carr		
<b>Church Flowers</b>	Phil Naughton		
<b>Morning Tea after Mass</b>	Elizabeth and Sean Keogh		
	<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Robert Vecchio
<b>Setting Up For Mass</b>	Annette Atkinson	Tony and Glad Hough	Keith and Margaret Campbell
<b>Welcomers</b>	John and Audrey Rawlins	Jack Krohn	Tony and Catherine Chong
<b>Commentator</b>	Andrew Hackett	Paul McCulloch	Kath Richards
<b>Reader</b>	Justin Tan	Karen Pereira	Mary Tan
<b>Lay Ministers</b>	Ray Lamerand Ron and Phil Joseph John Hackett	Brian Worcester Margaret Foley Alec Ngo Bridget Chan	Noel and Gayle Roberts Sharne Rolfe Anne Martin Christine Smith
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Michael and David Loo Jerome Tan Joshua Chia Kyle Valadon	Graham Perrin	Jessica and Joelle Fernando Jessica Parker Rochelle Rodrigo Jacqueline and Monique Drake
<b>Music</b>	Singles for Christ	Recorded music	M.Ark Band and Children's Choir
<b>The Pilgrim Statue 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec '10</b>	David and Jessica and family welcome Mary as our Advent period of waiting begins. She comes to birth Christ in us.		
<b>St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers</b>	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9807 3560.		
<b>Telephone Prayer Chain</b>	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139		
<b>Financial last week</b>	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 2,156.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 199.05 Total: \$ 2,355.05 First Collection: \$ 952.00 (upkeep of presbytery)		

**RECENT DEATH** - *we pray for* Beatrice Cozzio who died on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
**ANNIVERSARIES** - *we remember* Tom Murray, Eileen Kelly, William Joyce, Laurence Keegan, Janet Strongman, Lillian Steele, Frederick Steele, Mario Antonielli, Thomas Barnes, Kevin Brittain, Jessie Tuckett, Cedric Valles, Graeme O'Loughlin, Victor Thek, Agnes Hall, Max Moar, Colin Gavan



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

First Sunday of Advent  
28<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

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**Secretariat:**  
Clare Gill  
Jenny D'Souza  
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Andrea Burns

**School Principal:**  
Mr Shane Tobin

**School Secretary:**  
Jenny Bamber

**Parish Council Chair:**  
Justin Tan

**Parish Council Secretary:**  
*Rotation basis*

## READINGS THIS

**WEEK (Year A):**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Resp Psalm:**

Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

On this First Sunday of Advent the readings highlight waiting and watching. It is salutary to recall that what the church currently awaits is not Christmas but the second Advent. In one sense, the baby born in Bethlehem fulfils the promise of the Hebrew Scriptures; but in another sense, the baby becomes a promise of something more, the coming of the Son of Man at an unknown hour. We no longer await the baby's birth. We await his return, his revelation as the Lord of heaven and earth, as the King-Judge, who renders judgement and sets right all that is twisted and distorted. Celebrating Christmas means renewing the promise and standing ready to welcome God's consummation.

## ENTRANCE

### ANTIPHON:

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

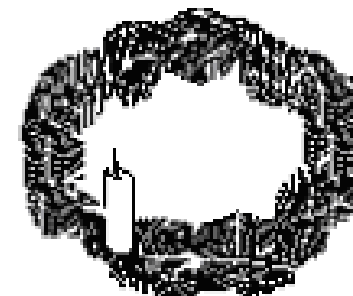
### GOSPEL

#### ACCLAMATION:

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

### COMMUNION

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord will shower his gifts and our land will yield its fruit.



## READINGS NEXT WEEK

**(Year A):**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Romans 15:4-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

## A WORD FROM ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

In the Christian life there is more to do than to say. So few words and many deeds, and good works done well. Jesus came to serve and not be served; so who can refuse to live in a spirit of mutual service?



## AT A GLANCE: ☺

- ⇒ **ANTIOCH – SUNDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM**
- ⇒ **EDUCATION BOARD TUE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV. 7.45PM IN THE LIBRARY.**
- ⇒ **THUR 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER:**
  - ..9.30AM OUR FINAL GODSTART FOR THE YEAR IN THE CENACLE.
  - ..6PM SCHOOL MASS AT AVILA TO FAREWELL LIZ GLEESON, WELL-LOVED PRINCIPAL OF AVILA
- ⇒ **TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS WIND-UP. 3rd Dec. 7:00pm, at Joseph's International Restaurant .**
- ⇒ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.45PM.**
- ⇒ **MASS WAHROONGA THUR 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC 10.30AM**
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS MEN'S BREAKFAST- SATURDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 8.00 AM**
- ⇒ **MASS ON MON 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC 7.30PM FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY THE DIXONS & KSC MALE CHOIR.**
- ⇒ **14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**
  - ..7.30PM ADVENT RECONCILIATION AT ST LEONARDS
  - ..9.15AM END OF SCHOOL YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ST CHRISTOPHER'S
- ⇒ **15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**
  - ..10.30AM STAFF MASS AT AVILA TO FAREWELL LIZ GLEESON
  - ..12.00 NATIVITY PLAY BY CHILDREN OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S
  - ..7.30PM GRADUATION MASS & CELEBRATION
- ⇒ **16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 9.15AM MASS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL TO THANK ALL VOLUNTEERS.**
- ⇒ **FINANCE & ADMIN MASS 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC 6PM AT FOLEY'S AND CELEBRATION.**

