

Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 December 2025

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Peter Pournault, Monsignor Frank Marriott OAM, Anne (Nan) Dykes, Penelope-Anne Muir, Patrick Coughlan, Terri Hollick, Cathy Tang, Sr Joan Carroll RSM, Sr Maria Salmon SJG, Carlo Barbenente

Anniversaries: Michael Byrne, Joseph Harold Durkin, Jack Durkin, Sebastian Ravi

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, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino

NO NEED TO RUSH DURING ADVENT

By Victoria Cardiel

Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning ‘coming,’ marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year and the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of anticipation, reflection, and preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. But Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas — it calls on us, the faithful, to spiritual renewal and deeper awareness of God’s presence in our lives. At its heart, Advent is a season of hope. Christians look back to the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem and forward to His promised return. It reminds us that faith is fixed in history and directed toward the future. The Advent wreath, with its progressively lit candles, symbolises the growing light of Christ coming into a darkened world. Each candle represents themes such as hope, peace, joy, and love — virtues that shape the spiritual journey of the season. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts through prayer, repentance, and quiet reflection. Just as people make physical preparations for Christmas, we are encouraged to make spiritual preparations — examining our lives and realigning our priorities with God’s will. In many traditions, Scripture readings during Advent emphasise prophecy and promise, inviting reflection on how God fulfills His word. In a world where the weeks before Christmas are often consumed by materialism and rushing around, Advent offers a ‘sacred pause’. It calls us to slow down, to wait with purpose, and to rediscover the deeper meaning of the season. By emphasising waiting rather than rushing, Advent challenges the culture of instant gratification which is so prominent in countries like ours. The importance of Advent lies in its call to live with expectancy and purpose. It is a reminder that God’s promises are trustworthy and that His presence transforms both the past and the future. Through prayer, worship, and acts of love, we participate in the ongoing story of God’s redemption.

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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**.

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.

Please note: The final day for contributions to this year’s Christmas Appeal is Sunday 14 December.

PACKING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

9.45am, Sunday 14 December

SVDP Subiaco Conference invites parishioners to assist with the packing of Christmas Hampers for the needy. Join us following the 9am Mass on Sunday 14 December.

Children and grandchildren are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult as the bag gets heavy!

CHRISTMAS WITH UWA CHORAL SOCIETY

4pm, Sunday 21 December, Winthrop Hall UWA

Celebrate Christmas with the UWA Choral Society at this special celebratory event, as timeless choral traditions and contemporary works are performed including:

- Amadeus Mozart – Coronation Mass in C Minor.

- John Rutter – Gloria; Star Carol and Shepherd’s Pipe Carol;

- George F Handel -Excerpts from the Messiah

Following the concert, audience members are invited to join the choir for a BYO picnic on the lawns where the joyous spirit of the afternoon will continue in a relaxed and festive setting. Tickets are available at ticketswa.com/event/christmas-uwacs-0

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WEEKLY HYMNS					9am & 5pm, Sunday 7 December
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	City of God (70)	Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming	Hosanna (65) Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending (214)	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (249)	
5pm		Prepare Ye	Prepare the Way of the Lord Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending (214)		

ADVENT WREATH: LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

Monsignor: We gather around our wreath to deepen the celebration of Advent. Let us ask our Father in heaven to fill our hearts with grace.

.... a moment’s silence

Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. In Christ’s name we ask this.

All: Two candles, burning bright, chasing away the darkness from light. Two candles, glowing light, the blessing of God, giving new sight.

ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December

6pm: Family Mass

9pm: Christmas Evening Mass

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December

9am: Christmas Morning Mass

Please note: This is the only Christmas Day Mass in this Church.

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.

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.

ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SUBIACO MASS

St John of God Hospital Chaplain, Father Jude, invites all interested parishioners and friends to join him as he celebrates Mass in the SJOG Subiaco Hospital Chapel at 11.30am every Tuesday and Wednesday.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)		PARISH CONTACT DETAILS			
Tuesday	5.30pm	Office	Tuesday - Friday: 9.30am to 4.30pm		
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am	Phone	9381 0400		
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm	Postal	PO Box 568, Wembley 6913		
Saturday Vigil	5pm	Email	enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au		
Sunday	9am & 5pm	Website	www.stjosephssubiaco.org.au		
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details				
	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Presbytery Subiaco			
	BSB:	086 006			
	Account #:	887 970 525			
	Second Collection EFT Details				
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	BSB:	086 006			
	Account #:	564 990 302			
	Reference: Name				

PARISH DIARY			
Sunday 7 December	11.30am 2pm	Second Sunday of Advent Baptism: Odhran Anthony Curley Wedding Rehearsal: Maryse Green & Simon McAdam	Fr Oscar Aguilera Rev Dr Paul Russell
Monday 8 December	9am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Weekday Mass: Immaculate Conception Solemnity	
Tuesday 9 December	6pm 6pm	Tuesday, Week 2 of Advent Optional: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Upper Room: Advent Talk 2 Board Room: St Vincent de Paul Meeting	Mother Hilda Scott OSB
Wednesday 10 December	9am 9.45am 3.30am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 2 of Advent Optional: Our Lady of Loreto Weekday Mass: Anointing Mass Upper Room: Advent Talk 2 Wedding Rehearsal: Gina Hearn & Liam Gomez Upper Room: Centering Prayer	Mother Hilda Scott OSB
Thursday 11 December		Thursday, Week 2 of Advent Optional: St Damasus I, Pope	
Friday 12 December	4pm	Friday, Week 2 of Advent Optional: Our Lady of Guadalupe Wedding Service: Sophie Pass & John McKay	Monsignor Kevin
Saturday 13 December	9am 1pm 3pm	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial Upper Room: St Vincent de Paul Wedding Service: Gina Hearn & Liam Gomez Wedding Service: Maryse Green & Simon McAdam	Monsignor Kevin Rev Dr Paul Russell

MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Funeral Service: Patrick Coughlan
Requiem Mass: Sr Joan Carroll RSM
Requiem Mass: Brian Coyne