

# All Hallows' Five Dock



**First Sunday of Advent | Year A | Sunday 27th November**

## Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

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## A Reflection by Fr Richard

The New Liturgical Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, which starts four Sundays before Christmas. Each year the Church tells the story of Jesus again. It is always the same yet ever new. In this Liturgical year, Cycle A, the Church meditates on the Gospel of according to Matthew and uses it for most of Sunday readings. Each year we ought to understand the story of Jesus better and make it more our own. It is a continual reminder to us of the meaning of our lives as we travel towards the Kingdom of God in the footsteps of Jesus.

Advent is a time of preparation with a twofold characteristic: a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second coming at the end of time.

As the first word of this Sunday of Advent from St Matthew, Christ tells us, "Stay awake! You must be prepared." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. We are not any different from the people in Noah's time. There are so many distractions all around us. And besides, after 2000 years (of waiting), the spirit of anticipation has certainly dulled. However, the season of Advent invites us again and again to rediscover means of conversion.

Advent is a time for Conversion, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). These are also days of joyful hope. Hopeful that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fulness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (1 John 3:2).

Therefore, Advent is a time of active waiting, of expectation, of desire, of prayer, of evangelization, of joy.

With best wishes -  
Fr Richard



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

### Reconciliation:

**Saturday:**  
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm  
Or any time by appointment.

### Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.



### Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.

### Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

### A message from the Archdiocese of

**Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).



## Excerpts from the recent Apostolic Letter of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

*An excerpt from the recent APOSTOLIC LETTER of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, "DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI" (This week we reflect on paragraph 10)*

### The Liturgy: Place of Encounter with Christ

Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only always new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist.

For the full text, visit this link:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)

## All Hallows Youth Group



## Farewell for Bishop Danny and Helen Elliott



Bishop Danny Meagher will be returning to All Hallows parish to celebrate the 10am mass on Sunday, 4th December.

A special morning tea will be held in the parish hall following the 10am Mass to farewell Bishop Danny and thank him for his time at All Hallows.

We will also take this opportunity to bid farewell to the All Hallows school principal, Helen Elliott, who is retiring after 44 years of service to Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS).

Please join us in farewelling both Bishop Danny and Helen.

All welcome!



***There will be a collection taken at the door at the weekend Masses for those who wish to donate towards a gift for Bishop Danny.***

## All Hallows Christmas masses

**Christmas Eve** - 5pm Carols followed by the 5:30pm Family Mass; Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day** - 8:30am and 10am Mass. There is **no** evening mass.

**\*\* Please note the change to the Christmas mass times. \*\***



## Please remember in your Prayers:

Gina Iacono  
Sr Mary of Christ  
Wayne Smith  
Anne Fidler  
James McCabe  
John Foster  
Sam Stella  
Bernard Fonti  
Margaret Murphy  
Lorenzo Bocconi

\*names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified

## Recently Deceased:

Joe Iacono  
Erin McCabe  
Claudio Compagnoni  
Denise Fatseas  
Pasqualino Tilocca  
John Howard  
Angelina Santoro  
Margaret Ann Murphy  
Giovanni Iacono  
Domenico Scenna

## Anniversaries:

Monica Moschella  
K.T. Sim  
Giuseppe Falvo  
Angela Morassutti  
Giuseppe Morassutti

## For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.



# Parish Notices



## Advent Companion 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



Go Make Disciples have created an Advent Companion, which contains spiritual reflections and Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas. The companion is designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. We have some copies available in the gathering space for parishioners to take home. You can also download it from the Go Make Disciples website at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Cards and Calendars

We only have 15 Columban Calendars left for sale so grab a bargain while they remain!  
Columban Calendars - \$8.00  
As a special offer we are reducing our Packs of 10 assorted Christmas Cards to \$5.00  
Why not grab a few packs in readiness for Christmas next year.



### Christmas Appeal



Thank you to the parishioners who took a "Christmas Appeal Envelope" last weekend. Please place any of your generous support for this appeal on our collection plates over the next few weeks.

