

Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 November 2025

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Mary Anne Berry, Brian Coyne, Peter Brand, Br Joe Murphy CFC, Peter Pournault, Monsignor Frank Marriott OAM, Anne (Nan) Dykes

Anniversaries: Gaye Kenworthy, Michael Byrne, Joseph Harold Durkin, Jack Durkin

Sick: Ken Metcalf, Beula Reddy, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Kaja, Marie Hebble, Sue, Kaye, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Peter Costelloe, Catherine, Mimi Epstein, Marilyn Mirabella, Mal Lamond, Anunciata Alteri, Archbishop Barry James Hickey, Jan Hudson, Carlo Barbenente, Penelope-Anne Muir

November Intentions: During November we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died including all whose names are written in our November Book of Remembrance.

POE LEO: LITURGICAL SINGING REQUIRES ‘A DEEP SPRITUAL LIFE’ By Victoria Cardiel

Pope Leo celebrated Mass for the Jubilee of Choirs telling choristers and musicians their vocation is to lead God’s people into the mystery of worship. “Dear choristers and musicians, today you celebrate your jubilee and show thanks to the Lord for granting you the gift and grace to serve him by offering your voices and talents for his glory and the spiritual edification of your brothers and sisters,” he said. “Your task is to draw others into the praise of God and help them to participate more fully in the liturgy through song.”

‘A true ministry’ embedded in prayer: Pope Leo said the liturgy calls Christians “to walk in praise and joy toward the encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, gentle and humble Sovereign. His power is love, his throne the cross, and through the cross his kingdom shines forth upon the world,” he said. “From the wood he reigns as Prince of Peace and King of Justice who, in his passion, reveals to the world the immense mercy of God’s heart. This love is also the inspiration and motive for your singing.”

Pope Leo described singing as a uniquely human way of expressing what words alone cannot say. “Music can give expression to the whole range of feelings and emotions that arise within us from a living relationship with reality,” adding “singing constitutes a natural and refined expression of the human being: mind, feelings, body, and soul come together to communicate the great events of life.” Quoting St Augustine, he recalled that “‘Cantare amantis est’ ... that is, ‘singing belongs to those who love.’” For Christians, he continued, liturgical song is more than performance. “For the people of God, song expresses invocation and praise. Liturgical music thus becomes a precious instrument through which we carry out our service of praise to God and express the joy of new life in Christ.”

The pope underlined that choir members exercise a genuine ecclesial service, especially in the liturgy. “You belong to choirs that carry out their ministry primarily in liturgical settings. Yours is a true ministry that requires preparation, commitment, mutual understanding, and, above all, a deep spiritual life, so when you sing, you both pray and help everyone else to pray.” This ministry, “requires discipline and a spirit of service, especially when preparing for a solemn liturgy or an important event in your communities.”

A ‘small family’ within the larger community: Pope Leo urged choristers not to see themselves as performers set apart from the congregation but as part of the praying assembly. “The choir is a small family of individuals united by their love of music and the service they offer. However, remember the community is your larger family,” he said. “You are not on stage but rather a part of that community, endeavouring to help it grow in unity by inspiring and engaging its members.”

He acknowledged the ordinary tensions that can arise in any group but said that even these can become a sign of the Church’s pilgrimage through history. “We can say to some extent the choir symbolises the Church, which, striving toward its goal, walks through history praising God. Even when this journey is beset by difficulties and trials and joyful moments give way to more challenging ones, singing makes the journey lighter, providing relief and consolation.”

Citing both St Augustine and St Ignatius of Antioch, the pope presented the choir as a sign of synodality and unity in the Church in which diverse voices become a single hymn of praise. “In fact, the different voices of a choir harmonise with each other, giving rise to a single hymn of praise, a luminous symbol of the Church, which unites everyone in love in a single pleasing melody,” he said.

‘Without giving in to the temptation of ostentation’: Pope Leo also encouraged musicians to study the Church’s teaching on sacred music and to resist the impulse to draw attention to themselves rather than to God.

“Strive, therefore, to make your choirs ever harmonious and beautiful, and a brighter image of the Church praising her Lord. Study the magisterium carefully. The conciliar documents set out the norms for carrying out your service in the best possible way. Above all, dedicate yourselves to facilitating the participation of the people of God, without giving in to the temptation of ostentation, which prevents the entire liturgical assembly from actively participating in the singing,” he added. “In this, be an eloquent sign of the Church’s prayer, expressing its love for God through the beauty of music. Take care that your spiritual life is always worthy of the service you perform, so your ministry may authentically express the grace of the liturgy.”

