

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, 22nd December, 2024

Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend
his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'
Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrific-
es, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,

and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here
I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the
first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was
for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made
once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the
mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town
in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth
heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud
cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be
honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For
the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord would be
fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



Pilgrims of Hope

In 2025 Pope Francis has invited all followers of Christ to a year
of Jubilee, a year of grace and conversion. A jubilee is held
every 25 years or during other years as called by the Pope. You
may recall in 2000 we celebrated the Great Jubilee and in 2015
the Holy Year of Mercy

In our Diocese the Jubilee Committee has set a calendar
providing opportunity for parishes and diocese to come
together and to rejoice in the work of God in our lives. Each
month we will be recognising ministries and charisms in our
community.

We invite all parishioners to an opening Mass at St Mary's
Cathedral on New Years day at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop
Greg.

Throughout the year we will have many opportunities to en-
courage, evangelise and affirm each other as Pilgrims of Hope.
Don't let fear prevent us from committing to our Jubilee.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Wonthaggi

Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Kevin McRae, Christopher McRae, Tom Daly

For the deceased clergy of the Diocese of sale.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. "May they rest in peace."

We pray for the sick, lonely and those suffering from illness and pain. May God's merciful love shine on them.

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

Inverloch

Tuesday 24th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass	5.00pm
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Wednesday 25th Dec	Christmas Day Mass	9.00am
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Wonthaggi

Tuesday 24th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass	6.30pm
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Wednesday 25th Dec	Christmas Day Mass	10.30am
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Friday 27th Dec	No Mass	
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PARISH ROSTERS

WONTHAGGI:	28th Dec	29th Dec
Welcomer:	Janice Coldebella	A Kelly
Reader:	Janice Coldebella	A Kelly
Sacristan:	K Carew	C Gow
Special Minister:	Jo Coldebella	L Busana
Offertory:	D Gardner	C Canter
	G Dwyer	C Ribet

INVERLOCH: 29th Dec

Reader:
Special Minister:

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$1,079.55

Planned Giving envelope (2nd Collection): \$848.00

(planned giving pledge per week \$1,968)

Loose cash (2nd offering) \$ 495.45

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wonthaggi: Before 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and upon request

Inverloch: Sun before 9.00am mass

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child Safety Officer. The officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 721 111

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New Parishioner Change of Address or Phone #

Thanksgiving: Envelopes or Electronically



Christmas Mass Times:

St Joseph's Wonthaggi:

Christmas Eve 6.30pm (Christmas Music from 6pm TBC)
Christmas Day 10.30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch

Christmas Eve 5.00pm (Christmas Music from 4.30pm)
Christmas Day 9.00am



Fr Darren and Ann in the Parish Office, wish you all a "Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas". We are blessed to have you all as part of our parish.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and helping us all in our worship of God. May Christ our Saviour bless us all during this Festive Season.

Thank you also to the flower arrangers, the choir and the organists, those who play or contribute to the Music Mass, the readers and Eucharistic ministers, those who help set up and clear away before and after Mass, the greeters, the counters, the coffee servers, the liturgists, PPC, Finance Committee, those who prepare those for Sacraements, those who do the laundry, the brass cleaners, gardener's and maintenance people and everyone who has helped throughout the year.

Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated



Parish/Diocese News

A Christmas Tree will be in the foyer at both churches to pray for loved ones to encourage them to come back to the Church. Please fill out a card and place on the tree.

St. Vincent de Paul: Thankyou for your ongoing support for St Vincent de Paul.

We realize that you have recently responded generously to our Winter Appeal.

The Christmas Appeal is with us and envelopes are now available in the foyer if you choose to donate. If so, please place your donation on the collection plate.

Upcoming Dates:

No Mass or Liturgy on Friday December 27th.

New Year's Eve Mass 31st Dec at Inverloch 6.30pm.

New Year's Day Mass - 9.30 Mass at Wonthaggi.

CWL Raffle - tickets will be on sale from December 29th - Australia Day. Four prizes on offer.

Advance notice for Parish BBQ- at Inverloch Feb 14th

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

Cuppa after Mass will be held after mass on the First Sunday of the Month

St Joseph's Wonthaggi

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the Month

Prayer for the return of the non-practising Catholics.

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring the non-practising Catholics back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.
Amen

1. ADVENT CHANT

Phil Porter.

Twilight, then darkness, night falls and
candles glow.
Genty surrounding us a new birth of hope.
Watching, waiting, awakening a new birth of hope.

2. O EMMANUEL

Michael Mangan

O Emmanuel, come into our hearts.
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light
O Emmanuel God is with us now.
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

We your people are waiting for you, Lord, waiting all
throughout the earth. We your people are waiting for you
Lord, waiting to celebrate your birth.

We your people are longing for you, Lord, longing with
hope and with joy. We your people are longing for you,
Lord, longing for the sign to rejoice.

We your people are ready for you, Lord, ready to change
and repent. We your people are ready for you, Lord,
ready for you to come again.

3. CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness longing for truth, we turn
to you. Make us your own, your holy people light for the
world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for
hope, many despair, your word alone has pow'r to save
us make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry, longing for water,
many still thirst, make us your bread, broken for
others shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering
others. Walls made of living stone.

4. A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Chris Robinson

Refrain:

**A voice in the wilderness calls to
prepare, for we are standing on the edge of changes.**

**Across the desert sand and the
mountain high the Lord is coming.**

Make your way!

1. I will hear what the Lord will say;
a voice of peace for all his people. His voice is never far
for those who know his glory dwelling in our land.

2. Faithfulness and mercy have met; peace and justice
have embraced here. Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth and justice look down from the sky

3. The Lord our God will make us grow and earth will
bring its fruit in all its splendor. Justice marches on be-
fore; he comes and peace will follow in his way.

5. OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Kevin Bates.

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Take
of my
life and live, - branch of my vine. Let me befriend you
now:
eat, take your fill. Don't be afraid to dream; - love has its
will.

2. Take up your bur-den now, walk 'til you find - just
what the
journey means – walk while there's time. Food for the
journey
will answer your need. Don't be afraid to walk – love,
my love
will lead.

3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine. Be a
sweet
nourishment to good friends of mine. Let me be-friend
you now;
eat, take your fill. Share with your people, that love has
its will.

4. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch – of my vine.

6. EAT THIS BREAD

Jaques Berthier

Refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never by
hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not
thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true Bread sent from the Fa-
ther.

Your ancestors ate mana in the desert but this is the
bread that came down from heaven.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up
on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal
life.

7. LIKE A SHEPHERD

Robert J Dufford

CHORUS:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the
lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his
heart, leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice
Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them
astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their
wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

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