



Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
14 Barker Rd, Prospect 5082

# Dominews

1st Sunday of Advent  
Year B

December 3, 2023

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St Laurence's Church  
134 Buxton St, North Adelaide 5006

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## Mass Timings

### **Rosary Church**

Thursday, Friday  
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday:  
12 noon

Saturday Vigil:  
6pm

Sunday:  
8am, 10am, 5:30 pm

### **St Laurence's**

Monday, Tuesday,  
2nd & 4th Saturday:  
12 noon

Wed School Term  
7:45 am

Wed School Hols and  
every Saturday  
8:30 am

Sunday:  
9 am, 11 am

Friday 7 pm  
Adoration and  
Confession

### **Calvary Chapel**

Wednesday 12 noon

Confessions will be  
available  
before 12 pm Mass,  
Monday- Saturday and  
Saturday Vigil Mass

## Parish Office

If you need to visit the  
Parish Office, please  
note it will be open by  
appointment only.

Email:

[office@napparish.org.au](mailto:office@napparish.org.au)  
8344 1347

If you need a priest  
urgently: contact  
St Laurence's Priory on  
**08-8267 2674.**

## St Laurence's Priory

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen  
OP  
(Prior)

Fr Kieran Adams OP  
Fr Ben Hensley OP  
Fr Paul Rankin OP



Advent is a time of waiting in hope. In hope because we believe in a promise made by one whom we trust. We wait for a time of peace, not only without war, but without any sort of conflict. This is the Kingdom of God. This rule must be peaceful because the ruler is almighty, without rival who could challenge it. This is worth waiting for.

If we are excited about welcoming a visitor, we prepare well in advance. There are many things to do: prepare food, prepare a room, keep on the watch, etc.

How are we to prepare for the coming of Christ?

Of course, he has already come. He was born into this world 2000 years ago. Ever since then, we have been waiting for his return, as he promised. But he has also given us his Holy Spirit to live in us. He comes to us every day, every moment of every day.

How will we be ready for that?

The Liturgy of the Word today gives us some clues.

First, the prophet Isaiah prays, longing for the presence of the Lord. But Isaiah also knows that the unfaithfulness of the people is the reason for the Lord's absence. He makes a confession of these sins. He believes that with this confession the Lord will respond.

The psalm echoes these words. The psalm also anticipates 'the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength'. Here is the hope for the saviour.

St Paul is excited about the Corinthians, because of the riches that they have received in the apostles' teaching. He reminds them that they have received the gifts of the Spirit (remember your Confirmation?). These gifts he declares will be for them to use as they wait.

Jesus' words urge us not to procrastinate. Why wait? Do not miss the opportunity to welcome Jesus.

One opportunity is on Thursday 14 December at 7 pm at Rosary Church.

This is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, celebrated together. There is a Liturgy of the Word, a guided examination of conscience, a litany of repentance, and opportunity for individual confession, a common response in praise of God's mercy, and blessing.

Put it in your diary now.

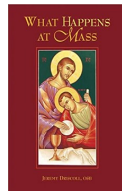
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## MARRIAGE MATTERS

Thanking God for Each Other

“Stay awake for you never know when the time will come...!” Today’s Gospel reminds us to remember that our lives together will not go on for ever. It is therefore so important to thank God every day for the wonderful gift that we are to each other, indeed one of the greatest gifts that the Father has given us.



**THE HOMILY** To preach Christ is to preach ‘the mystery of God,’ to preach the one “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:2-3). This infinite wealth begins to unfold in the Church from the time of the apostles and is developed in the patristic centuries. Preaching in our own times should be marked with this apostolic and patristic heritage. The homily during Mass, however, has a task beyond preaching the scriptures in this way. It must also signal and to some extent explain the link between the Liturgy of the Word which is now concluding, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which is about to begin. .. In some mysterious sense the eucharistic liturgy echoes the pattern of the Word becoming flesh in the mystery of the Incarnation. (pp. 54-55)



Tickets will be on sale at the Masses at Rosary and St Laurence’s. The raffle will be drawn at the shared meal on December 9.

### Brass Cleaning

Volunteers welcome to help with brass cleaning:  
Rosary Church- December 11 at 9 am  
St Laurence’s Church- December 18 at 9 am

### Vinnies Appeal

\$6009.20 was raised for the Vinnies Appeal.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### St Laurence’s Church, North Adelaide

December 24: 8 pm (Vigil Mass)  
December 25: 9 am  
11 am

#### Our Lady of the Rosary, Prospect

December 24: 6 pm (Vigil with Nativity Play)  
December 25: Midnight  
8 am, 10 am

## Advent is Here! Jesus is Coming!



Jesus first came to the world a long time ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time. Today begins a new season in the church year- Advent. It is a time of waiting and getting ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas!

We all know how hard it is to wait for something as wonderful as Christmas. But during Advent, there are all kinds of special traditions and activities that help us wait and get ready for the Big Day. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by learning and thinking about Jesus and confessing our sins. You might have also seen an Advent wreath during this time. An Advent wreath has four candles arranged in a circle, We will light a new candle each week between now and Christmas.