**Thank you** to all who put in so much work for our Carnival/Fete. May all your generous labour be richly rewarded. We'll report on the Carnival next week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ciara Savedra**, daughter of Fiona & Jonathan, who will be baptised into Christ & into our Christian community on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.00 noon.

**URGENTLY NEEDED** by Vinnies: Fridge and Washing Machine for needy family.  
John Staunton ☎ 9803 2204

**Make a difference** -Be part of a UNIQUE family/friends **Gift giving this Christmas** & support the Sisters of Charity, people of Nawadih Health Centre & surrounding villages. See flyers in Church, or contact Audrey 0403 338 611, [audrey@mapletech.com.au](mailto:audrey@mapletech.com.au)

**MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING. Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** is the last dedicated Monthly Healing Night for the year. *Sr. Katherine MGL will be present.* All most welcome.

**CAROLS NIGHT SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC 7.00PM**  
All choirs and groups are welcome. Fr Pat needs to know the Carols for the Booklet. Contact ☎ 9802 8538.

**PIETY STALL Come Browse – n – Buy.**  
*Great range of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, general gifts and cards available.*

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S TENNIS CLUB** - All parishioners & friends welcome to social tennis every Tuesday morning 9.45am & every Wednesday evening under lights, from 7.30pm. *Come and join us.*



**Adoration Vigil**  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December,**  
**Mass at 11.30am**  
**Adoration: Noon to 9pm**

**Requiem Mass for Beatrice Cozzio** on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.30am.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 6.00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**

**Our Golden Jubilee Booklet is simply fantastic and available at \$10.00**

**LECTIO DIVINA** This year we have the booklets "praying the Scriptures" (Lectio Divina) for Year A.

Also, Michael, my brother has prepared material for praying the Scriptures entitled "Praying the Coming of Christ into the Heart of our World".

**ADVENT** tells us that our Redeemer, Jesus, is coming into the present circumstances of our lives. Advent means "coming". Jesus' first coming, his coming as a child into the messiness of our lives, was because God in him wanted to be with us in every aspect of our lives. This time leading up to Christmas brings a deep yearning for family. In our ups and downs, to know that God chose to come into a family to bless and give us a model to follow, and the grace that is always available as we love, forgive and start again and again to be together.



**Adoration** on Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm and Wednesday 7:00–8:00pm in preparation for Christmas, for our Parish and School family, and for the outcome of the election being well-attended. You are most welcome to spend some time before the Lord.



**ANOINTING MASS**  
**WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER,**  
**11.30AM,** followed by special Christmas Luncheon in Cenacle.

Judy and her team of ladies will provide a delicious and festive lunch for all. Plates not required this month. Please ring Lorraine ☎ 9802 3183 for transport.

**Don Bosco Summer Camps January 2011**

There are 3 camps to choose from:  
Junior Camps 1&2 (Ages 9-12): Jan 3-6 and 17-22  
Senior Camp (Ages 13-15): Jan 10-14  
Get in quick! [www.donboscocamp.org](http://www.donboscocamp.org), or ☎ 5987 2692.

**Volunteers urgently needed for St Vincent de Paul Society**, to assist at St Vinnies Centre, Pinewood Shopping - Tuesday afternoon fortnightly. Please contact Shirley ☎ 9802 3642 by 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Avila College Information Sessions and College Tours, 2011**

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, starting promptly at 11am and 2pm, followed by student-led tours of the campus.  
*Closing date for applications for Year 7 in 2012 is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.*

**"50th Anniversary Celebration Pathway" Paving Stones**

**If you would like to become a permanent part of our school's history** and have a paver with your name on it, **please complete an order form in Narthex.** Or Bronwyn Bennett ☎ 8502 0424, or Meredith Kelly ☎ 9886 7237.

**ADVENT – The Meaning**

*If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary & involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater; more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation. –Maria Boulding, The Coming of God*

Purple vestments for Advent signify anticipation, standing with ancient Israel and today's Christians awaiting the Messiah.

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<b>Saturday 1st January</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
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