

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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27th November 2022

1st Sunday of Advent—Year A



Thur 30th St Andrew

(Memorial)

Anointing of the Sick this Saturday at Vigil 5pm.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

Romans 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Vince Buchan, Nada Vucetic, Eloise Fraser, David Low, Jimmy Chandra, Gina, Zoila Milani, Carmen Parodi, Steve Zammit, Juancho Del Castillo, Beatriz Visperas. Petrus Judi Samosir

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm †Clarita Jaraba, Nicole Parodi (Very sick)
Sun 8am †Peter & †Paul Lum

Collection w/e 20/11/22

1st Collection: \$524.80, **2nd Collection:** \$340.75, **Planned Giving** \$310.00
Thank You for your generous support.

Christmas Programme

Mass Times: Saturday 24th 6pm (Family Mass), 8pm & Midnight Mass.
Sunday 25th Dec: 10am

Christmas at the Cathedral

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites all parishes and parishioners of Sydney to the launch of the Christmas at the Cathedral festival commencing Thursday 8 December, where His Grace will officially launch the 2022 Christmas display. The evening will commence with Mass at 5:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by festivities commencing at 7pm including live entertainment, food stalls, pop up shops and activities for the kids. The Christmas display will run nightly from 8 December to 25th December, 2022

St Michael's Primary Playgroup

When: Thursdays @ 9am during Term 4, 2022. **Where:** Parish Room (located beside the Marist Brother's home, enter via the brown gate showing Playgroup sign). **Bring along:** Morning Tea for your child. Due to allergies we ask that this be a piece of fruit and water. Parents with babies and toddlers who are not at school yet are welcome.

Please **RSVP** by emailing Mary (Family Educator) at pollingerm@syd.catholic.edu.au

STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ

Advent Companion 2022

Let us come closer to Jesus this Advent! Let us stay awake! Let us set aside time to pray, to reflect on His Word, and to avail ourselves of the Sacraments, so that when we celebrate His birth at Christmas, we can offer Him the gift of hearts and lives truly transformed.

ADVENT COMPANION, produced by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, is available for download at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

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***Please observe silence in God's house.
Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.***



Now available in Piety Stall

Limited stock of Saint Vincent De Paul Xmas Cards & Columban Calendars.

Advent Prayer

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Advent and the Advent Wreath

The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The Advent Season is about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, reminds us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour 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 colour 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,.

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 Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." The 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 colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.

"Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us, in our own hearts. Let us wait for him!" —Pope Francis

<u>Mass Times:</u>	Saturday Vigil:	5:00pm
	Sunday:	8:00am, 10:00am
Weekday:	Monday:	
	Tuesday:	7:30am
	Wednesday:	7:00pm
	Thursday:	7:30am
	Friday:	9:15am

Anointing of the Sick: **4th Saturday of November @ 5pm.**
 4th Sunday of December @ 8am
 4th Sunday of January @ 10am

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Marian Devotions: 7:00am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:15pm – 6:45pm

Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm

Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 6:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

This weekend - 27th November

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, Adrian (R) **Volunteer** (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy (R) Justine, G Guerrero (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) Nathan, Mark (R) S Newman, Volunteer (M) Myrna

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend– 4th December

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, Adrian (R) S & R Williams (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy (R) A Burke, G Guerrero (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) Nathan, Mark (R) D Sarmiento, M Lam (M) Myrna

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!