

Reading RosterDate: **5th/6th November**

Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM
Priest:	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
Acolyte:	Roshan Rupesinghe	Randall Noney	Richard Merchant
Commentator:	Margaret Smith	Kim Crawford	Matt Aldous
First Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Cecilia Hunt	Phillip Saville
Second Reading:	Colleen Baker	Jim Gresser	Steve Bishop
Music:	Andrew Wilson		Chris Wilson

Date: **12th/13th November**

Mass Time:	VIGIL	8:00AM	9:30AM
Priest:	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul
Acolyte:	Ian Miles	Bernard Ellis	Ed Junis
Commentator:	Margaret Smith	Jim Gresser	Ingrid Merchant
First Reading:	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Kim Crawford	Matt Aldous
Second Reading:	Lynette Boyd	Cecilia Hunt	Phillip Saville
Music:	Chris Wilson		E Street Band

READERS:
Please see the Acolyte rostered on when you arrive at Mass

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a good week to ask Jesus what his message is for us. What is he warning us about? What is he asking us to change? How is he encouraging us to place our trust in him? The answer will be different for each of us, but we have to pay attention and listen, in order to hear it.

Some days, our day is really "booked" from morning to night. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday life and becoming a 'contemplative in action' provides a very real way to stay in focus and to reflect, even when we are very busy. This practice is meant to make use of the "free" time we have in the background of our consciousness each day.

The key to this kind of prayer is to begin each day with a moment of consciousness of what we desire, need, or are asking for. *Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me begin this day thinking of you and your love for me. Let me simply do whatever you ask me to do as your servant today.* This only takes 20 seconds. We all have 20 seconds. However, we all find that it isn't easy to do this because our Lord is not very present in our day-to-day awareness, and we may never have simply talked with the Lord as the first thing we do when we awake. With practice, it works.

As we prepare for Sunday, we can spend a few more moments each day, simply talking with our Lord at brief, in between times during the day. Hopefully, we'll be seeing in all the things around us, that we are being invited by the Lord to accept him, to let him call us and open our hearts to respond generously. To what is he calling us? A great question to ask right up to the time we go into church on Sunday. When there, we can give God thanks and praise for opening our awareness and our readiness for him.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-OT-32>

November - Book of Prayer

November is the month that we remember family and friends that have gone before us in faith.

If you would like to place a name into the Book of Prayer, please use the November Mass Offering envelopes situated at the back of the church.

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am
Healing Mass: 1st Friday of the month, 9.30am
Rosary & Devotions: Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am
Adoration, Rosary: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment
Reconciliation: Please Contact the Parish Office
Weddings: By appointment
Funerals: Please Contact the Parish Office

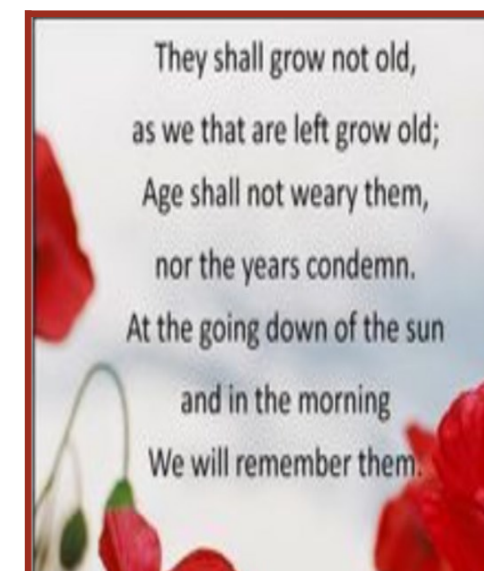
THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:6-3:5

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified.

Christ,
give us your grace
and strengthen our hearts,
that your word might
surge out at
the speed of sound
to every place
on earth.

Anne Osdieck

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungarra people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.



Sick: Brian Hickey, Baby Leonardo Diaz, Susie Ziino, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Kate Moore, Luca Hurley and all **Private Intentions.**

Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

Parish and Diocesan News

VINNIES CLOTHING BINS: We regret to inform you that our St Vincent de Paul charity clothing bins have been removed. Due to the misuse of this community initiative, and the clean-up bills, which were increasing weekly, the charity bins were no longer viable to have on our property.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: If you are interested in being part of this wonderful ministry, please complete one of the yellow forms around the Church and place into the Pastoral Council box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS ANNUAL MASS: All parishioners are invited to attend a Mass which will be celebrated to the Repose of the Souls of family members commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 16th November.

CAKE STALL: On **Saturday morning November 12th**, the Springtime **Cake Stall** of the Springwood East Timor Support Group will be held in the Town Square in Springwood's Macquarie Road. Anyone who would like to contribute some cakes, slices, jams or other goodies for sale could contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840 for further details. Thanks to those who have already promised to contribute.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The forms for the PPC are situated in the back of the church for collection if wishing to participate in service to our parish community.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 9.30am on **Saturday, 12th November, 2022**, in Our Lady of the Nativity Church, Lawson to remember the life and achievements of Fr Theo Arrivoli, Lawson Parish Priest from 1998 to 2010, who went home to God on 4th August, 2022, aged 100. As the Mass will be followed by a morning tea, attendance numbers for catering purposes are required by Sunday, 6th November. If you are able to attend, please contact Paula Currie on 0416 185 651.

READERS WANTED: If any parishioners would like to contribute during the Mass by way of participating in reading the commentary or one of the readings could you please give your names and available Mass times to the parish office. Thankyou.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Next meeting is on **Friday, 18th November** in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Mass.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13th November 2022 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speakers are **Cardinal Joseph Coutts**, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and **Miss Regina Lynch**, International Head of Projects, ACN International (Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the **Witnesses of Faith**; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. We will conclude with light refreshments to allow a chance for all of us meet and greet. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

THANKYOU: We are grateful to Tamsyn, Timothy and Tanya Baldwin who scrubbed, cleaned and polished our Advent Candle Wreath in readiness for Advent season. It looks absolutely wonderful. Thankyou.

NOVEMBER FEAST DAYS:

Sunday, 20th November:	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, 27th November:	First Sunday of ADVENT
Wednesday, 30th November:	The Feast of St Andrew the Apostle

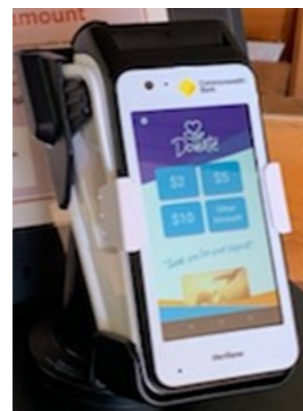
Please Tap to give and to support our parish.

This new tap and go machine is for the *second collection*

Simply tap on the device near the Commonwealth Bank logo.

There are four options:

\$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and other amount



The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unimaginable impact on our parish and our ability to raise funds and the second collection is a vital part of running our parish. We rely on the generosity of our parish community's support through these weekly offertory collections.

Thank you.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be present at all Masses on the weekends of 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th November seeking offers of donations from parishioners towards our Christmas Hamper Appeal. These may be in the form of a hamper of non-perishable food items or cash donations towards vouchers for fresh food, fruit and vegetables. Please speak to a conference member if you need further clarification. The weekend of 17th & 18th December is when we ask you to bring your contribution to any Mass so they can be distributed to families before Christmas.



Remembrance Day is one of the most important days on our commemorative calendar. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died while serving in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. This is the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. People in Australia, and many other countries, observe 1 minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect. It's a time to honour our service personnel who died in service of Australia.

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/commemoration-days/remembrance-day>