### Solemnities and Feast Days

Dec 2	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Rosary Church (1950)
Dec 4	Anniversary of the Dedication of St Laurence's Church (1949)
Dec 7	St Ambrose
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Parish Calendar

Dec 8	7 pm Adoration & Confessions at St Laurence's
Dec 9	12 pm Mass at St Laurence's
Dec 9	7 pm Parish Dinner in Parish Hall

*The Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club, 86 Churchill Road, Prospect is holding a special Christmas Seniors Lunch on Wednesday 13 December from 12 noon offering a 4 course meal for \$25 per person. To book tickets please phone [8269 6567](tel:82696567).*

### PARISH

#### Knitting and Craft Group

The Parish Knitting and Craft Group will be meeting on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Marie Whitehead for details: 0428 768 333



#### Divine Mercy Service

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 2:50 pm in the Rosary Church. All welcome. Contact Mario: 0412 700 300

#### Parish Christmas Celebration

Bring a Dish of Food to Share!

All parishioners are cordially invited to a shared meal on Saturday December 9 at 7pm in the Parish Hall

It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas and gather as a parish community.

We would love parishioners from all cultural backgrounds to share their food with us. Please RSVP to the Parish Office so we can arrange for adequate seating.

[office@napparish.org.au](mailto:office@napparish.org.au) or 83441347

#### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

December 14 at 7 pm in Rosary Church  
This includes Confession.

#### Nativity Play at the 6 pm Mass on December 24

Any children who would like to be part of the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve should attend the rehearsal in the Rosary Church on Friday December 22 at 4 pm



### Join us in Praying the Rosary

Rosary Church:  
Saturdays at 5:30 pm before the 6 pm Mass  
Wherever there is midday Mass:  
Monday - Saturday before the midday Mass

#### Please pray for:

**Recently deceased:** Gino Romaldi, Margaret Lean, Sister Margaret Hocking OCD, Fiore Garzarella, Fr Michael Doherty, Olimpia Santorufo, Mons. Robert Aitken, Claudia Schinella, Steven McInerney, Maria Daniele, Fr David Halstead OP, Sr Eduarda, Giovanni Canil, Maria Romano, Olivia Tyrrell, Elicita Gelsano, Hank Dee, John Benyk, Robert Smyth, Toni Iop, Mons Robert Egar, Jim Miranda, Claudia Cappello, Shefica Abbas-Saber, Mary Potter-Medwell, Beneto Ventrice, Thomas Rymill

#### **Those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:**

Alessio Maiorana, Helen Fay Calbert, Antonio Morelli, Lorenzo Di Ciocco, Doreen D'silva, Mario Morelli, Pellegrino Parrella, Fleur Zaltrom, Rose Brincat, Carmela Magliaro, Peter Paul Pace, Roberto & Primetta Maria Reppucci, Deceased members of Nguyen and Do families, Giuseppe & Mafalda Forte, Helen & John Portelli, John & Carmen Borg, Charles and Mary Borg, Elide & Gino Gazzola, Deceased members of the Canil Family, Bartolomeo Maiorana, Clarice Hope Smith, William Benjamin Smith, Ron Washington, Reg Harris, Carmela Magliaro, Deceased members of the Didone Family, Luigi Romanelli, Deceased members of the McGowan Family, Olivia Siobhan Kennefick, George Pereira

**Those who are sick:** Please keep in your prayers Damien Brennan, Derek Stacy, Leanne Worrell, Tom Allen, Vincent Allen, Lucy Sloane Tran, Rosa Dathici, Fletcher Adams, John Perry, Maria Antonelli, Anthony Rissi, Maria Stilie, Domenico Carrotti, Ann Gibbings, Marion Hiosan, David Vignone, Charalambros Popadopoulos, Angela, Tam Thi Thu Pham, Ray Bishop, Tracy Mifsud, Berryl Wannut, Iolanda Pellegrini, the Olesinski family, the Van-der Borch family

**Baptisms:** Alea Freda, Mabel Mei Xing Renna

**Funerals:** Stephen McInerney, Margaret Lean, Gino Romaldi

*To have the names of your loved ones printed in the weekend bulletin, please contact the office no later than Wednesday afternoon of that week.*

#### 2nd Collection 25/26 November

Planned Giving Envelopes:	\$ 711.00
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	\$1268.30
St. Laurence's Church	<u>\$ 387.95</u>
	\$2367.25

*Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.*

**This Week's Readings**  
**1st Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *Mark 13:33-37*

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord will bestow his bounty and our earth shall yield its increase

**Responsorial Psalm**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
 shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
 O Lord, rouse up your might,  
 O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
 look down from heaven and see,  
 Visit this vine and protect it,  
 the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
 the man you have given your strength.  
 And we shall never forsake you again:  
 give us life that we may call upon your name.

**Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
 2 Peter 3:8-14  
 Mark 1:1-8



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