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PARISH VISION:
A Welcoming Community,
United in Faith,
Centred in
the Eucharist,
Which embraces the Spirit
and Nature of all
God's People

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SALISBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parish Bulletin (*The Echo*)

Diane Innes

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church

23 Commercial Rd Salisbury

Saturday - 6:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am & 6:00pm

Polish Sunday - 12 noon

1st Sunday of Month - 3:00pm (Filipino)

2nd Sunday of Month - 10:30am (Italian)

Holy Family Mass Centre:

Shepherdson Rd Parafield Gardens

Sunday: - 10:30am

St Finbar's Church:

Greencroft Road, Salisbury North

Sunday: - 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday **after** 9:30am Mass and

before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass

5:15pm - 5:45pm

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

SACRAMENTS

THREE POINTS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

There is much to be said about the encounter with God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also named Confession and Penance). But for our newsletter, just three points today.

BEFORE CONFESSING

We get greater benefit from the Sacrament if we prepare well, by examining our lives. Some people examine their lives by looking for their sins. Using the Ten Commandments as a template is helpful for this. But other people examine their lives as a whole – when have I been close to God, as well as when I have drifted away. There are forms of “Examen” for this, and perhaps it is healthier than only looking for sin. It is not easy to say, “I did this action (or this omission)” Often, we make excuses, or we blame other people. A good examination of our lives helps us to be realistic about our sins.

WHEN CONFESSING

Similarly to the other six Sacraments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an encounter with God. Our God is fundamentally good, and every sin is damaging to our relationship with God and a denial of God's goodness. There are no “victimless sins”. Every sin causes damage to someone, even if only ourselves. The ministry of the church, through the priest, is helpful here, especially to assure you that you are indeed forgiven by God. But the key point is becoming friends again with God – that is what “reconciliation” means. The Sacrament opens up another chance to walk again in friendship with God and to give us the freedom not to be trapped in old sins, no matter how damaging those sins have been.

AFTER THE SACRAMENT

If I drive recklessly, and break down your front fence, of course I should avoid this in the future. But I should also repair your fence! After being forgiven by God, we can fix the damage caused to our relationship with God, and the damage caused to our relationships with others. Sometimes this can be very difficult – a long healing process. But we do not take this healing process for granted. Words like restitution, repair, healing can help us to know what to do. We also need to be attentive to our own healing. An element of the Sacrament is the “penance”, a prayer or an activity which starts the healing process. Let that prayer be a powerful beginning for you.

(Fr. Roderick O'Brien)

Rite of Reconciliation – What to do (In the Confessional)

1. The priest gives a blessing or greeting.
2. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say, “Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was...” (Give weeks, months, years).
3. **Confess** all your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, the priest will guide you.)
4. The priest assigns a **penance** and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.
5. Say an **Act of Contrition**, expressing your sorrow for your sins.
6. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then **absolves you from your sins**.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe Condo
Melchor Pugaha

ANNIVERSARIES

Annalisa Escarpe
Elia Caruana
John Desira
Johnny Defira
Maria Caruana
Peter Greatrex
Vergil 'Yoyo' Oria

THE SICK

Aleyamma Jacob
Chelsea Cunningham
Chris Powell
Corine Roberts
Francescopaolo Mastrullo
Hailey Valle
Jim Love
Joseph Riley (4 years old)
Kirsten Sudario
Mary Harris
Michelle Purvis-Bond
Mitchell O'Brien
Oscar Lacuesta
Paul Cunningham
Paul Sahb
Paul Waldon
Peter Smith
Raelene Brown
Ramon Romero
Tonie Michael
Victor Ramirez
Carlos Barrios
Dora Bernardi
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman
Enrique Barrios
Gino Silvestri
Grace Holmes
Jeff Wright
Jonathan Dee Johnny Candog
Sofia Barrios
Violeta Regencia

**REGULAR WEEKDAY
MASS TIMES**

Tues – Thurs at 8:00am
Fri – Sat at 9:30am
in St Augustine's Church

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am – 12:30pm
Tues - Thurs: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fri: 9:00am – 12:30pm

**RECONCILIATIONS
St Augustine's Church**

**Saturday after 9:30am Mass and
before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass**
5:15pm-5:45pm

BAPTISMS

St Augustine's Church
Within Mass:
Every Saturday at 9:30am
Outside Mass:
3rd Sunday at 10:30am
Holy Family Mass Centre
1st & 4th Sunday
Within the 10:30am Mass

**ADVENT PROGRAM
HELPING US GROW IN OUR
CHRISTIAN LIVES**
- by Cheryle Douglas

To be held on the following Mondays:

