



St Joseph's Parish, Hobart Newsletter

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A 20/21 December 2025



MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday – Saturday 8am
Church open: 7.30am 4pm

LUNCHTIME MASS

Wed and Fri only – 12.10pm

RECONCILIATION

Wed & Fri: 12.30pm
and Saturday: 4 – 4.30pm

ADORATION/BENEDICTION

Fridays 8.30am – 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses

Church opens at 7am

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am

5pm: Vietnamese

2nd Sun Only

Church closes **immediately**
after Vigil & Sun 11am Mass.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain
down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Fourth Candle is called the Angel's Candle

to remember the heralds of Christ's birth.

Please go to Page 2 under the Ministry Rosters for responses.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

PSALM 23:1-6

R: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The one with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

They shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves them.

Such are those who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

Next Week – The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph, Year A:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

FOR PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

After approx. four weeks names will be deleted from these lists, phone the office if you wish for names to be reinserted.

RECOVERY: Colman Dwyer, Logan Tomlin, Matthew White, Ben, Ann Howard, Celine Gibson, Liz, John Thomson, Maddie Ryan, Maria Beekmeijer, Kayden Edwards, Adam Jones, Jane Hynes, Francis Maloney, Peter Chen, Blair, Francis O'Brien, Greg Smith, Eamonn Miller, Kieran Ahearn, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Sam, Michael Burke, Heather, Fr Peter Addicoat CP, Jim Hayden, Chris L-F, Lester, Peter Mangan, Storm, Lee Mulcahy, Jane Lickiss, Kalumini and family and friends, Fr Jeff Foale CP, Fr John Auram CP, Kevin Addicoat, Philo, Alice Fiumara.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosemary and Bill Vickers, Melchior Simbel, Frances Kelly, Bob Cotgrove, Paul St John, Colin, Retnabai, Oli Gunn, Fr John Willio MSC, Anna Page, Paul Mercieca CP.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Francis Hevey, Richard Dobner, Patricia Chisholm, Quentin Solomon, Patricia Case, Petar Vidovic, Deborah Carney, Gwendoline Tracey, Ronald Case, Edmund Lewinski, Winifred Laverty, Frederick Wilmshurst, Fred Peters, Vera Sherston, James Mill, Constantin Fuscescu, Dorothy Steward, Tom Carney, Pauline Kerslake, June McKee, Valerie Hope, Graeme Kendall, Russell Braden, Maria Merse, Fr Tim O'Toole CP, Alan Boucher, Mary Miller, Monica Urquhart, Patricia Hickman, Br Gabriel Prestonc., Tcheslav Kozlowski

MASSSES: Cyril, Eileen, Joan, Irene, Ashton & Marie Shirley, Margaret James, Trisha, Stephen & Matthew Gallagher, Dorothy Donoghue, Elizabeth Kempa, Eileen Holloway, Dwyer & McDermott families (Dec), Krasnicki family (Dec), Br Ed, Fr Gerald, Fr Chris Mithen, Meg & Tom Walker, Terry Sullivan's Family & Friends, Mamic family, Randika, Alexander Butchmann, Danica De Lanerolle, Ed Ferraz, Shane & Divine, honour of St Joseph, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Coraton Declaro, Tricia, Stephen & Matthew Gallagher, Cyril Joseph Samarathunga.

St Joseph's Church
Corner Macquarie &
Harrington Streets,
Hobart, Tasmania



Our Parish Commitment

*We the parishioners of St. Joseph's are committed to the care,
wellbeing and protection of children, young people, and people at risk in our community.
We uphold that child protection, along with the dignity of every person,
is the responsibility of every adult.*

MINISTRY ROSTERS

20 / 21 December 2025 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A

Ministry ⇒ Mass Time ↓	Welcomer	Minister of the Word (MOW)	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)	Flowers
6.30pm Vigil	Guy Marquis	Margaret Lickiss	Angela Marquis	13/14 & 20/21 December
7.30am	Paul Reidy	Rohan Hutchinson	Anthony Parr	Madeleine & Robyn
9.30am	Gerarda Muir	Dennis Lanham	Kathy Norton	
		Sue Mulcahy		27/28 Dec & 3/4 Jan
11.00am	Judy Elliss	Sally Kendall	Sovi Kurian	Judy

27 / 28 December 2025 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Year A

Ministry ⇒ Mass Time ↓	Welcomer	Minister of the Word (MOW)	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)	Flowers
6.30pm Vigil	Kay Eleazar	Joseph Orinion	Shane Van Ranzow	13/14 & 20/21 December
7.30am	Tom Dorey	Rohan Hutchinson	Zac Panyadong	Madeleine & Robyn
9.30am	Libby Lewinski	Mark Hooper	Maureen Ball	
		Ron Ward		27/28 Dec & 3/4 Jan
11.00am	Sally Kendall	Rafal Kozlowski	Sovi Kurian	Judy
		Tobiasz Kozlowski		

HYMN NUMBERS & MASS TEXTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	11am
Gathering	47	Antiphon	47	47
Psalm	Ps 23	Spoken	Ps 23	Ps 23
Offertory	122	122	122	122
Communion	93	93	93	93
Praise Hymn	N/A	N/A	76	N/A
Recessional	37	47	37	37

THE ADVENT WREATH

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus Christ . . .
 . . . as Universal King for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

**A virgin will conceive and bring forth a son
 Emmanuel, God is with us,
 Emmanuel, God is with us**

A maiden is with child and we are set free

V. Lord Jesus, the Angel Gabriel announced
 your coming to the Virgin Mary.

**R: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy
 with your angels and saints.**

V. Lord Jesus, the angels sang at your birth of
 the peace given to all people who enjoy God's
 favour. **R.**

V. Lord Jesus, the angel came to strengthen
 you in the garden in your time of need. **R.**

COLLECT: R. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth; of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the
 Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
 death and was buried and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
 Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
 from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward
 to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
 Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
 buried; he descended into hell; on the third
 day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
 the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living
 and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
 Church, the communion of saints, the
 forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and life
 everlasting. **Amen.**

PASSIONIST COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



ST JOSEPH'S ANNUAL RAFFLE



We are very pleased to announce that the raffle books have been printed and are available for distribution.

