

# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

## Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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28 / 29 November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

### Parish Priest

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### Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9.30am  
Friday 9:30am  
Saturday 9.30am

### Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass  
and Wed 6:30pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Wednesdays

10am-7.15pm Adoration  
6.00pm Rosary  
6.35pm Vespers  
7.00pm Benediction

### Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov  
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## Meditation from Anawim Way

Advent is a unique time in the liturgical calendar. It is a sacred time set aside for us to journey in faith with the Church as she prepares to celebrate the birth of Christ. In these weeks, as we look deeper into our hearts and into the heart of our faith, we may experience a mixture of conflicting emotions: joy and sorrow, hope and fear, thanksgiving and remorse, anticipation and dread. The readings on this first Sunday of Advent stir up many such thoughts and feelings.

The Gospel today gives us strong and somewhat alarming words from Jesus: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." We know that the Lord is coming, but we do not know "the time." This can make us uncomfortable. We do not want to be caught off guard or unprepared for what we know is coming. We may even feel some anxiety about what we anticipate. On the other hand, we are also quite capable of putting things out of our minds. We know what will come, but we simply do not think about it. We get lulled into complacency, procrastination, or distraction. With his strong words, Jesus jars us out of our complacency by reminding us that he may come at any time, so we need to be constantly vigilant.

Some people may have the idea that since they do not know when Jesus is coming, there is no need to worry about it until it happens. Others may have the idea that they need to figure out when he will come so they can plan ahead for his arrival. What many people do not want to think about is that, regardless of the appointed time of Jesus' return, there is also the appointed time of our own death, a time we cannot know. In either case, whether he comes to us in glory at the end of time or we are taken to him at the end of our own life, Jesus tells us that we must remain ever ready for the moment which will come to us all. He does not tell us the exact time because he wants us to keep watch at all times.

While we wait, we have work to do. Like the man who put his servants in charge of his house, Jesus puts us in charge of his house, which is both the Church and the world. We all have something to do in preparation for his return, as he has left "each with his own work." Jesus makes it clear that his message is not only for the Apostles but for all of us: "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that our readiness for the Lord is not something we accomplish but a gift of grace that we are to welcome. We do not need to fear the Lord's coming, for, although we are sinners, we have been "enriched in every way." Thus we can rejoice in anticipation of the Lord's return. As Paul says with great confidence: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ." As we begin the holy season of Advent, we are not relying on our own human strength but on his divine strength. "He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Christ himself is the source of our hope and joy.

**Do I rely upon my own strength or the strength of God?  
How can I become more mindful of the Lord in my daily life?  
In what ways do I fail to be vigilant?**

*Excerpt from The Anawim Way, Volume 14, no. 1.*

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8;  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14  
**Gospel:** Mark 1: 1-8

**PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.**

# NOTICES

## Your prayers are requested for:

**SICK:** James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O'Keeffe, Stan Puczkowski, Saphia Williams-Barrios, Mikela, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Doreen Pascoe, Liliana Jurisevic, Lyn Eaton, Thomas Clarke, Jennifer Bullen

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tomislav Rusov, Philomena Brady, Mary Moyse, Dietmar Liebrecht, Donald Blowes, Brian Grave, Hilda Comas, Iris Kearsley, Fr Bill Collins, Elizabeth Coleman, Maxine Smale, Elfriede Franzl, Hazel McNamara, Patrick Coburn, Patrick McCrorey, Natalie Fahey, Edda De Lorenzo, Greg Webb & Maria Di Febo, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

## WEBSITE INFORMATION UPDATE

Fr Phillip's weekly video messages to St Anthony's School students may now be accessed on our parish website <http://edwardstowncatholic.net> in the **CATECHESIS SECTION**. This newsletter may also be accessed on the website.

## PLANNED GIVING

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.

2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>. Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).

3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

**ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish**

**BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300**

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description.

**Envelopes**—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your **Name and Planned Giving Number**.

## **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for Sunday 9.30am Mass at**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNABV>

Please book well before 3pm Friday preceding the Sunday Mass you wish to attend. There is no need to print the ticket.

**At this stage, bookings are not required for the Saturday Vigil Mass or weekday Masses.** You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive.

For those who are unable to book online, please phone the Parish Office on 0499 486 699 **before 3pm Fridays** to confirm your booking. Please note that the Parish phone is **unattended** on weekends.

We encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. This will also assist us greatly in finalising and printing the list of attendees for the Sunday Mass.

