



## Support Your Parish & Purchase a Pandoro

(Italian traditional delicious Christmas Cake)

*Purchase a Pandoro from the renowned Tamborrino Pasticceria at our parish and support your church during the Christmas season.*

### Did You Know?

It takes three full days to achieve the perfect soft, fluffy texture of traditional Italian Christmas cakes like panettone. The process is truly artisanal: it uses wild yeast requires careful kneading, and the cake is even hung upside down to cool so it keeps its beautiful dome shape. The finest Panettoni and Pandori are made with simple, natural ingredients and have a shorter shelf life.



**Holy Cross**  
Catholic Church Woollahra  
Sunday 07 December 2025

## What do the four candles of Advent symbolize?

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. In some homes and parishes, people will also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus; this candle, when added to the Advent wreath is typically white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the center of the wreath.

### ADVENT CANDLE WEEKS, NAMES & COLOURS:

-  **Advent week 1 - Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)**
-  **Advent week 2 - Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)**
-  **Advent week 3 - Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)**
-  **Advent week 4 - Love: Angel's Candle (purple)**
-  **Christmas: Christ Candle (white).**



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**Mass Schedule - Week 7 December - 14 December**  
Monday: NO MASS  
Tuesday: 7:30am  
Wednesday: 9:00am  
Thursday: 7:30am  
Friday: 7:30am  
Saturday: 9am and 5:30pm  
Sunday: 9am and 6pm  
Confession: Saturday 4:45pm-5:30pm

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**Holy Cross Parish Woollahra**  
Mirko Integlia



**Second Sunday of Advent**

# Lighting of the Candle

Sunday 07 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent A

All: O Lord and Master,  
let Your Advent be for me  
a fountain of blessing  
Come, O True Light,  
and scatter the shadows of my heart.  
Come, O Eternal Life,  
and raise me from the death of sin.  
Come, O Heavenly Physician,  
and heal all my wounds.  
Come, Lord Jesus.  
Do not delay.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R. cf. v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*Christ, the hope of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem

## GOSPEL cont.

and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' **C: The Gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ**

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

**Priest: Let us bring our prayer before God who shows mercy to all who pray.**

**Reader:** That the Church be known by its integrity and understanding. (pause) In your wisdom:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That basic rights and respect for human persons be established in all nations.

(pause) In your wisdom: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who daily live with anger and disharmony will find peace and unity.

(pause) In your wisdom: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the poor and afflicted will find us generous, compassionate and responsive.

(pause) In your wisdom: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

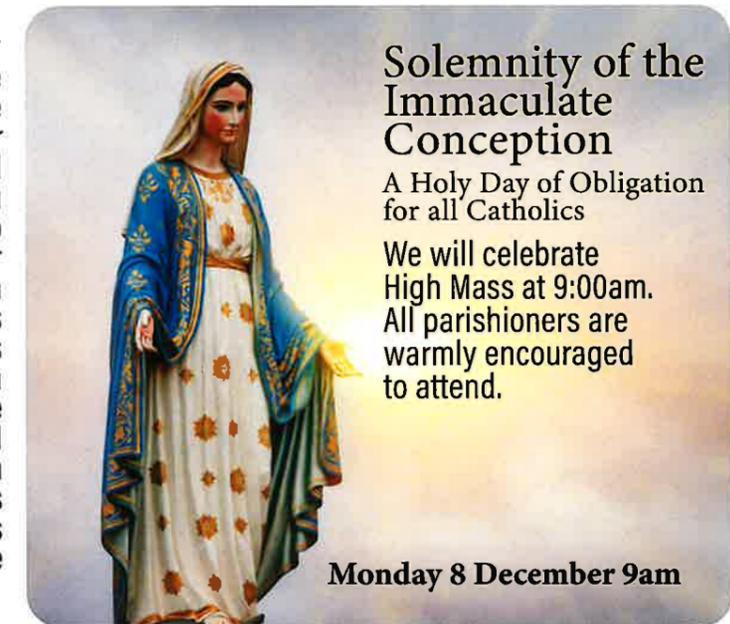
**Reader:** That this community will repent of their sins and prepare for the coming of the kingdom. (pause) In your wisdom:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will dwell in the house of God.

(pause) In your wisdom: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest: God of justice and peace, your prophets challenge us and confront our complacency. Hear our prayers and teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist and bear good fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.**



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics

We will celebrate High Mass at 9:00am. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend.

Monday 8 December 9am

**Christmas is approaching — let's not leave our sick and elderly alone.**

If you know someone who would appreciate a visit — to receive the sacraments or even just for a friendly chat — please let us know.



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:  
Wednesday, 10 December**  
There will be one Mass only at  
**9:15am for our school's graduation.**

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

First Coll: \$605.50

2nd Coll: \$650.80

Candles: \$634.60

POS: \$1318.00 (27/11-3/12)

CWF: \$255.00

## MASS READERS SCHEDULE

### Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass

First Reading: Ian Rebello  
Second Reading: Julia Clarisse  
Prayers of the Faithful: Harriet Sadler (HC)

### Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Rosemary Tan  
Second Reading: Stefan Wagiel  
Prayers of the Faithful: Ver Giray

### Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Patty Reps  
Second Reading: Joan  
Prayers of the Faithful: Tristan Francis

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*He judges the poor with justice.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin-cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra hole; into the vipers lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God**