Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel given this Second Sunday of Advent. John the Baptist’s invitation resounds: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” With these very words, Jesus begins his mission in Galilee (cf. Mt 4:17); and such will also be the message that the disciples must bring on their first missionary experience (cf. Mt 10:7). Matthew the evangelist would like to present John as the one who prepares the way of the coming Christ, as well as the disciples as followers, as Jesus preached. It is a matter of the same joyful message: the kingdom of God is at hand! It is near, and it is in us! These words are very important: “The kingdom of God is in our midst!” Jesus says. And John announces what Jesus will say later: “The kingdom of God is at hand, it has arrived, and is in your midst”. This is the central message of every Christian mission. When a missionary goes, a Christian goes to proclaim Jesus, not to proselytize, as if he were a fan trying to drum up new supporters for his team. No, he goes simply to proclaim: “The kingdom of God is in our midst!” And in this way, the missionaries prepare the path for Jesus to encounter the people.

But what is this kingdom of God, this kingdom of heaven? They are synonymous. We think immediately of the afterlife: eternal life. Of course this is true, the kingdom of God will extend without limit beyond earthly life, but the good news that Jesus brings us — and that John predicts — is that we do not need to wait for the kingdom of God in the future: it is at hand. In some way it is already present and we may experience spiritual power from now on. “The kingdom of God is in your midst!” Jesus will say. God comes to establish his lordship in our history, today, every day, in our life; and there — where it is welcomed with faith and humility — love, joy and peace blossom. The condition for entering and being a part of this kingdom is to implement a change in our life, which is to convert, to convert every day, to take a step forward each day. It is a question of leaving behind the comfortable but misleading ways of the idols of this world: success at all costs; power to the detriment of the weak; the desire for wealth; pleasure at any price. And instead, preparing the way of the Lord: this does not take away our freedom, but gives us true happiness.

With the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is God himself who abides among us to free us from self-interest, sin and corruption, from these manners of the devil: seeking success at all costs; seeking power to the detriment of the weak; having the desire for wealth; seeking pleasure at any price. Christmas is a day of great joy, even external, but above all, it is a religious event for which a spiritual preparation is necessary. In this season of Advent, let us be guided by the Baptist’s exhortation: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!” We prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight when we examine our conscience, when we scrutinize our attitudes, in order to eliminate these sinful manners that I mentioned, which are not from God; success at all costs; power to the detriment of the weak; the desire for wealth; pleasure at any price.

(Excerpts from http://www.popefrancishomilies.com/advent)

Many Blessings,
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**Latin Mass Community**

**Sunday 6th** 2nd Sunday in Advent  
**Monday 7th** St. Ambrose  
**Tuesday 8th** Immaculate Conception  
**Wednesday 9th** Feria  
**Thursday 10th** Feria  
**Friday 11th** St. Damasus I  
**Saturday 12th** Feria  
**Sunday 13th** 3rd Sunday in Advent

Please respect the social distancing norms, sanitise your hands and either scan the QR code displayed at each door or record your name by hand each time you enter the church. As a public health measure the Archbishop has also asked Catholics to refrain from congregational singing at Mass for the present. The Covid Marshalls for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Sunday Peter Balan.

Today the annual consecration of our community to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at the beginning of the 9.15am Mass.

Today we will also hold the last post-1\textsuperscript{st} Holy Communion class for the year at 11am.

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. There will be a Low Mass at 9.30am and a Solemn Mass at 6.30pm.

The Youth Group meets this Friday at 7.15pm.

There is a working bee this Saturday, 12\textsuperscript{th} Dec to help prepare the church and grounds for Christmas. All Welcome.

Registration for Sunday masses (especially the 9.15am Mass) is essential. Details on how to register can be found on the blogspot. Registration will continue to be necessary even when the capacity is lifted to 200/Mass.

2021 FSSP calendars are now on sale for $15.

Please note that next Sunday, 13\textsuperscript{rd} December there will be no tea/coffee after the 9.15am mass, due to the St Lucy Festa. Thank you for your understanding.