If you are able to, we encourage you to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass so we can more evenly distribute attendance to both Mass times. We've found that Saturday Vigil Mass does not reach capacity and there are always plenty of vacant seats available. Thank you.

**Please regularly check our website and FaceBook page for recent news and information.**

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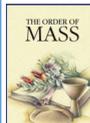
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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - If you wish to give an offering for Christmas flowers, there are envelopes provided near the statue of Our Lady. Please give your envelopes either to Robyn or Danica. Thank you.



## **BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND ORDER OF MASS ARE NOW AVAILABLE—**

*PLEASE SEE GRACE OR ROBYN TO GET YOUR COPY.*



**ORDER OF MASS** with all Eucharistic Prayers to assist you to participate more fully in the celebration of the Holy Mass. **\$6.00**



### **ADORE - Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2020**

is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021). **\$4.00**



### **PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD - Our Advent**

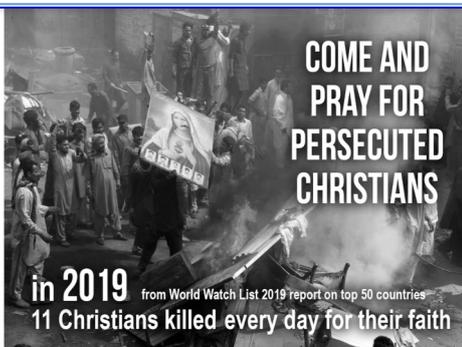
**Journey 2020** Available online to download your copy or as a flipbook on <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au>. Printed copies are also available on the shelf under the stairs at the back of the church. **FREE**

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00PM: ROSARY,  
6:35PM: VESPERS,  
7:00PM: BENEDICTION

WE PRAY FOR A DIFFERENT  
COUNTRY EACH WEEK

MORE INFO: GEOFF - 0419 810 590



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**ADVENT** has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

*Ordo 2021 p 5 (GNLYC 39)*

## ADVENT IS A TIME OF WAITING

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- ⇒ **waiting**-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh;
- ⇒ **waiting**-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- ⇒ **conversion**, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3,2);
- ⇒ **joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf. Rm 8, 24-25) and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fulness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).

Popular piety is particularly sensitive to Advent, especially when seen as the memory of the preparation for the coming of the Messiah. The Christian people are deeply conscious of the long period of expectation that preceded the birth of our Saviour. The faithful know that God sustained Israel's hope in the coming of the Messiah by the prophets.

Popular piety is not unaware of this extraordinary event. Indeed, it is awestruck at the prospect of the God of glory taking flesh in the womb of the humble and lowly Virgin Mary. The faithful are particularly sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child (cf Lk 2,7).

Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent.

### **The Advent Wreath**

Placing four candles on green fronds has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian home, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).



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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### **First Sunday of Advent**

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

### **SUMMARY**

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

[www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism)

## INTROIT

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N-to you have I lifted up my soul. \*

O my God, I trust in you, let

me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to

laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you

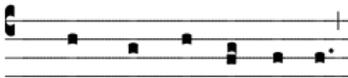
will be disappoint-ed.

1. O LORD, make me know your ways. \*  
Teach me *your paths*.

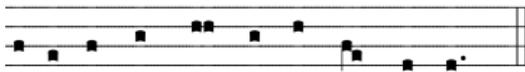
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; †  
for you are the God of my salvation. \*  
I have hoped in you *all day long*.

Glory Be to the Father...

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Lord, make us turn to you;



let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## OFFERTORY

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N-to you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; \*

O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame;

do not al-low my en-emies to laugh at me; for none

of those who are awaiting you will be disappoint-ed.

1. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; †  
for you are the God of my *salvation*. \*  
I have hoped in you *all day long*.
2. Remember your compassion, O LORD, †  
and your *merciful love*, \*  
for they are *from of old*.

## COMMUNION

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HE Lord will bestow his loving kindness,

and our land will yield its fruit.

1. O LORD, you have *favored your land*, \*  
and brought back the captives *of Jacob*.  
You forgave the guilt *of your people*, \*  
and covered all *their sins*.  
You averted *all your rage*; \*  
you turned back the heat *of your anger*.

Glory Be to the Father...

## COMMUNION HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel

O come, true wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
in ancient times on Sinai's height  
you gave your chosen tribes the law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your children from all tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

O come, O key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. **Refrain**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary,  
**most highly favoured lady,**" **Glo-ri-a!**

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
**most highly favoured lady,**" **Glo-ri-a!**

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name."  
**Most highly favoured lady, Glo-ri-a!**