2nd December - *Growing in Our Christian
Lives & Walking by Faith*
7:00pm - 8.30pm in the Parish Family Centre
Followed by light super - Cost by donation

- ALL WELCOME

Register at the back of the Church
Enquiries: Phone Cheryle Douglas on
0423 480 440

**TUESDAY EVENING
POLISH MASS
WITH EXPOSITION**

In St Augustine's Church.
Adoration at 5.30pm,
Mass at 6.00pm.
For all enquiries please contact:
Polish Chaplain - 8445 8466

**ADVENT
PENITENTIAL
SERVICE**



**Tuesday, 10th December 2024
at 7pm**
in St Augustine's Church
**Priests will be available for
individual confessions**
ALL ARE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND GIFTS

St Vincent de Paul Society
- Salisbury Conference

St Vincent de Paul Salisbury Conference are in need of items for their Christmas food hampers. They kindly ask for donations of non-perishable food items e.g. UHT milk, pasta, mince pies, nuts, canned meats, crackers, canned fruit etc. We are also in need of Christmas gifts for girls and boys from 9 years up to young adult e.g. gift cards.

No stuffed toys please

Donations to be brought in by Thursday
5th December

Thank you for your support of our local community.

Please contact Rosemary Buhagiar at the Parish Office on 8258 2314

*'Joy of the Gospel'
Reflections Book
2025*

**Now available from
the Parish Office.**

Cost \$15.

**Enquiries Win Simons
0438 148 907**

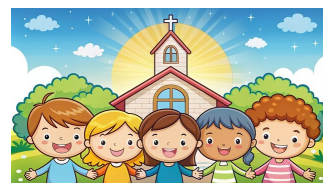
OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

We are a Child Safe Organisation committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued.

~ A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ~

CHILD SAFE CONTACT PERSONS

- ◆ Fr Shibu Jacob
- ◆ Grace Healey
- ◆ Nicholas Dangcalan
- ◆ Louise Svensdotter
- ◆ Diane Innes



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
CHRISTMAS 2024 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 2025**

ADVENT BEGINS

Sunday, 1st December

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St Augustine's Church

Sunday, 8th December

2PM – 4PM

ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE

St Augustine's Church

Tuesday, 10th December

7PM

**FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI /
CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS**

St. Augustine's Church

Thursday, 19th December

8PM – 9PM (English/ Filipino)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

St. Finbar's Church

Holy Family Mass Centre

St. Augustine's Church

St Augustine's Church

Sunday, 22nd December

6 PM Saturday Vigil, 21st December

9 AM

9 AM

10.30 AM

12NOON (Polish)

6 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL)

St. Augustine's Church

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Tuesday, 24th December

6 PM Family Mass

8 PM Vigil Mass

10.00PM Polish

12 MN Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Augustine's Church

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St. Augustine's Church

Wednesday, 25th December

9 AM (English)

10.30 AM (Italian)

12 Noon (Polish)

SAINT STEPHEN'S

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

Thursday, 26th December

9 AM (English)

12 Noon (Polish)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, 29th December

(same Mass schedule as Sunday)

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD /
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

Wednesday, 1st January, 2025

9 AM (English)

12 Noon (Polish)

PLEASE NOTE: After Christmas, all weekday and Saturday Masses at St. Augustine's Church will be at **9:00AM** until the 28th January 2025. Thank you.

**Volunteer
for the
Christmas Masses**



Calling on all who are serving Ministries at Mass, to sign up for the Eucharistic celebrations at Christmas.

Please put your name and contact details on the Christmas Masses Volunteer Sign Up sheet, located at the back of St Augustine's Church, St Finbar's Church and Holy Family Mass Centre.

**Please sign up by
Sunday, 8th December -
Thank you.**

All Christmas Masses will be at St. Augustine's Church:

◆ **24th Dec, Tuesday
Christmas Vigil Masses:**
6PM, 8PM and 12MN

◆ **25th Dec, Wednesday
Christmas Mass:**
9AM, 10.30AM (Italian),
12Noon (Polish)

For enquiries please phone:
Grace Healey on 8258 2314

Advent begins Today, Sunday 1st December

A season of joyous preparation and hopeful waiting for the birth of Jesus. Let us journey together in preparing our heart, mind and spirit by meditating on God's Word in preparation for "The Word was made flesh and He lived among us".

