

Meaning of Advent Candles



1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. “And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! “As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’ (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY – The angels sang a message of JOY! “...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. “...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10b-11). God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) CHRIST CANDLE – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the WORLD!’” (John 1:29)

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 5 DEC

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 6 DEC

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 7 DEC

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 9 DEC

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 11 DEC

9:00am OLR Year 6 Graduation Mass
(whole school Mass)

SATURDAY 12 DEC

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 13 DEC

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

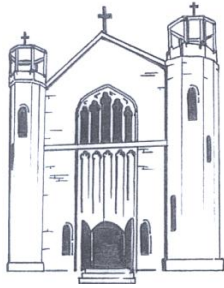
6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.

SIGN UP!

Get the OLR eNews in your inbox each Friday afternoon. Visit www.olrkensington.org.au



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PARISH SECRETARY

Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm)

MASS TIMES

Sat - 6pm (Vigil)

Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am

Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm

French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION

Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

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OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Baruch 5: 1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

John C K Chiew, Br Raymond Concannon, Laura (Rose's friend), Lianne Cross, Lil Siely, Kate Lingard, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O'Sullivan, Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski, Neville Dunn, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Anton's mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

Isabel Theresa Mooney

ANNIVERSARIES

Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy

ROSTERS

DEC 5/6	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Gus Alimhamzah	Terry Gormley
Readers	Selvi Ung Agnes Irhia	James Wong Sandy Mak	Marissa Meyn Francine Pirola
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Alice Mouco	Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Mary Martin Stephen Gatt	Grace Pandiangan Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Margaret Rigotti		
DEC 13/14	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	George Bedirian	Sal Barone
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Stephen Chiew Ross Martin	Tony King Liz Thorp
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Jan Nicholas	Trish Veness Thomas Chia Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox	Lyn King Diana Woon
KidsChurch	Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Trish Veness		



Christmas Season Services

Christmas Eve, Thursday Dec 24

6pm - Carols

6:30pm - Vigil Mass (Children) (shepherds & angels welcome!)

8:30pm - Indonesian Community Mass

11pm - Parish Mass (Youth)

Christmas Day, Friday Dec 25

9am - Carols

9:30am - Christmas Day Family Mass

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Holy Family, Sunday Dec 27

9:30am: Mass & KidsChurch + Morning Tea

Also: Sat 6pm, Sun 3:30pm (Indonesian), Sun 6pm

Mary, Mother of God, Friday, Jan 1

9am: Mass

Epiphany, Sunday Jan 3

9:30am: Mass & KidsChurch + Morning Tea

Also: Sat 6pm, Sun 3:30pm (Indonesian), 6pm

PARISH FAMILY GROUP CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Wed 9 Dec Dinner 6:30pm for 7pm

at the Doncaster Hotel Kensington

Bookings: Martin O'Loughlin 9662 8559

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All Welcome.



HEALING MASS CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

A Healing Mass followed by a special

Christmas Morning Tea will be held at OLR Church on **THURSDAY 17 December at 10:30am.**



The Healing Mass provides an opportunity to stay connected with friends and members of our Parish Community. Please pass on this information to neighbours or people you know who are housebound or unwell.

Transport is provided to and from the Church. Please contact Maria at the Parish House: 9663 1070.



SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE?

Come and join the Sisters on 25th December for Christmas dinner at 12 noon, at OLSH Convent, 2 Kensington Rd Kensington.

Please ring 9662 1777 as soon as you have decided. Transport available if necessary.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES | 6 DEC

Fr Alo - 23 years
Fr Chris - 40 years

WEDDING | 6 DEC

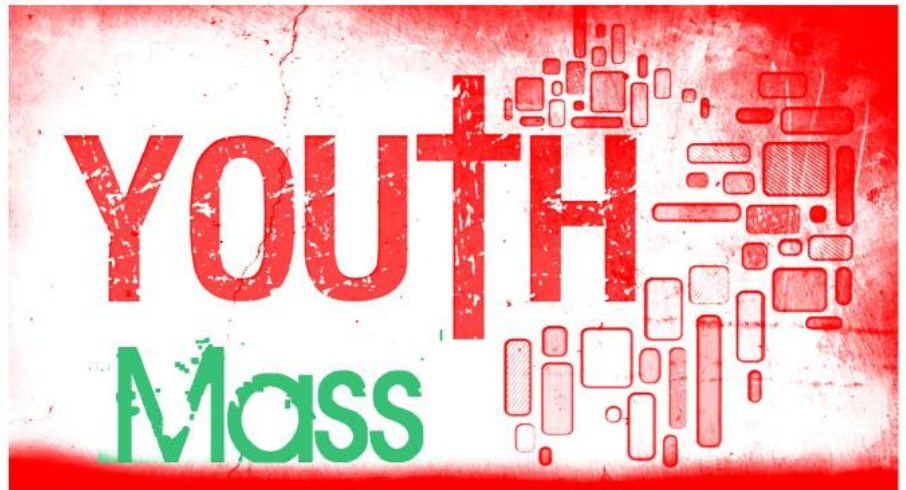
Daniel Theodosius & Audrey Rubianto

OLR SCHOOL NEWS - KINDERGARTEN

During the second half of this Term, Kindergarten have been learning about Advent and Christmas. The children are exploring the concept of waiting through the use of an Advent Wreath and the story of John the Baptist. The children are learning that Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for Jesus. The story of Christmas is being told through the stories of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus and the visit by the shepherds. From these stories, the children have an understanding that Jesus is a gift from God, the Good News.

JOKE CORNER

The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back "YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!" bringing the house down.



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 24 DECEMBER 2015 - 11PM
MUSIC BY SOULFIRE (YOUTH BAND)



Krakow WYD 2016

Blessed are the merciful
for they shall obtain mercy.
Mt 5:7

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY?

OLR Parish wants YOU to embark on a whole different kind of adventure. If you are 18-35 years old and thinking about travelling, contact Snez: for a unique opportunity to be a pilgrim and not just a tourist.

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THE WISHING TREE

YOUTH INITIATIVE

WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT US, BY BRINGING A GIFT TO PLACE UNDER OUR WISHING TREE.

SOME WISH IDEAS ARE:

- SMALL TOYS- EG. MATCHBOX CARS, TRAIN SETS
- VOUCHERS, ATTRACTION TICKETS, PHONE TOP UPS, INTERNATIONAL PHONE CARDS.

PLEASE REFER TO WISHING TREE FOR MORE GIFT IDEAS.

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO THE ASYLUM SEEKER CENTRE IN NEWTOWN AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEE FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS.

DONATIONS CLOSE 20 DECEMBER 2015

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SNEZ ON 0434 620 346