



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

ST JOSEPH'S ✠ ST MONICA'S SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

www.bendigocathedralcluster.com.au

We gather, pray, and celebrate on the traditional land
of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our parishes are committed to child safety. All children and young people who come to our parishes have a right to feel and be safe. The welfare of the children and young people in our care will always be our first priority and we have a zero tolerance of child abuse.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B : 10TH DECEMBER 2023

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Mr Andrew Howe



EUCHARIST ADORATION AND PRAYER PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent season, in preparation for our celebration of the Saviour's birth, we will have an hour of prayer and reflection in Sacred Heart Cathedral each Thursday evening in December. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for personal and communal prayer.

Thursday evenings 5.15pm - 6.15pm - December 14th and 21st in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

MASS CANCELLATION

St Joseph's—Tuesday 12th December 6pm

ADVENT SEASON

In preparation for the celebration of the Saviour's birth, and during the Advent Season, a reflection day of prayer will be held @ St Joseph's, Quarry Hill on Tuesday 12th December, 10am-3pm, incorporating talks, celebration of Eucharist, opportunities for quiet prayer.

All Cathedral cluster parishioners welcome.
Coffee, tea and a light lunch will be provided.

**MASSES FOR CATHEDRAL CLUSTER
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Please be advised that there will be no public Masses in our Cathedral Cluster churches Tues 26th - Thurs 28th December inclusive.

There will be Masses on the 29th December; 8am Cathedral, 9.30am Kangaroo Flat .

SACRED HEART CLUSTER SOCIAL LUNCHEON CANCELLATION

The SHC cluster luncheon scheduled for the 14th December 2023 will be cancelled due to Peter Breewel's probable funeral in the Cathedral on this date.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 3PM

With combined choirs of Sacred Heart and St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo led by Paul Taylor, Sarah Gould, Rohan Phillips & Stan Jackson with St Patrick's Cathedral Brass, Melbourne led by Dennis Freeman. Brass & Carol arrangements by Gabrieli, Monteverdi & Willcocks. Sunday 10th December at 3pm.

Admission \$30 or \$25 conc; Children under 18 free.

Tickets: Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CNNSO>

SANDHURST DIOCESE 2023 ADVENT LEAFLETS

'The Way of Trust and Love' is the theme for the 2023 Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets, with Scripture readings, and passages from the writings of Pope Francis and St Therese of Lisieux, in honour of the Jubilee Year of St Therese of Lisieux, highlighting the simple way of trust and love St Therese implemented in her life leading to her Sainthood. Now available online at the Sandhurst Diocese website www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au or printed copies from your parish on request.

**ADVENT 2023 – PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS
WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES**

“You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!”

You are invited to Prepare for Christmas this Advent (starting 3rd December) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

2024 RITE OF ELECTION AND RCIA RETREAT DATES

The 2024 Rite of Election Date is 18 Feb 2024 at 2pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo.

The 2024 RCIA Retreat is scheduled for 17 Mar 2024 in Kyabram.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for vocations, for our priests, and seminarians will be held at St Kilian's Church on Thursday 14th December at 11.00 am followed by Mass at 12.10pm.

“The harvest is great but the labourers are few, pray that the Lord of the harvest sends labourers into His harvest.”
Bendigo Club of Serra International.



**APPEAL FOR UKRAINE
2023 ADVENT**

The war in Ukraine with all its suffering and displacement drags on. Last Advent (2022) we held an appeal for Ukraine which met with a generous response. The funds raised and distributed have all been accounted for. To assist our brothers and sisters in Ukraine again this Advent we will have a leaving collection in our Cluster of Churches on weekend of December 16th/17th (3rd Sunday of Advent).

As you are able, please support the appeal.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS (2024)

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new members in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and scholarships to the value of \$1,200 per year are available for successful applicants from Catholic schools in the Bendigo region. The famous saying: "those that sing, pray twice" is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430), a famous Father of the Church who is honoured in the Cathedral's daily Mass chapel and rear stained glass window. Promoting and supporting the choir's membership is a powerful way to help choristers and congregations enter into the spirit and mystery of the Church's liturgy and prayer. Auditions will be held on **Sunday 17 December 2023** and on **Sunday 28 January 2024** after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room.

