



SCARBOROUGH PARISH BULLETIN

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

7 December 2025

Parish Priest:

Fr. Christian Irdi

Parish Secretary:

Sarah McNeill

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
9.30am - 3.00pm

Postal Address:

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.30am - 10.00am
Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm
Or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment

Weekday Rosary Times:

Tuesday - Thursday 8.30am
Friday 9.30am (during Holy Hour)

Adoration & Benediction:

Every Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

Parish Morning Tea:

First & Third Sunday of the month
after 9.30am Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

Craft Group:

Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm



FIRST READING:

Is 11: 1-10

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 loincloth 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's hole;
into the viper's 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.

The Word of the Lord.



Saints OF THE WEEK



DECEMBER

08 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (1474 - 1578)

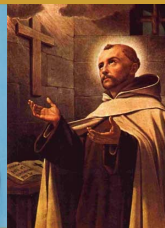
10 Saint John Roberts (1575 - 1610)

11 Saint Damasus I (304 - 384)

12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 Saint Lucy (283 - 304)

14 Saint John of the Cross (1542 - 1591)



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**Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 8 December:

Reading: Gen 3:9-15, 20

Psalm: 97: 1-4

2nd Reading: Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday 9 December:

Reading: Is 40: 1-11

Psalm: 95: 1-3, 10-13

Gospel: Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday 10 December:

Reading: Is 40: 25-31

Psalm: 102: 1-4, 8, 10

Gospel: Mt 11: 28-30

Thursday 11 December:

Reading: Is 41: 13-20

Psalm: 144: 1, 9-13

Gospel: Mt 11: 11-15

Friday 12 December:

Reading: Is 48: 17-19

Psalm: 1: 1-4, 6

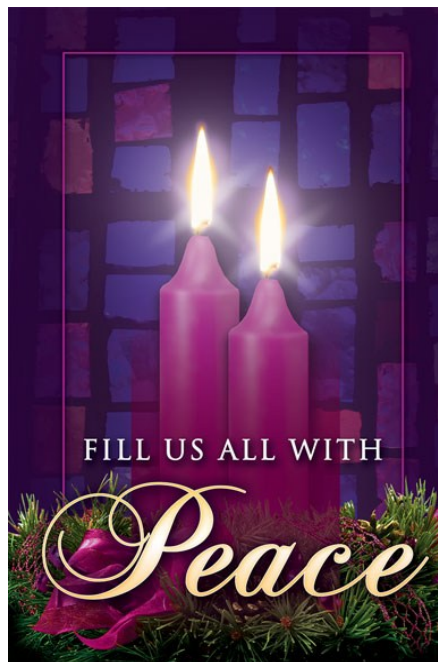
Gospel: Mt 11: 16-19

Saturday 13 December:

Reading: Sirach 4: 48: 1-4, 9-11

Psalm: 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel: Mt 17: 10-13



**Do you know anyone needing
short-term emergency care?**

Please contact our **Immaculate
Heart Care** Project Coordinator
Mary Bizzaca on **0400 003 024**.

**MEALS | TRANSPORT | VISITING |
FAMILY SUPPORT | BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT**



13 & 14 December

Mass Times	Acolytes	Readers	Greeters
Saturday 5.00pm	Alex Harsanyi	Michael Duffy Roula Cummins	Susan Ford
Sunday 7.30am	Romano Sala-Tenna	Sr Edith Fran McDermott	Mary Bizzaca
Sunday 9.30am	Peter Jack	Annalisa Riolo Yvonne Rudrum	Larry Hibble

NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

Wednesday, 24th December

4.30pm Carols & Children's Nativity Tableau

5.00pm Mass

8.00pm Mass

Followed by festive refreshments

Christmas Day:

Thursday, 25th December

7.30am Mass

9.30am Mass

PARISH VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS AND SPIT ROAST SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM

Fr Christian and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite you to a special Thanksgiving Mass followed by a spit roast to thank our Parish Volunteers. **All are welcome.**

IMMACULATE HEART QUIZ NIGHT – DONATIONS REQUEST

We're gearing up for another fantastic Parish Quiz Night on **February 6th!** We kindly invite people to contribute prizes or silent auction items. Donations may include vouchers, experiences, hampers, merchandise, services, or other quality items. Your generosity directly supports our parish community and makes a meaningful difference. Please submit your donations by February 1st to Colleen on 0416 557 192 . Thank you in advance for your support.

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 2026, 6 PM

Kick off 2026 with a fun-filled fundraiser quiz night! Tickets are \$45 each or \$320 for a table of 8. Kids under 12 come free. Food will be provided. Enjoy an evening of trivia, entertainment, exciting auction items, and raffle prizes. Tickets are available online via the QR code. Venue: Trigg Surf Life Savers Club, 360 W Coast Drive, Trigg. If you have any queries please call the Parish office.



SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS - TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 9.00AM

St John's Primary will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass at 9am this Tuesday. All are welcome to join.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER

Prior to the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, the Parish coordinates a tableau of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. If your child would like to take part, please contact Mary Bizzaca 0400 003 024. A rehearsal will be held before 24th December. All ages are welcome!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 8th December** at **9am** for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER - 7PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary presents an evening of Advent and Christmas music brought to you by select Perth choral singers and directed by Emma Spadaccini (nee Oorschot). Join us as we enter more deeply into the season through sacred choral music, and join us in singing a selection of favourite carols. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. **Entry by donation.** We hope to see you there!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION EVENING TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER - 7PM

Let us prepare ourselves this Christmas season. With contrite hearts we ask pardon for our failings and give glory and praise to God for His unfailing love.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

We are preparing hampers to support 150 local families and newly arrived refugees this Christmas. Please consider donating items such as Christmas cakes/puddings, long-life custard, jelly, tinned fruit, juice, chips/crackers, sweets, biscuits, tinned vegetables, tinned meat or fish, Christmas decorations. Monetary donation envelopes are available in the foyer. Volunteers are also needed for packing - **Sunday 14 December, 11am** in the Holy Spirit school hall, and for deliveries on **Monday 15 December, 9am**. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.

THANKYOU!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped decorate the Church in preparation for Christmas. **We appreciate you!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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 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

Rom 15: 4-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Lk 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 READING:

Mt 3: 1-12

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 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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.