



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Doveton

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A 1ST DECEMBER 2019

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Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil.... 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.30am
.....11.00am
Healing Mass.....7.00pm

Spanish Mass
4.30pm Saturday.

Weekday Masses
Monday..... 9.15am
Tuesday..... 9.15am
Wednesday..... 7.00pm
Thursday..... 9.15am
Friday..... 9.15am
Saturday..... 9.15am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.45-10.15am
.....6.00- 6.25pm
Tuesday 9.45- 10.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Tuesday after Mass
Every Thursday at 8.00am
Every First Friday all day
Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday.....7.00pm
Prayer Meeting:
Tuesday.....7.30pm

Baptisms, Marriages:
Speak with Fr. Michael.
Church weddings only.
No Parks or reception centres.
In other Catholic churches
For practising parishioners only

Funerals
We do our best to fit in with your wishes. We prefer not to have viewings in the church.

Hall may be available for hire on Sunday afternoons. For cost, and availability ring parish office.

Parish-website
holyfamilydoveton.org.au

Waiting!

Bishop Robert Barron

Welcome to this great journey of Advent, the liturgical season of vigilance—or, to put it more mundanely, of waiting.

Waiting is very hard for most of us. I suppose we human beings have always been in a hurry, but modern people especially seem to want what they want when they want it. We are driven, determined, goal oriented, fast-moving. I, for one, can't stand waiting. So when I'm told that waiting seems to belong to the heart of the spiritual life, I'm not pleased, for here, too, I want answers, direction, clarity—and I want them pronto.

So what sense can we make of the countercultural and counterintuitive spirituality of vigilance? The first thing we have to realize is that we and God are, quite simply, on different timetables. “To you, O Lord, a thousand years are like a day” (2 Peter 3:8). What is a long time to us is an instant for God.

Also, is it possible that we are made to wait because the track we are on is not the one God wants for us? G.K. Chesterton said that if you are on the wrong road, the very worst thing you can do is to move quickly. Maybe we're forced to wait because God wants us seriously to reconsider the course we've charted, to stop hurtling down a dangerous road.

Or perhaps we are made to wait because we are not yet adequately prepared to receive what God wants to give us. Saint Augustine argued that the purpose of unanswered prayer is to force an expansion of the heart. And even if we desire with sufficient intensity what God wants to give, we still might not be ready to integrate a particular grace into our lives or to handle the implications of it.

So may we embrace the spirituality of Advent, and may we spend these holy days together waiting—in prayer, penance, and hope—for the appearance of Christ our Savior.

<https://adventreflections.com>

This Week

Euch: Florida N, Jean-Claude Lazer, Bernadette

Reading: Grace R, Cathy M, David Snr, David Jnr, Andrew R, Sachin P

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Next Week

Simon Matthew, Anthony Beck, Jennifer Rawlins

Mavis B, Paul R, Maureen M, Gerard C, Cheryl R, Andrew R

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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NOTICES

Healing Mass:

Every Sunday evening at 7.00pm.

Catechism Classes

For State school children on Thursdays at 4.00pm in the Small Hall.

Legion of Mary:

Every Tuesday at 10:45am
Venue: Small hall

Youth Group

Fridays 7.00pm in the small hall.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm -8.30pm in the Big Hall. New parishioners are always welcome.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Timings:

Tue: 4.30pm - 6.15pm
(Age: 3-6; 6-9; 9-12)

Wed: 5.00pm - 6.45pm
(Age: 3-6; 6-9; 9-12)

Thur: 10am - 11.30am
(Age: 3-6)

Advent Retreat:

Date: Dec 4th, 5th & 6th

Time: 7pm - 8:45pm

Holy Mass; Talk; Adoration

1st Friday services:

Dec 6th

9:15 am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

7pm Holy Mass & retreat concluding

Reconciliation for

Advent:

Dec 1st - 22nd

Half an hour before daily Mass. Except Sunday morning Masses.

(This is apart from the present confession timings)

READINGS

MONDAY

Is 4:2-6;
Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY

St Francis Xavier

Is 10:1-10;
Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY

Is 25:6-10;
Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY

Is 26:1-6;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24;
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY

St Ambrose

Is 30:19-21,
23-26;
Mt 9:35-10:1,
6-8

SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10;
Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

The Tradition of the Wreath and Candles

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. In some places there is a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

<https://www.mercyhome.org/blog/sunday-mass/advent-wreath>

Latest updates from St John's Regional College

The St John's Regional College Musical for 2019 "The School Of Rock" was an outstanding success! Over 600 people saw the musical over the three nights at The Alexandra Theatre, Monash University. It is important to acknowledge excellence when it has been achieved and I congratulate all the cast and crew who have worked so hard over the last four months to present this brilliant production. In particular our Director, Mr Graham; Producer, Mrs Robinson and Musical Director, Mr Perryman; for the high professional standards they have encouraged out of each one of our student performers.

Principal Tim Hogan