

# All Hallows' Five Dock



**First Sunday of Advent | Year B | Sunday 3rd December 2023**

## 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

### Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbour who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. As a concluding prayer pray the Lord's Prayer.

With best wishes -  
Fr Sebastian



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

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

**Sunday:** 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

### 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>).

## Advent Groups - All Hallows 2023



This Advent, we will be exploring "The Sign" Advent program. Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023. We invite you to join in and participate in one of the Advent Groups, which will be meeting during this liturgical period.

The Advent groups will be meeting between **27 November and 23 December** at the following times:

- Wednesdays at 7:30pm / Thursdays at 7:30pm / Saturdays at 4pm

You will find Sheets in the Gathering Space to register your name. Please ensure you add your contact details. Enquiries: Sandy Lynch: 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461

## Christmas Mass Times

As Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, we would like to clarify the mass times for the Sunday and Christmas masses. They are as follows:



### Sunday 24th December

8:30am - Weekly Sunday Mass  
10am - Weekly Sunday Mass

### Christmas Eve

5pm - Christmas Carols and Christmas pageant  
5:30pm - Christmas Vigil Family Mass

### Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

12am - Christmas Midnight Mass  
8:30am - Christmas Mass  
10am - Christmas Mass



## Announcement - Parish Council 2024

As we approach 2024, Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Richard wish to thank the following past and present members of the All Hallows Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), who have served on the council since Fr Sebastian arrived. Thank you to Ann Kerley, Beatrice Lorquet, Vince Moschella, Wendy Volpatti, Josie Pappalardo, Chrissie Conti, Helen Elliott, Christine Torresan and Graham Hextell for their service and commitment to the Parish.



They also wish to announce their intention to renew the PPC in accordance with new guidelines developed by the Archdiocese of Sydney. This renewal will create an opportunity to clarify, promote and support the evangelising mission of the Parish and will ensure that our mission is exercised in fruitful collaboration and co-responsibility with laity.

Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Richard are requisite PPC members, there are two ex-officio members (the School Principal and one member of the Parish Finance Committee) and one appointed member (the Chairperson).

Fr. Sebastian therefore invites the recommendation of 4 elected parishioners to join the PPC to bring the total number of members to 9. Fr. Sebastian is beginning this process with a period of discernment and suggests that those recommended for membership of the renewed PPC have at least some of the following qualities:

- o A commitment to the practice of the faith, and the Parish community
- o An ability to collaborate and consult with others for the mission of the Church
- o Good communication and interpersonal skills
- o A capacity to think strategically toward the development of Parish plans for mission

Representation of women and men, diversity in age and pastoral experience will also be important. Parishioners should ensure that recommendations of another parishioner or of themselves should be made in writing with supporting reasons and contact details to Fr. Sebastian via the Parish Office or via email (pp@allhallows.org.au) by **COB Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Fr. Sebastian will then prayerfully short list the recommended candidates and announce the next steps in the process.

**Please remember in your Prayers:**

### Sick:

Emilia Bocconi  
Terry McGovern  
Rosaria Iacono  
Roberto Doronso  
Ammara Masood  
Terry McCabe & family  
Frank Hume  
Siosuia Sikulu  
Philippa Mary Sikulu

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

### Recently Deceased:

Dorothy Whitley  
Vania Iuston  
Robert Iacono  
Eva Zin  
Lucrezia Cecere  
Isabella Ciccolitto  
Antonio Nesci  
Norma Hankinson



### Anniversaries:

Angelo Trevisan  
Pascal family members  
Frank and Connie  
Pamela Godinho  
Salvatore Mazzeo  
Giuseppe Princi  
Rose Princi

### 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



## All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal



Thank you for supporting our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. The appeal raised **\$19,599.00** to help pay for the repairs to our church roof. An amazing result!

