



SCARBOROUGH PARISH BULLETIN

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

14 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 35: 1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.



Saints OF THE WEEK



DECEMBER

15 Blessed Mary Frances Schervier (1819 - 1876)

16 Blessed Mary of the Angels (1661 - 1717)

17 Saint Lazarus of Bethany (- 30)

18 Saint Flannan (d. 778)

19 Blessed Urban V (1310 - 1370)

20 Blessed Scubilion (1797 - 1867)

21 Saint Peter Canisius (1521 - 1597)



Bl Mary Frances Schervier

Bl Mary of the Angels

St Flannan

Blessed Urban V

Blessed Scubilion

Saint Peter Canisius

Saint Lazarus of Bethany

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 15 December:

Reading: Num 24: 2-7, 15-17

Psalm: 24: 4-9

Gospel: Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday 16 December:

Reading: Zeph 3: 1-2, 9-13

Psalm: 33: 2-3, 6-7, 16, 18-19, 23

Gospel: Mt 21: 28-32

Wednesday 17 December:

Reading: Gen 49: 2, 8-10

Psalm: 71: 1-4, 7-8, 17

Gospel: Mt 1: 1-17

Thursday 18 December:

Reading: Jer 23: 5-8

Psalm: 71: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Gospel: Mt 1: 18-24

Friday 19 December:

Reading: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25

Psalm: 70: 3-6, 16-17

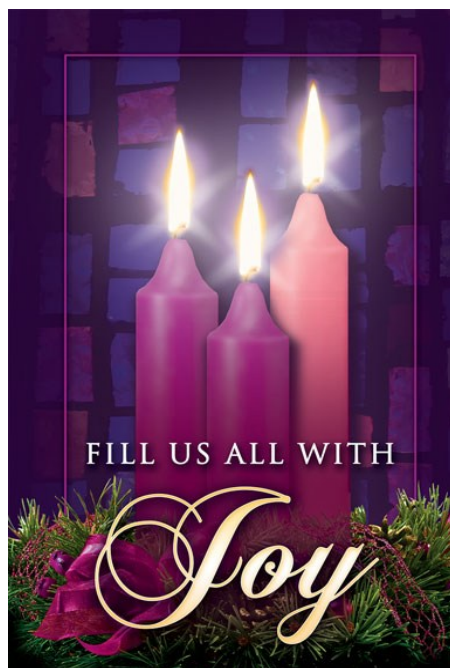
Gospel: Lk 1: 5-25

Saturday 20 December:

Reading: Is 7: 10-14

Psalm: 23: 1-6

Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38



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



20 & 21 December

Mass Times	Acolytes	Readers	Greeters
Saturday 5.00pm	David Somers	Carla Gai Vin Williams	Clodagh Manifold
Sunday 7.30am	Dino Mascione	Julie Van Os Carol Newton	Annette Morey
Sunday 9.30am	Phil McGann	Martin Vorster Gabriel Vorster	John 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 0893411124. 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,



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 0893411124. A rehearsal will be held before 24th December. All ages are welcome!

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.

SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND - 7TH & 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

The Sacramental Commitment Weekend for all Sacraments will take place on **7th & 8th February 2026**. Parents and children are asked to attend **one** Mass that weekend and submit their registration forms to **Sarah McNeill** afterwards to finalise their child's enrolment in the Sacramental Program for 2026.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 145: 6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 5: 7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Is 61:1 3: 4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING:

Mt 11: 2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

