

MASS THIS WEEK

Fed by God's word and the Bread of Life.

Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent Parish Mass 10:00

Mon 2 Weekday of Advent - *Isa 2:1-5 Matt 8:5-11* Mass 18:00

Tues 3 S. Francis Xavier - *Isa 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24* Mass 09:00

Wed 4 S John Damascene - *Isa 25:6-10a Matt 15:29-37* Mass 09:00

Thurs 5 Weekday of Advent - *Isa 26:1-6 Matt 7:21, 24-27* Mass 09:00

Fri 6 S. Nicholas - *Isa 29:17-24 Matt 9:27-31*

Sat 7 S. Ambrose - *Isa 30:19-21, 23-26 Matt 9:35-10:1, 6-8*

Sunday 8 2nd Sunday of Advent Parish Mass 10:00

Try to come a weekday mass during Advent.

At S Michels we have privilege of having mass almost every day. But it is not possible for everyone to get to mass every day, but we can still gather as a Christian Community around God's word. We are therefore encouraging everyone during Advent to read the scripture passages set for mass each day at home, as part of your prayers.

SONDAY 8 DECEMBER

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 16:00



A Special Children's Service with Oranges, sweets and Candles when we discover the Light of the World!



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A service of Christmas Carols and Reading to prepare us for Christmas.



16:00 Sunday 22 December.

PRAYING WITH THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Ps 84: 13

During Holy Communion at Mass there is opportunity for us to have a special time of prayer. One way might be to use the Communion Antiphon for the day. You could just read it and quietly think about it or use it as a prayer and say it slowly and to yourself a number of times. Try it and see what happens.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr David will be available in church to hear confessions this week on Monday at 17:15.

Father of light, you visit us in our darkness and in our fears. Grant that we may know your Truth- the Truth which will make us free, and make our joy complete, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

James 1:17 ; Jn 8:32; Jn 15:11

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OUR PARISH LIFE.

ALEXANDER MCLEOD PRIMARY SCHOOL is once again collecting donations of food to help needy families in the parish at Christmas. They call this their "*Festive Food Fair* ". Any donations would be welcome. If you would like to contribute, please bring your gifts of non-perishable food to church no later than today Sunday 1st December.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Christine Fern is now accepting donations for flowers at Christmas. Please see her if you wish your donation to be dedicated to someone special and for this to be mentioned in the magazine. Otherwise, there is a jar by the church door for any contributions.

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THE YEAR OF LUKE

'I have decided to write an ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know for certain the truth about the teaching we have received,'
Lk1:3-4.

So Luke describes the writing of his Gospel. Through this year we will read in church Lukes Gospel on Sundays at mass. In the Roman Empire there was a rich literature of biographies of eminent people, and it is in this tradition that Luke writes his Gospel. It is a very polished piece of writing, written in an excellent Greek and that contrasts with the very rough Greek of Mark's Gospel. Luke writes for the cosmopolitan World of the Roman Empire, to people who may not have known the limited world of Palestine and its semitic cultures at first hand. It is world in which he is fully at home. His background was Greek not Jewish. Lukes Gospel is part of a two-volume work and he carried his account in the Acts of the Apostles.

Over the year we will see how he richly used stories and narrative to explain the life of Jesus and to invite us to share in the Good News more deeply just as he invited his patron Theophilus.

THE 11:30 SPOT

Each Sunday at 11:30 we will have something to help us think more deeply about our Advent Journey.

Today

LECTIO DIVINA

A prayerful way to read the Bible.

Join Fr David in the Parish Lounge and find out what it is about.



What we do not see, we hope for.

Patience is a precept for salvation given us by our Lord our teacher: *Whoever endures to the end will be saved.* And again: *If you persevere in my word, you will truly be my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

Dear brethren, we must endure and persevere if we are to attain the truth and freedom we have been allowed to hope for; faith and hope are the very meaning of our being Christians, but if faith and hope are to bear their fruit, patience is necessary.

Patient waiting is necessary if we are to be perfected in what we have begun to be, and if we are to receive from God what we hope for and believe.

St Cyprian

ADVENT 2024

The Coming of God's Word.

Sunday 1 December

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Year begins in darkness – a deep purple darkness where we long for light and the bright shimmer of a star is a sign of hope and life. In the Liturgical year Purple is a colour of longing, renewal and expectation, purple should speak to us of that which we long and yearn for: the presence of Christ, the washing clean of all sin, the resurrection of the dead. Purple is also a sign of kingship and majesty – the One who comes, the One who heals, the One raised from the dead is the King who reigns from the cross.

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