Enquiries: paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Invitation from our sister churches Christmas Carols at St Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Flat, Sunday 10th December at 7pm.....All Welcome!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: SEMESTER 1 2024

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst.

Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2024?

Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne

50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed (full cost: credit \$2,882, audit \$650).

You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit.

If you have not studied at a tertiary level before you can take advantage of the "Professional Attainment" pathway.

Scholarships are also available for the year-long *Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program* at Heart of Life, Melbourne (50% of full cost reimbursed: full cost \$9,816 with tertiary credit). (According to the Heart of Life website the program is closed, however positions are still available for parishioners in the Sandhurst diocese.)

	CATHEDRAL— 17TH DECEMBER 2023			ST MONICA'S— 16TH/17TH DEC 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 16TH DEC
	8.30AM	11.00AM	6PM	SAT 6PM	SUNDAY 9AM	SAT 6PM
COMMENTATOR				L Waddington	B White	C Williams
READER 1	K Dullard	R Gabriel	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	A Brown	D Lawrence
READER 2	M Flynn	T Dowling	Volunteer			
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	M Murphy	J Hudson	Volunteer	C McHugh	J Harrison	M Pianta
	M Lomas	B Lougoon				
OFFERTORY	B Verbeek	M Mawby	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	E & P Murphy	
ALTAR SOCIETY	Dec 16th/23rd Team 1 (Names on roster)			Dec 16th/17th M Friswell, S Wiegard		

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISHES WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

Pam Wright, Tess Dockter, Gary Muller, Carmel Moon, Mary Mooney, Roma O'Shannessy, Gerald Kavanagh, Glenda Waddington, Mathew Craine, John Mangan, Bruno Zausa, Hall Family, Matthew Turner, Theresa Cain, Judy Gaffee, Maureen O'Keefe, Elaine Kelly, Rose Capicchiano, Audrey Drechsler, John Whelan, Kath Munari, April Twyford, Ben Castles, Kay Ross, Audrey Hope, Brendan Drechsler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Bonham, Bob Hayden, Lauren Horton, Malcolm Connolly, Lyn Wright, Keith Riley.

RECENTLY DECEASED: PETER BREWEL, LORETTA DILLON

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Fr Don O'Neill, Elaine Walsh, Paul Murphy, Kerry Hogan, Peter Willcocks, Peter Christensen, Margaret Barry, Beatrice Donnelly, Patrick Gobbie, Alan Chan, Stan Waters, Veronica Gane — Doreen McKinley, Fayez Taouk, Mary O'Brien, Beryl Carter, Massimo Muffarotto, George Pavletich, Elizabeth Wilson, Keith Jarvis — Francis Dean, Margaret Beecham, Shiela Noonan, Margaret Barry, Martin Coman, Thomas Wallace, Joseph Ryan, Kathleen Williams, Alan Mackinder, Philip Tunzi, Amelia Ryan, Frances Moloney, Peter Armstrong, John O'Brien, James Ryan, Dorothy Gee.

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

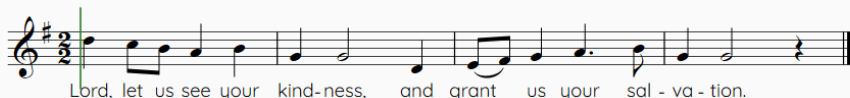
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

ICEL

Noel Ancell (b. 1946)



Music © Noel Ancell

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 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

Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

1st Reading: Is 61:1-2, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MUSIC FOR CATHEDRAL (CATHOLIC WORSHIP BOOK II)

Entrance - CWB 239

Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie - 8.30am/6pm CWB 34, 11am Missa Emmanuel

Gosp. Acclamation - CWB 42

Prep. Of Gifts - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 245 / 11am People look East

Holy Holy/Mem. Accl./Amen - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 66a-c /

11am Missa Emmanuel

Lamb of God - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 73/11am Missa Emmanuel

Communion - CBW 251

Recessional - CWB 238

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