

In preparation for our great Celebration of **CHRISTMAS 2024**

We will have a **Church Clean Up Day**. We can clean our church *inside* and *outside*. Please Join us **NEXT SATURDAY 14TH DEC** from **8:30am, whatever time you can spare is appreciated.**

(Please bring whatever tools you may require, ie buckets, window blades, cleaning cloths, rakes etc.)



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION 'HUB' PARISHES

Now is the time for reconciliation in preparation for **CHRISTMAS**. In Confession we experience God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Multiple opportunities for confession are provided at neighboring HUB parishes, Please note the following dates:

St Vincent's, Kwinana	Tues 17th Dec, 6.30pm
St Bernadette's, Port Kennedy	Wed 18th Dec, 6.30pm
<u>St Teresa of Calcutta, Baldyvis</u>	<u>Thurs 19th Dec,</u> 6.30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham	Friday 20th Dec, 7.00pm

ST TERESA PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE



COULD EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE **ONE** OR **MORE** CARDS FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE NARTHEx AND PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

ALL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE PACKAGED AS BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE PEOPLE IN NEED TO HELP EVERYBODY ENJOY A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.



END OF YEAR MESSAGE TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

To ALL students—St Teresa Parish wish you every success in your exams and all your future endeavours. Approach these challenges with confidence, knowing that you have the unwavering support of your teachers, friends, and especially your family., together with all members of our parish community. Remember that success is not just measured by grades, but by the growth you've experienced and the resilience you've shown. Let us also take a moment to acknowledge the parents and families and friends and teachers who have been steadfast pillars of support.

As a parish community, let us celebrate the achievements of these students and support one another in the adventures that await them. Every ending is a new starting point, and it is exciting to see where these new paths will lead both individuals and families..



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ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8TH DECEMBER 2024



OUR PARISH VISION:

We are a Parish community embracing our Catholic faith and cherishing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Enriched by our diversity, we reach out to others and welcome all into our Parish. In the spirit of Mother Teresa and through our living and praying together, we want to grow strong in faith, hope and in our love for God and one another.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Kevin Poppen & Ann Priest

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:30pm or by appointment

Adoration and Benediction: 1st Friday of the month after 9am mass

Baptisms: Second and fourth Sunday of the month

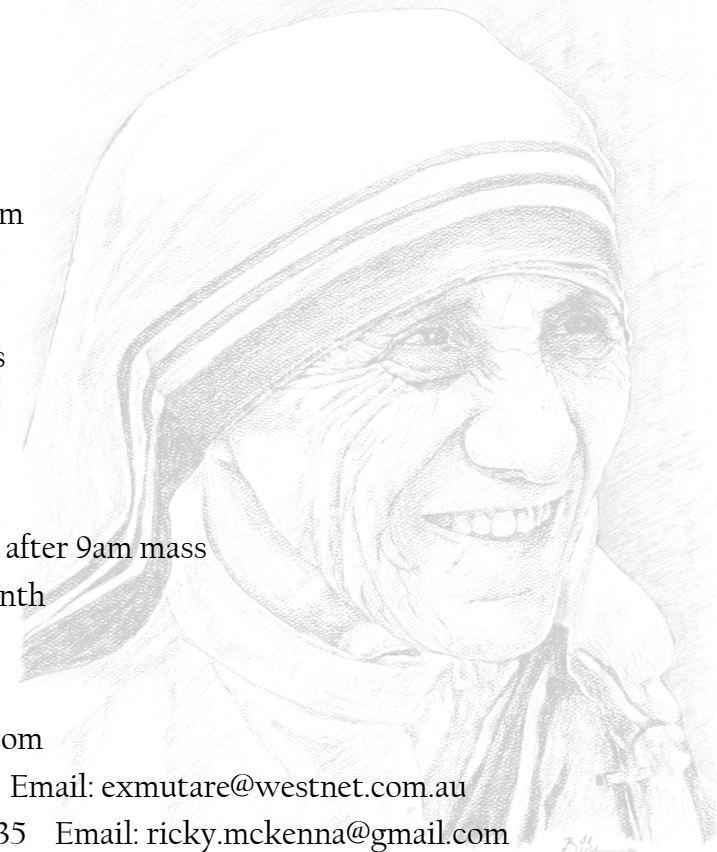
All other sacraments: by appointment

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Parish Calendar—Second Week of Advent

