

# All Hallows' Five Dock



Second Sunday of Advent | Year A | Sunday 4th December

## 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 Sebastian

### Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance. We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

With best wishes -  
Fr Sebastian



## 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>).



## Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Brady



Everyone is welcome to honour Bishop Brady following his recent retirement after almost 40 years of service as a religious, priest and finally bishop.

Friday 9 December 7pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

## All Hallows Youth Group

ALL YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO

ALL HALLOWS  
**YOUTH  
GROUP**

Sunday 11 December  
5:00 – 7:00pm

JOIN US AT MASS  
FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION, PIZZA AND GAMES IN  
THE PARISH HALL

## Palms Australia

### You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

#### At Home

Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

#### Overseas

Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others](#) to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.



## Pope's Prayer intention - December

### For volunteer not-for-profit organisations.

We pray for volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



### Please remember in your Prayers:

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

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

### Recently Deceased:

Colin Fisher  
Vincenzo Falcone  
Raymond McHannan  
Carmela Parisi  
Gerardo Di Giacomo  
Rocco Lo Surdo  
Joe Iacono  
Erin McCabe  
Claudio Compagnoni  
Denise Fatseas  
Pasqualino Tilocca  
John Howard

### Anniversaries:

Lillian Cipolla  
Anna Pezzuto  
Pamela Godinho  
Marianna Passafaro  
Joe Di Marti

### 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



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
invites you to

# CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

*a festival evening at St Mary's*

**8 DECEMBER 2022**

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

4:00pm: Confessions available  
5:30pm Mass

## CATHEDRAL SQUARE

7:00pm: Live Entertainment  
Pop-up shops  
Food Stalls  
Activities for the kids  
8:00pm Christmas display official launch  
by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
10:30pm Cathedral and Crypt closes

*Christmas at The Cathedral runs nightly from 8 Dec to 25 Dec*

## Piety Store

The Piety store is located in the gathering space of the Church and it has recently received some new stock. The store sells rosary beads, medals, cards, baptismal candles, statues and much more. The store is open before and after each weekend Mass.



## Family Christmas Craft Sunday 11 December 11am

(after 10am Mass)

Please join us in the parish hall where we will make Christmas decorations.

This promises to be a fun morning for young and old. Come along to share some Xmas cheer!

## CWL - Christmas Raffle

Sale of tickets of our popular Christmas raffle to commence this weekend!

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.

If you wish to give a separate DONATION FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS please place in collection box near the raffle table.



## CWL Silver Circle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Silver Circle:-

**Final Week**



1st P. La Spina \$100 Number 34  
2nd C. Pavan \$50 Number 36

A sincere thankyou to all parishioners for your continued generous support of our charities. A Joyous Christmas and a Blessed, Healthy New Year to YOU ALL!

## Worldwide Women's Rosary

Join with women around the world to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Thursday 8 December**

**St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt**

11am- Rosary | 12pm-Confession | 1:10pm Mass

## Messa Di Ringraziamento - Haberfield

Il Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo invita la comunità Italiana a partecipare alla celebrazione della Santa Messa di Ringraziamento celebrata da Padre Phillipo Zadro.

**2pm - Giovedì 8 Dicembre 2022  
nella chiesa di St Joan of Arc**

Tutti ben venuti!

Per informazione telefonare  
Albina 02 9713 8961 or Anna 02 9712 2970.



## Children's Corner

Make a straight path for the Lord


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

Try to find these words:

Baptist  
hair  
Holy Spirit  
Isaiah  
judgement  
path  
river  
sandals  
shouting  
sins  
straight  
water

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Is 11:1-10</b> A reading from the prophet Isaiah. <b>He judges the poor with justice.</b></p> <p>A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.</p>	<p><b>(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</b></p> <p>1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)</p> <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)</p> <p>3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)</p> <p>4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p><b>Rom 15:4-9</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. <b>Christ, the hope of all people.</b></p> <p>Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.</p>
	<b>Next Week's Readings</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>
	<p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Is 35:1-6 <b>2nd Reading:</b> James 5:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 11:2-11</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>

## Gospel

<p><b>Mt 3:1-12</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. <b>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.</b></p> <p>In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'</p>	
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## Living the Gospel - Prepare Ye!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

# Look

Sunday 4 December 2022  
 Matthew 3:1-12  
 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Which way?



One traveller is going to Jesus along the straight road, and one is going along the crooked road.

Which one will get to Jesus first?

John the Baptist is the prophet sent by God to tell us all to get ready to welcome Jesus. John asks us to repent, to turn away from anything that is bad and turn towards God. Anyone who is loving and kind is turning towards God and their hearts will be ready to welcome Jesus. Make Jesus' paths straight!

## Spot the difference

PREPARE THE WAY

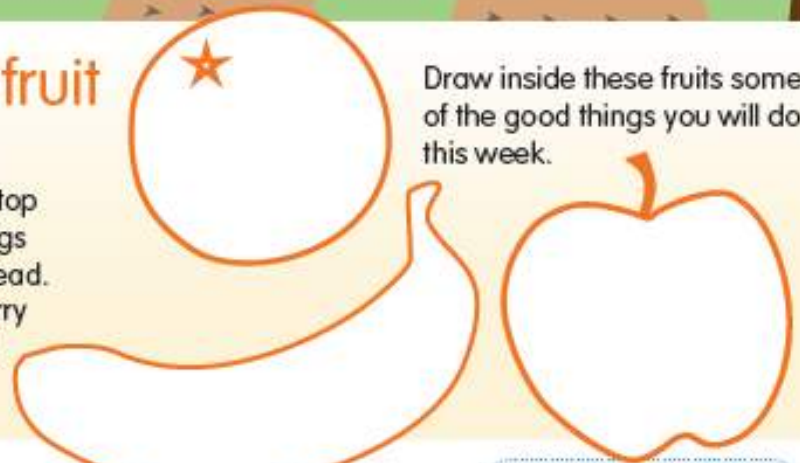
Can you spot five differences in these pictures of John the Baptist?



## Good fruit

John wants everyone to stop doing bad things and do good instead. We show we are sorry and want to change by the good fruit in our lives.

Draw inside these fruits some of the good things you will do this week.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me to make it easy for you to come into my life. Help me to turn away from bad things and turn towards you. Amen.

## Sorry

I want to say sorry to

I made the wrong choice when I

I forgot to

Fill in the gaps

Draw a picture of you feeling happy.



Answers: The differences: Height, hair, buckle, staff and sleeves.