The Young Adults Group will hold its last meeting for the year next Sunday at 7.15pm. All Welcome.

We have recently installed a Baby Change Cubicle in women's toilets. (The 1\textsuperscript{st} cubicle in the outside toilet block). The men's outside toilets are now permanently locked on Sundays. Renovations of the toilet block are planned for next year.

There is a Holy Hour on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11am. Please see the community blogspot for other information.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Miki Caputo, Anne Russell, Christopher Boast, Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh's father), Thomas Smyth, Charlene Armour, Germaine Miernik, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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**November Holy Souls**


**Advent Christmas for Families**

Family Liturgies with Gospel Reflection and Activities for Advent Christmas can be found at the following links:

**Family Liturgies:**  

**Advent Christmas Online Links and Advent Christmas Activities:**  

The Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office wish you and all families every peace and blessing during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. For further information contact Sr. Jenny Seal [jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au) or Elena Moffa [elena.moffa@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elena.moffa@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

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**Adelaide Cathedral Parish Weekly Newsletter available online**

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish weekly newsletter is available online for those parishioners who are unable to visit the church due to the current COVID environment. Kindly visit the parish website [www.adelcathparish.org](https://www.adelcathparish.org) to download and print a copy at your convenience:  
[https://www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters](https://www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters)

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**Adelaide Cantata Band presents: Prepare the Way – Bach Cantatas for Advent**

Featuring vocal soloists Pelham Andrews, Cheryl Pickering, Suzanne Wilson and Kim Worley, and a stellar period-instrument ensemble lead by violinist Ben Dollman. Friday 11 December, 6:30pm. Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders St Adelaide. Tickets: [www.trybooking.com/BMSIO](https://www.trybooking.com/BMSIO)

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**Caritas Australia Thanks the Parish**

Dear Parish Friends of Caritas,

On behalf of Caritas Australia, I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting **Project Compassion 2020**. It is only with the generous support of parishes and communities across Australia that Caritas is able to work with our worldwide partners to help change lives, and so bring hope, to the world’s poorest children, women and men.

Thank you and God bless.

**Deacon Paul Reid– Caritas Australia.**

Social and Ecological Justice Animator WA & SA.
Compliance with Revised COVID Protocols

- Please enter your names and contact details in the sheets provided at the entrance the church.
- It is mandatory for all public activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code from Tuesday December 1. The app makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy. You may also keep a paper recording template for those who don’t have a mobile phone.
- The four-square metres per person rule is to be observed in determining the total numbers allowed in the space.
- Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
- There should be no physical contact outside one’s family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the church.
- Hand sanitiser is to be available at church entrances. Hand sanitiser is to be available at church entrances.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be given due special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with logs kept to record and contact tracing safe and easy.
- The provision for church services stands at 1 person per 4 sqm.
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- There should be no physical contact outside one’s family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Reconciliation
- *Exposition*
- *11am & 5pm*
- *6.30-7.30pm: Adoration for youth and young adults*
- Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.
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- Reconciliation
- *11am & 5pm*
- **11am**
- **11.30am – 7pm**
- 11.30 am
- 5.30 pm
- Sunday 13th December
- 9am
- 9.30am
- Croatian: Sunday 10.30am
- Portuguese: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 4pm

COVID-19 Protocols Update

The latest information provided by the Premier includes:

- Funerals are capped at 150 guests, with density requirements of 1 person per 2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people and also only requiring 1 person per 2 sqm. The digital contact tracing form is still required.
- The provision for church services stands at 1 person per 4 sqm.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keeping our communities safe. Any changes to these restrictions will be communicated as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

Diaconal Ordination of Anthony Beltrame & Olek Sitrrat in the Cathedral on Dec 19th

The Cathedral will be closed to the public from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, December 19th and there will be no 11.30am Mass due to the Diaconal Ordination of Anthony Beltrame and Olek Sitrrat. Thank you for your cooperation.

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