Sunday, 8th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Tue, 10th December

Our Lady of Loreto

9:00am Mass

Wed, 11th December

St Damasus, I, Pope

9:00am Mass

Thurs, 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Mass

Friday, 13th December

St Lucy

9:00am Mass

Sat, 14th December

St John of the Cross

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass

Sun, 15th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

1st Reading BARUCH 5: 1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 125(126)

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a

dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

2nd Reading PHIL 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus

Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LK 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Jesus called you to bring the light of His love to those who live in darkness. By tender, loving care for the poorest and the neediest, you became the sign of God's presence, His love and compassion in the midst of suffering and pain.

Following your example, help us to recognise the face of Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters and to serve Him with humility and joy. Teach us to be carriers of God's tender love and mercy and so bear witness that God still loves the world through each one of us. **Amen**

Understanding of the Word

What is Advent?

A season of **hope**, **preparation**, **EXPECTATION** & **celebration**



The **ADVENT WREATH** is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season

Advent is made up of four weeks, divided into **two periods**:

1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16

focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time

2 December 17 to 24

focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

The **first Sunday of Advent** marks the beginning of the liturgical year



"Advent" (Latin)
MEANS
"a coming or arrival"

Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the **three-fold coming of the Lord**:

- **Remembering** the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago
- **Celebrating** his coming among us today
- **Looking forward** to his final coming in glory

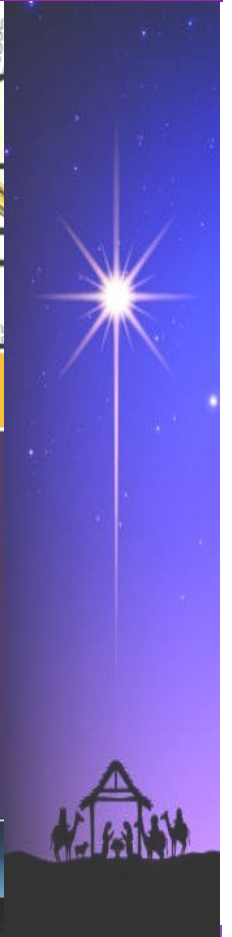
Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfilment



CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey

Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:

*Come,
Lord
Jesus!*



FEAST OF THE WEEK

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS—14th December



He was born in Fontiveros, in Spain, in about 1542. He spent some time as a Carmelite friar before, in 1568, Saint Teresa of Ávila persuaded him to pioneer the reform of the Carmelite order. This was a difficult task and a dangerous one: he suffered imprisonment and severe punishment at the hands of the Church authorities. He died at the monastery of Ubeda in Andalusia on 14 December 1591: the monks there had initially treated him as the worst of sinners, but by the time he died they had recognised his sanctity and his funeral was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm.

His works include two major mystical poems – he is considered one of the great poets of the Spanish language – and detailed commentaries on them and the spiritual truths they convey. He was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.

Rosters—Weekend 14th & 15th December

Readers

Sat 6.00pm: Nisha Das & Kathleen Anderson
Sun 9:30am: Vanessa Moretti & Jacqueline Taylor
Sun 5.00pm: Nina Samaria & Anna Saviel

Acolytes

Sat 6.00pm: Fernan Rodelas
Sun 9 30am: Ricky McKenna
Sun 5.00pm: Paul Dwyer

FLOWERS:

Jacinta DaCruz

JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS

Sat 6.00pm: Emily Murphy and Billie Clifton
Sun 9:30am: Sebastian Jaramillo, Izabella Moretti, Esomchi Ogbodo and Chiagoziem Ogbodo
Sun 5.00pm: Abigail Dwyer,

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Sat 6.00pm: Patrick Dwyer & Jacinta DaCruz
Sun 9.30am: David Autagavaia & Sillia Autagavaia
Sun 5.00pm: Ferdinand Prajogi & Melissa Dwyer

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