### Christmas Gift Giving

In readiness for our Christmas Hampers we are asking for your generosity. We would like members of our Five Dock Parish to purchase "Gift Cards" from Coles, Woolworths, Westfields, Myer and other such businesses. These "Gift Cards" will be given to our Christmas Hamper Clients so they can purchase gifts and presents of their choice. The "Gift Cards" can be given to our St Vincent de Paul members at each Mass.

### CHF Appeal - Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated to the CHF Appeal. The parish raised a total of **\$2,378.05!**



### Hall Keys

Could those who have borrowed keys to the Parish Hall please return them to the Parish office. Thank you.

## Baptisms



We welcome

**Lachlan James Bann**  
**Isabella Rose Blockley**  
**Stevie Calnan**  
**Ava Louise Carlos**  
**Lachlan Archie King**

who are being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend.



*"Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me." - Luke 9:48.*

## CWL Silver Circle Winners



Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Silver Circle:-



### Week Eight

1<sup>st</sup> J. Livolsi \$20 Number 17  
2<sup>nd</sup> C. Pavan \$5 Number 36

## CWL - Bingo and Morning tea

Come along and enjoy morning tea whilst playing Bingo

**Cost only \$6**

**Friday 2 December 10am in the Parish Hall**

*All welcome!*



## CWL - Christmas Raffle

Sale of tickets of our popular Christmas raffle to commence the weekend of **3 & 4 December.**

**Great prizes - 3 tickets for \$5 or 7 tickets for \$10**

All proceeds and donations will go to the flood victims in the Central West region of New South Wales.






## Children's Corner

Stay awake, you must be ready

M S P U G U A R D T A K E N D  
B B H C A G X W I J U P M J R  
K Q Q S L J T F I E L D R T I  
E R E A D Y P V W F E E W R N  
X Q E B A F B T Z S C W T Y K  
V B S B V Y W X V J G D C H I  
G A G R A I N Y K X H E V W N  
T T H I E F K V A H E G O Y G  
W U E L Y F L O O D V C U J X  
F Y W S Y L F X D G B O A M T  
M V V L X N B G W G K M P V C  
A Y W H R U L M D C G I R O M  
I Y K B R E A K I N G N T X S  
K Z F U M S W E P T R G S R A  
W O B T R H X N O A H Q R H M

Try to find these words:

breaking  
coming  
drinking  
field  
flood  
grain  
guard  
Noah  
ready  
swept  
taken  
thief


First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Is 2:1-5</b> A reading from the prophet Isaiah <b>The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.</b></p> <p>The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.</p>	<p><b>(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</b></p> <p>1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)</p> <p>3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' (R.)</p> <p>4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)</p>	<p><b>Rom 13:11-14</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <b>The time has come, our salvation is near.</b></p> <p>You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> 
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Is11:1-10 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Rom 15:4-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 3:1-12</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p> 

**Gospel**


**Mt 24:37-44**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Stay awake, you must be ready.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



**Historical Context – The Advent Wreath**



One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.



Sunday 27 November 2022  
 Matthew 24:37-44  
 1st Sunday of Advent

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

Whatever we do,  
 we need to get  
 ready properly

Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him. Noah was ready when the rain came. Noah was ready because he was listening to God and doing what God asked. We will be ready to welcome Jesus if we are being kind and loving, living as God asks.

Ciaran is getting ready for bed



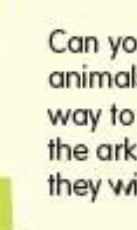
Katie is going for a walk

These children are getting ready for two very different things. Draw circles around the things they may need.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Help me, Jesus, to get ready this Advent to welcome you. Help me to listen to you and to be kind and loving. Amen.

Ciaran is getting ready for bed



Maze

Can you help the animals find their way to Noah and the ark where they will be safe?

2 4 5 4 1 3 6!

Code

1 2 3 4 5 6  
 a b d e r y

Can you break the code? What is Jesus' message for us today?

I can help

Who do you love and want to help this week? Draw them, or write their names, inside this heart.

When we help even the least important person we are helping Jesus.

Can you find some words which describe how we can get ready for Jesus hidden around this heart?

Start with I and then use every other letter.



Answers: Code: Be ready! I can help: love, pray, share, give.