Fr Sebastian and Fr Richard would like to thank all the parishioners, businesses and community groups that donated towards this appeal. **Thank you for your generosity!**

## Scam Alert!

There are emails currently circulating by someone pretending to be Fr Sebastian asking you to contact him. Once you reply, they ask you to buy them gift cards for a friend who is sick (usually recovering from a kidney transplant). **Fr Sebastian would never email you asking you to buy him gift cards.**



**We ask that if you receive one of these emails, please forward it to the parish office, block the sender and then delete the email. If you are unsure, please contact the parish office.**

## Volunteers Afternoon Tea

Fr Sebastian and Fr Richard invite all volunteers who support the parish by volunteering in a ministry, to join them for an afternoon tea to thank them for all the work they have done for the parish throughout the year.

The afternoon tea will be held on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at 3pm in the Parish Hall.**



**RSVP - 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

*For catering purposes, please RSVP by writing your name and the ministry you serve on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.*

## Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - December

### For people with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



## Season of Advent

Advent begins this Sunday, and ends on Sunday, December 24th. During this time of reflection, prayer, and preparations is a time, each mom to thank God for His blessings and mercies.



## Baptisms



We welcome

**Giuseppe Ross D'Amico  
Domenic Salvatore Boutros  
Luca Furfaro  
Samuel Vincent Eid**

who is 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.*

## Volunteers Needed!



We would like to start running regular events such as morning teas, BBQs and retreats but we can't do so without your help! The hospitality ministry needs volunteers to help organise and run these events. If you would like to be involved and join our hospitality ministry, please contact the parish office.

## St Vincent de Paul

Please don't forget to bring back your "Christmas Appeal Envelopes" as soon as you can and place them on any of the Collection Plates.



Also please remember to bring your "GIFT CARDS" that will be used for our Christmas Hampers and hand them to our St Vincent de Paul members in the gathering space. *Your generosity is much appreciated.*

## All Hallows Youth Group



All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the **All Hallows Youth group.**

Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.

The last meeting of the Youth Group for 2024 will be on the **10th December** where they will enjoy a Christmas party!

## Children's Corner

Stay awake!

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

Try to find these words:

dawn  
everything  
guard  
house  
know  
master  
midnight  
ready  
servants  
sleep  
time  
watchmen

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8</b>  A reading from the prophet Isaiah  <i><b>Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.</b></i></p> <p>You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.</p>	<p><b>(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.</b></p> <p>1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)</p> <p>2. 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. (R.)</p> <p>3. 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. (R.)</p> <div data-bbox="555 929 1013 1041" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p><b>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</b>  A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  <i><b>The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.</b></i></p> <p>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.</p> <p>I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p>
	<p><b>The Epiphany Of The Lord</b>  <b>1st Reading:</b> Isa 40:1-5. 9-11  <b>2nd Reading:</b> 2 Pet 3:8-14  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1:1-8</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!  Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.  Alleluia!</p>

**Gospel**

**Mark 13:33-37**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
***Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



**First Sunday of Advent - Hope**

On the first Sunday of Advent, Christians light the first candle on the Advent wreath, which is often purple or blue in colour. This candle is called the "Hope" or "Prophet's Candle," symbolising the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world. The Scripture readings and prayers during this week often focus on the prophecies in the Old Testament about the promised Savior and the expectation of His arrival.



# LOOK

Sunday 3 December 2023  
1st Sunday of Advent  
Mark 13:33-37

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### BE READY!

ADVENT is about WAITING for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Bethlehem.

As we start Advent the Gospel tells us to be ready to welcome Jesus. It is like when a man goes away leaving his servants in charge. The doorkeeper needs to stay awake to welcome the master when he comes back. Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him – and he is coming soon!



We wait p a \_ i \_ n \_ l \_ (t y e t)

We wait h \_ \_ \_ fully (e p o)

There are 4 Sundays in ADVENT.

### Welcome the master



### Spot the difference

Can you spot five differences in these pictures? What are the three different ways Ben knows it is time to wake up?



Jesus says the doorkeeper must be ready when the master comes home. Which path leads to the door which is open to welcome him?

### Our tasks

The master left his servants in charge. Each has their own job. God has given all of us jobs too.



### A PRAYER TO SAY

I am really looking forward to welcoming you into my heart, Jesus! Help me to get ready for you by being kind and loving. Amen.

Follow the spiral to see some of the tasks God has given us.

Draw yourself doing one of these things in the centre.

Answers: Spot the difference answers: Headboard, alarm clock chime, curtain, hat, sun.