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


St Joseph’s will celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Mass at **9am on Monday 8 December.**

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 30 November

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	
9am	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (249)	Ready the Way	Christ the Lord (65) Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending (214)	Emmanuel	
5pm		All That I Am (15)	Ready the Way Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending (214)	Christ Be Our Light (60)	

ADVENT TALKS 2025: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

6pm Tuesday 9 December OR 9.45am Wednesday 10 December, Parish Upper Room

To book for the upcoming Advent Talk: *Into the Light With Mary* presented by *Mother Hilda Scott OSB* go to trybooking.com/DHBHQ or contact the Parish Office for assistance.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH’S	
Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December 6pm: Family Mass 9pm: Christmas Evening Mass	Christmas Day Thursday 25 December 9am: Christmas Morning Mass Please note: <i>This is the only Christmas Day Mass in this Church</i>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

SVDP Subiaco Conference Christmas Appeal is on again. Columban Calendars, Christmas Cards and Little Books are for sale in the Church Foyer before and after weekend Mass. We have 70 Christmas Hampers to supply this year, so please take a tag from the tree or a copy of the entire list and return items when you next attend Mass. Thank you for your generous support.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH 7pm, Friday 5 December, St Joseph’s Church

Celebrate the joy of the festive season with this performance of Handel's sublime and beloved oratorio 'Messiah', performed in the intimate ecclesiastical setting for which it was originally composed. Delight in the superb voices of fabulous young professional singers, accompanied by the wonderful orchestra of OpusWA Arts Orchestra and Chorale, conducted by the esteemed and experienced choral conductor Robert Braham. To receive a **15% discount** on the door price of tickets St Joseph’s Parishioners can use the promotion code **Parishioner** when prepurchasing tickets from trybooking.com/eventlist/opuswa. Hope to see many of you there.

CALLING OUR VERY OWN LITTLE SUPERSTARS

The Parish Christmas Performance returns this year with young St Joseph’s superstars of all ages invited to join. To register your child’s participation, please email the name/s and age/s of your child/children to Laura McMahon Higgins at laura@questamon.com.au.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	9am & 5pm

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	
	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Presbytery Subiaco
	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	887 970 525
	Reference:	Name

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	Second Collection EFT Details	
	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Church Subiaco
	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	564 990 302
	Reference:	Name

PARISH DIARY				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 30 November	9.45am	First Sunday of Advent Baptism: <i>Mary Athena Tiverios</i> Baptism: <i>Colton Brian Cecil Saverimutto</i> Baptism: <i>Theo James Galvin</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Monsignor Michael Keating</i>	<i>Adult Confirmation</i>
	10.30am			
	11.30am			
Monday 1 December	3.30pm	Monday, Week 1 of Advent Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Kelly Richards & Stephen Paez</i> Rosary: <i>Rosalia Smith</i>	<i>Fr Quynh Do</i> <i>Fr Tadeusz Seremet</i>	
	7pm			
Tuesday 2 December	10am	Tuesday, Week 1 of Advent Requiem Mass: <i>Rosalia Smith</i> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Caitlin Manea & Benjamin Marks</i> Upper Room: <i>Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>	<i>Fr Tadeusz Seremet</i>	<i>Iona Presentation</i> <i>College Junior School</i> <i>Mass</i>
	3.30pm			
	6pm			
Wednesday 3 December	10.30am	St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial Requiem Mass: <i>Peter Brand</i> Upper Room: <i>Private Function</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i>	
	11.30am			
	5.30pm			
Thursday 4 December	5pm	Thursday, Week 1 of Advent <i>Optional: St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor</i> Church: <i>Concert Rehearsal</i>		
Friday 5 December	7pm	Friday, Week 1 of Advent Church: <i>‘The Messiah’ performed by OpusWA</i>		
Saturday 6 December	1pm	Saturday, Week 1 of Advent <i>Optional: St Nicholas, Bishop</i> Wedding Service: <i>Kelly Richards & Stephen Paez</i> Wedding Service: <i>Caitlin Manea & Benjamin Marks</i>	<i>Fr Quynh Do</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>	
	3pm			