Raffle books and distribution lists are available at the entrance to the church. Please kindly take a book and insert the book number, your name and contact number on the sheet provided. The raffle will be drawn at St Joseph's on Sunday 15 February. Please try to get your sold books returned the week before the draw.

Each raffle book has ten tickets and the ticket cost is \$3.00

Thank you again to all parishioners and friends who have donated prizes to the raffle. Proceeds of the raffle will go towards improving facilities at the church.

This year we are giving priority to the confessional boxes. Please standby for further announcement about purchasing tickets electronically & contact Robert Bilyk (0419 870 555) if you have any questions about the raffle.

CHURCH CLOSURE

St Joseph's will be closed between **9am and 12pm on Tuesday 23rd December** due to electrical works. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thanks to the PPC, and in particular, Christine and the organising team for all the time, effort and organisation that went into the Parish Christmas lunch last Sunday. Thanks also to all the parishioners for their presence, and the support of those who were unable to attend. It was a great afternoon complete with children dancing, Fr Joseph rocking out carols on the guitar and, we even had a visit from Santa!



Interested in Little Joeys at the 9.30?
Scan the QR Code to join our WhatsApp
group find out what's on each week! →



CHOIR REHEARSALS

The final choir rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Mass times will be this coming **Sunday 21st December between 12 and 1 pm.**

NATIVITY REENACTMENT

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 21st December between 10.45 and 12pm, then again on Monday 22nd December, 4.30 – 6pm. Children will also participate in the 5pm carols.

Adoration & Benediction

Please be aware that there will be **no Adoration or Benediction at St Joseph's during January.**
We will recommence Friday 6th February 2026!

As a parish community, we commit ourselves to providing an environment which will promote the physical health and wellbeing of all people especially the elderly and vulnerable people in our society. The safety and respect of all children and vulnerable peoples is our top priority!

Dux

of Elizabeth College!!

Our congratulations goes to Sanjo Kurian, parishioner of St Joseph's and Altar Server of the 11am Mass who received an ATAR of 99.95!

A tremendous achievement after years of hard work!



Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times

Wednesday 24th: Daily Mass: 8am only

Carols/Nativity Mass: 5pm / 5.30pm

Carols/Vigil Mass: 8pm / 8.30pm

Carols/Midnight Mass: 11.30pm / 12am

Thursday 25th:

Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am

No Evening Mass

Fri 26th, Sat 27th, Sun 28th & Mon 29th

Mass times as usual

Reconciliation:

Fri 26th 12.30 - 1pm Church closes at 1pm

Saturday 27th:

4-4.30pm

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are making contributions through the envelope system your new set can be collected from the Monastery from late June after making arrangements with Denise during office hours on 6234 4866. For record keeping purposes, we will allocate the envelope number that you are currently using for this financial year. This will enable us to issue receipts at the end of each financial year to those people who have provided us with their name and address. We have several anonymous contributors who ideally need a number so that we can accurately declare the number of people contributing to our parish finances. **If you have started internet banking, you can continue to do so using your current envelope number as we will withdraw that set from general circulation. This enables you to use the envelopes if you choose to do so in the future.**

For new contributors to Planned Giving, there are now sets of envelopes for collection in the Sacristy. Please ensure that you fill in the information sheet and return as soon as possible, even if you wish to remain anonymous so that the envelope number can be recorded. If you have started internet banking, you can continue to do so using your current envelope number as we will withdraw that set from general circulation. This enables you to use the envelopes if you choose to do so in the future.

PAY ID enables you to send quick "one off" payments in real time.

1. Log on to your banking app and select 'Profile', then 'Manage PayID'. 2. Choose which type of PayID you'd like to register, then follow the prompts. 3. Choose an account to link to your PayID. 4. Confirm the name others will see.

MAKE DONATIONS:

1. Open your banking app and select 'Pay someone'. 2. Select PayID option: ABN & Enter: 99 814 352 286. 3. Enter the amount. 4. Enter the description such as "Donation" or "Restoration" etc.

THE SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE COLLECTION

One collection at the Offertory into which all contributions can be placed.

This has been a major source of income for the Passionist Community. If you would prefer to contribute through online banking, please speak to Gail during office hours Tues to Wed on 6234 4866.

You may also contribute by cheque made out to Passionist Fathers or St. Joseph's Church.

We understand that many people are facing financial hardship, so please put your family needs ahead of church needs.

SUNDAY PARKING NOTICE

(Not applicable to Sat Vigil Mass)

St Joseph's has been issued with parking permits which cover the four spaces outside the church in Macquarie Street (not the two spaces outside the Astor Grill), and eight spaces in Harrington Street from the corner down to the Monastery driveway. Parishioners who use these spaces for masses on Sunday need to collect permits and display the appropriate one on your dashboard. The permits cover you from 7am till 4pm on Sunday, but only for the designated 12 spaces.

Please be mindful of Parishioners from other Mass times. Car parking during Sunday mass times is also available in St Joseph's car park Victoria St, entry via Collins St. Use whichever vacant spots are available. **New Permits 2025 – 2026 Now Available in the Sacristy** 🙏

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www.passionistshobart.org.au – if you know of parishioners who do not have internet access, please give them a copy of our newsletter.