



# RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

*Resurrection Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*



Prepare for the coming of Christ in the Philippine tradition with a nine-day novena Mass which starts at **5.00am on 16th December through to 24th December.**

You are invited to stay back afterwards for breakfast which is prepared daily.

## LAST BULLETIN 2025

The final bulletin for 2025 will be on **21st December**. Any items for the bulletin that pertain to the post Christmas period up till January 25th will need to be emailed to the Parish office by **10th December**.

Also, if you would like the anniversary of a loved one to be mentioned during this time period please contact the office by **10th December**.

CHRISTMAS  
SHEETS - SIGN  
THIS UP  
WEEKEND



The season of Christmas is drawing near, and we are joyfully preparing for our parish celebrations! Sign-up sheets will be available **this week after all Masses** for those who would like to volunteer or take part in our Christmas liturgies.

We invite you to share your gifts and be part of making this Christmas a truly blessed celebration for our parish community.

## NO MASS

There will be NO Mass on Monday, 8th December at 9.30am.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Children's Mass

6.00pm Family Mass

12.00am Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Mass

*We pray for Mary Mercieca, Anton Tadic and all those who have died recently.*

*We pray for Eileen Keith, Frank & Jane Buttigieg, Debbie Pace Vella, Stephen Pace, George Calleja, Emeterio salalila, Miguel Gouveia, Paul Collard, Benjamin Lubin, Marie Lubin, May Hennequin, Noel NcCrea, Lucio Vong, Afonso Lim, Lourenca Mira Kozaris and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

*We pray for Sid Asuncion, Sue Ramholdt and all those who are sick.*

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present.*



# Advent

*Advent is the Churches new year - a new beginning and a new opportunity to be involved.*



## Faith Formation

**LIFE IS A JOURNEY SIX-DAY RETREAT IN THE PARISH.** Monday 23rd March – Saturday 28th March

This retreat is an invitation to reflect on your life through the lens of God's gentle and faithful presence.

*Come as you are – the journey begins with love*

**THE BETHANY WAY** - you sit at the feet of Christ the teacher in communion with others formed for mission. The course goes for 20 weeks with 3 in person spiritual retreats and online guide to personal prayer and learning.

**ALPHA PROGRAM** Latter part of 2026 It is a safe place to explore the meaning of life and faith over 9 weeks with a shared meal, video input and small group discussion.



**Liturgy as Service** - The role of ministries in the liturgy is to assist with the prayerfulness, reverence, and community engagement with the weekend Masses. The roles include hospitality, proclaimer, special minister of communion, coffee makers, data projector.

**Pastoral Outreach as Service** - The pastoral outreach groups include St Vincent de Paul, Ubuntu Group, Men's Group, WOW, Communion to the Sick, Young Adults Group and Liturgy Committee.



A **Mini Parish Expo** will be held in the hall **after each Mass on 13th & 14th December**. This will be a chance to meet ministry members, learn more about what each group does, and hopefully feel inspired to join.

*Together, let us continue to grow as a vibrant and welcoming parish family!*



The Anointing of the Sick is for the healing and spiritual strengthening of those who are impaired by sickness or old age.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at Resurrection Parish, within a Eucharistic celebration on **Saturday 20th December** at 10.00am, followed by light refreshments.

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

	6.00pm	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
<b>MASS OVERSEERS</b>	Marlene Axiak	Kathy Wale	Angelita Ramat
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Rachael Bonavia	Anna Cassar Michael Donnelly	Celia Navarro Yvonne Utoasega
<b>DATA PROJECTOR</b>	Harley Cassar	Jacob Rebustillo	Calvin Alderson
<b>PROCLAIMERS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Response 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intercessions	Marlene Axiak Choir Marlene Axiak Jane Caruana	Elizabeth Michaelson Choir Elizabeth Michaelson Minh-Tham Pham	Joana Nacional Choir Joana Nacional Jet Fraser
<b>COLLECTORS</b>	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini Carmel Vassallo
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	n/a	<b>Hong Nguyen</b>	n/a
<b>SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Fr Gerard Keith Henry Dunn Karen Colaco Cathy Downing	Fr Gerard Keith Vilinda Rebustillo Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly	Fr Gerard Keith Marissa Medilo Eddy Medilo Tessie Villar Margaret Vilardo
<b>SACRISTY DUTY</b>	Patricia Marek	Michael Donnelly	Aurora Asuncion
<b>COFFEE MAKERS</b>	Grace Eppingstall Need Volunteer	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera
<b>COFFEE CLEAN UP</b>	Mirjana Dutkowsky Michelle Polidano	Edwin Rebustillo Need Volunteer	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Thursday 18th December - **Reso Men's Christmas gathering** at 6pm at Green Gully Soccer Club.
- Saturday 20th December **Mass of Anointing** at 10am followed by light refreshments.







### READING 1

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

**R. (cf. Is 35:4) Lord, come and save us.**

### READING 2

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Reflection

### Patience Stewardship

***"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8***

### GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they

*Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. Stewards are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.*