



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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**Third
Sunday
of
Advent**
Year B
17/12/2023



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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am and 9:00am

Croatian Mass: Sun 11:00am

Kid's Church

Sunday 9:00am during School days

Weekday Masses

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass and Novena

Baptism: By appointment

On Sundays at 10:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:15am

Confirmation:

Sunday 19th May 2024 at 3.30pm

Marriage:

By appointment (Six months' notice)

Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction

Fridays 6:30pm

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Prayers (Rosary & Act of Consecration)

Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society Meetings

1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery.

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Theme: The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." Candle for this Sunday is pink, and it signifies Joy. It is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. "The Lord is near."

In John's Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist, the herald of the Light, embodying the role of a witness to the one true Light, Jesus Christ. This Light, which John testifies to, is the same Light that Isaiah foretells will bring freedom and renewal. The call in Thessalonians to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances is a response to this Light that illuminates our path, revealing the way to truth and salvation. As we journey through Advent, we are reminded that our preparation for Christ's coming is not only a remembrance of a historical event but an active participation in the unfolding of God's redemptive plan. Advent season is a time of deep spiritual renewal and expectant waiting for the fullness of God's salvation.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Christmas Eve Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th Dec at 5 pm.

Children are needed to be readers, part of the offertory procession and to participate in a liturgical movement/dance. Children are invited to dress as angels or shepherds.

Practices will be at St Bernard's Church on

Wed 20th Dec from 10am to 10:45am &

Fri 22nd Dec from 10:30am to 11:00am.

If your child would like to participate; OR if you are able to assist, please email Kylie Brakel kylie.brakel@syd.catholic.edu.au

Christmas Liturgical Programme

Reconciliation

Fri 22nd Dec: 9:30am to 10:30am

Sat 23rd Dec: 9:30am to 10:30am

Weekend Masses as usual

Sat 23rd Dec Vigil Mass at 5.30pm

Sun 24th Dec Mass at 7am & 9am

Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Christmas Family Mass at 5:00pm

Midnight Mass

□ Carols start at 11:45pm.

□ Mass at 12 midnight

Monday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

First Mass 7:00am

Second Mass 9:00am

Croatian Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th Dec Vigil Mass at 9pm

Sunday 31st December 2023

Feast of The Holy Family Mass at:
7am & 9am

Mon 1st Jan 2024 – New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Mass at 9am

Working With Children Check Update

The Safeguarding Office of Archdiocese of Sydney has updated the list of parish volunteers required to maintain a Working with Children Check. **Readers and Wardens** (Parish Collectors) now **DO NOT NEED to maintain a WWCC** as of 6 Dec 2023. Please see the noticeboard for the full list.

2024 Rosters available

The 2024 Altar Society Rosters, 2024 Counters Rosters and 2024 Jan to June Readers Roster are available in the church foyer. Please tick against your name after picking up your copy. Copies will be emailed to volunteers too.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Shayne Garrett, Laila Amante, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Nathan Gopiao, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Herman Liew, Carlos Lobo, Lourdes Lubrin, Tomi Lusaipau, Jeanette Magee, Carol Merrick, Maca Protulipac, Nadia Radmilo, Ben Stever, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently deceased:

4. Deceased Anniversary: Anthony Xuereb, Andrew Michael Cachia, Aurora & Jose Garcia

5. Thanksgiving: Christian Keshan, Kraljevic Family

ROSTERS for 4th Sun of Advent

Sat 23 Dec - VIGIL SAT 5:30 PM

Readers: Janelle Panton/Margaret Carmody
Acolyte: Maureen Burnett

Sun 24 Dec - SUNDAY 7:00 AM

Readers: Zenny Custodio/Mele Lusaipau
Acolyte: Michael Spies

Sun 24 Dec - SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Readers: _____ / _____

Acolyte: Albert Nera

Counters: Kate Thornton & Pauline Weir

Altar Society: (Gp4) Pearl Ventura, Tess Oliva
& Norma Bukalan

ROSTERS for Christmas

Sun 24 Dec - Christmas Eve 5:00 PM

Readers: children Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 24 Dec - Christmas 12:00 Midnight

Readers: Yoalanda Fernandez/_____

Acolyte: Joseph Apolonio

Mon 25 Dec - Christmas 7:00 AM

Readers: Fabian Heaton/Julie Bjazevich

Acolyte: Michael Spies

Mon 25 Dec - Christmas 9:00 AM

Readers: Cathy Bossini/Katrina Andrew

Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

