



The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

**2nd Sunday of Advent
8th December 2024**

A LIGHT HEART IN ADVENT

Jesus' invitation is this: *raise your head high and keep your hearts light and awake.* Indeed, many of Jesus' contemporaries, faced with the catastrophic events they saw happening around them – persecutions, conflicts, natural disasters – are gripped by anxiety be



POPE ON ADVENT

crushed by sadness?” The Pope said Jesus' call to vigilance and awareness extends to all of us as well. He suggested we reflect on our own lives and outlooks, whether we are letting ourselves be discouraged or crushed by the anxieties and worries of our lives and world situations, or if we have the faith and courage to lift our heads up to see the Lord who is our help and salvation

The pontiff concluded with a stark warning about indifference to conflict, stating that “the quest for peace is the responsibility not of a few, but of all. If habituation and indifference to the horrors of war prevail, the whole, entire human family is defeated.”

“If worries weigh down our hearts and induce us to close in on ourselves, Jesus, on the other hand, invites us to lift up our heads, to trust in His love that wants to save us and that draws close to us in every situation of our existence. He asks us to make room for Him in order to find hope again.”

(Source: ANGELUS, Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 1 December 2024)

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Christina D’Couto

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

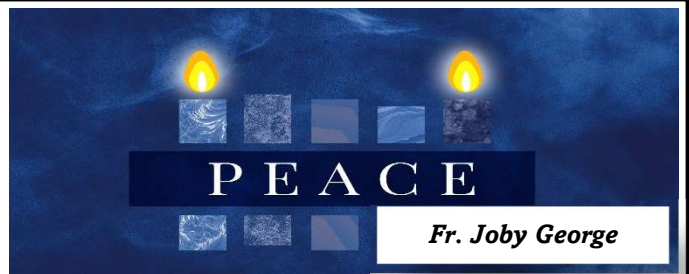
Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –
Contact Parish Office



Peace is a central theme of the Advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent. The prophet Isaiah calls Jesus “the Prince of Peace” (Is 9:6-7). When angels appeared to the shepherds, they ended their message by saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth “peace” to those on whom his favour rests” (Lk 2:14).

St. Paul equals “peace” to Jesus. “He is our Peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.” (Eph 2/14-16). Peace is through reconciliation. This points to Jesus’ sacrifice for healing the broken relationship with God the Father. This reminds us of John’s proclamation: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (Jn 2/29).

Sometimes we think peace is absence of troubles. Can we have a time when we don’t have a problem. Peace is rather presence of Christ in our moments of trouble. And peace comes when we do not repay evil for evil, but forgive. The story in 2 Kings 6/8-23,

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Baruch 5:1-9

Ps 125

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

MONDAY

**The IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION of the
BLESSES VIRGIN
MARY**

Gen 3:9-15, 20

Ps 97:1-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY

Is 40:1-11

Ps 95:1-3,10-13

Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY

Is 40:25-31

Psalm 102:1-4,8,10

Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY

Is 41:13-20

Ps 144:1,9-13

Matthew 11:11-15

FRIDAY

**St Lucy,
virgin,martyr**

Is 29:17-24

Ps 26:1,4,13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

SATURDAY

**St. John of the
Cross, priest, doctor**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Matthew 17:10-13

reveals that when Israel gave up a chance to kill the enemy Syrians but prepared a banquet for them “The Syrians came no more on raid into the land of Israel.” (2Kings 6/23). This is the same teaching of Jesus: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.” (Mt. 5/44).

The advent season calls for the celebration of Jesus our Peace. We too are called to be peacemakers (Mt. 5/9). Let us celebrate making peace with others. All unforgiveness, bitterness and hatred be healed by the peace of God. And let us try to be peacemakers. Let peace reign our thoughts, words and deeds. *God bless.*

DECEMBER DAYS TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY 13, DECEMBER
LETS GATHER, SING & CELEBRATE
CAROL NIGHT
7.00 PM - 9.00 PM
HOLY FAMILY CHOIRS
CO6 THEATRE GROUP
LADIES' CLUB
SPANISH COMMUNITY
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
KIDS MINISTRY
NB: Please bring a plate of finger foods to share

SUNDAY 22, DECEMBER
**A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR
LOVED ONES WHO ARE SICK
OR HOME-BOUND OR HAVE NO
MEANS OF TRANSPORT**
HOLY MASS & ANOINTING
11.00 AM
• We need volunteers to drive
• nurses and carers to be
present at itoly mass

SATURDAY 28, DECEMBER
**FEAST OF THE HOLY
INNOCENTS**
*special prayers and
blessings for
children and infants*
**9.15 am
Holy Mass**

SUNDAY 29, DECEMBER
**FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY**
we come together in
thanksgiving for our parish
and community
**10.00 AM HOLY MASS
&
BBQ FOR ALL**

Saints of the week

*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Monday, 9th December
feast is originally on 8th, celebrated on 9th since 8th is Sunday



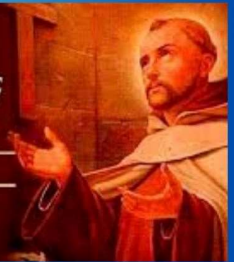
ST. LUCY

December 13th



ST. JOHN OF
THE CROSS

December 14th



*prayer
intention
for the
week*

***'For peace in our families
and communitites'***

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week.
Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

Advent confession

Tue Dec 17 - Sat Dec 21

after all morning and evening Holy Mass

**Parish Office
Opening Hours**

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)