



First Sunday of Advent

3rd December, 2017



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LLA
Next Weekend
Dec 3 at
10.00am

Sick

Una Bartlett
Fred Webb

Recent Death

Eva Henry

Mass Times for December

Sunday, Dec 10: LLA at 10am
Sunday, Dec 17: LLA at 10am
Sunday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve
Mass at 5pm
Sunday, Dec 31: Mass at 10am

Christmas Mass Times 2017

Sunday December 24th:
Christmas Mass Murtoa 5pm.
Christmas Mass Dimboola 7pm.
Christmas Mass Nhill 5pm

Columban Calendars \$9 and Christmas Cards \$6 are available at the back of the church.

Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour of the season of Lent is used, purple or blue, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance.

First Candle - The Candle of Hope

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

(A person lights the First Candle here)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Dec 6: Parish Pastoral Council at 5.30pm

Wednesday, Dec 20: School End of year Mass at 6pm

St Vincent de Paul

There is a box at the back of the church for monetary donations for those less fortunate than ourselves in our local area. I will pass this money onto the Horsham group.

NHILL	Reader & Prayers	Lay Leaders	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaner
Roster for Dec 3	I Dart	—————	N Grayling	M Jones	E Cameron	R Weir	L Fraser
Roster for Dec 10	J Gurry	K Bendall & D Munro	A Munro	—————	E Cameron	J Kennedy	L Fraser