FREE! ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

- Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese: **ADVENT 2024** (Available at the back of the Church). Also a PDF version of the booklet is available online at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html> Weekly reflections will be published on the Archdiocesan Mass App (available from the Apple and Google Play stores for free), Facebook (www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese) and Instagram (@adelaidecatholic).
- Catholic Diocese of Wollongong: **THE LIGHT** Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024 (Please contact our Parish office on 8258 2314)

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Advent Reflection Group will be held on Wednesdays from 9am -10am in the Parish Family Centre

**Salisbury Catholic Parish
Christmas Carols**



**Sunday, 8th of December
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

St. Augustine's Church, Salisbury

Salisbury Catholic Parish
cordially invites you to
An Afternoon of Carols and Fellowship
featuring the

CFCA/YFCA North Choir, Fructus Agustini Choir,
and Adelaide Choral Ambassadors.

Please bring a small plate of something to share, a small donation, a big voice, and a desire to celebrate Our Lord's Coming.

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

● Knights of the Southern Cross

The Knights of the Southern Cross are active in the Parish.

Contact: Paul Hawkes 0439 832 834

● Knitting Group (Knit & Knatter)

Will be held on Friday mornings at 10:00am after the Mass in the Parish Family Centre. We will start with a cup of tea/coffee and finish about 12.30pm.

Contact: Lorraine 8263 7333

● Lay Canossian Association

Will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre

● Reflecting the Gospel

Every Wednesday at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907

● Rosary at St. Finbar's

Rosary held at St Finbar's 9.00am every Saturday.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907

NOTIZIE ITALIANE (Domenica 1 Dicembre 2024)

Prima Domenica di Avvento (Luca 21, 25-28. 34-36)

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: "Vi saranno segni nel sole, nella luna e nelle stelle, e sulla terra angoscia di popoli in ansia per il fragore del mare e dei flutti, mentre gli uomini moriranno per la paura e per l'attesa di ciò che dovrà accadere sulla terra. Le potenze dei cieli infatti saranno sconvolte. Allora vedranno il Figlio dell'uomo venire su una nube con grande potenza e gloria. Quando cominceranno ad accadere queste cose, risollevatevi e alzate il capo, perché la vostra liberazione è vicina. State attenti a voi stessi, che i vostri cuori non si appesantiscano in dissipazioni, ubriachezze e affanni della vita e che quel giorno non vi piombi addosso all'improvviso; come un laccio infatti esso si abatterà sopra tutti coloro che abitano sulla faccia di tutta la terra. Vegliate in ogni momento pregando, perché abbiate la forza di sfuggire a tutto ciò che sta per accadere, e di comparire davanti al Figlio dell'uomo". Parola del Signore.

Iniziamo oggi un nuovo anno liturgico, con la prima domenica di Avvento che ci guiderà verso il santo Natale. Nel nostro cammino chiediamo perché il Signore ci mostri la sua misericordia. Non solo per i peccati ma misericordia come clemenza, come aiuto, come grazia nel cammino. Per molti l'avvenire è motivo di affanno, di tristezza e di paure: significa solo la perdita di faticose conquiste e la distruzione di un passato conquistato a fatica per essere poi proiettati nel baratro della morte. Per chi vive nella fede però è invece sorgente di speranza. "Ecco, verranno giorni nei quali io realizzerò le promesse", proclama il Signore. Non si tratta però di promesse generiche; quella che ascoltiamo oggi è la realizzazione della promessa per eccellenza.

***LE PROSSIME MESSE IN ITALIANO: DOMENICA 8 DICEMBRE 2024**

***NATALE DEL SIGNORE: MERCOLEDI 25 DICEMBRE 2024**

***Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 3 Dicembre 2024 alle 9.00 am**

***Pranzo di Natale al Centro Mercoledì 11 Dicembre 2024**

***Christmas Dinner Dance - Italian Centre - Saturday 7 December 2024 - 6.30 pm**

***Tickets from St. Joseph Committee Members**



Children's Liturgy of the Word

St Augustine's Church:

Saturdays at 6pm

Sundays at 9am & 6pm

St Finbar's Church:

Sundays at 9am

Holy Family Mass Centre

Sundays at 10:30am

NOTE: Children's Liturgy is for children in the age group of 5-12.



PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	24th November 2024	Avg for Year	Target
ENVELOPES	\$ 7,466.50	\$ 5,286.60	
OPEN PLATE	2,371.60	1,912.44	
TOTAL	\$ 9,838.10	\$ 7,199.04	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 2,768.00		

NOTE: Figures include Direct Debits, Credit Card Collections and Unpledged Direct Deposits.

WEEKDAY READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th December 2024

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 4-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues: St Francis Xavier

Jer 1:4-8; Ps 71:1-5, 15, 17; 2 Cor 4:7-15; Lk 10:1-16

Wed: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9, 19-21, 25-2; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: St Nicholas

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: St Ambrose

Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1,5-8

Sun: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125:1-6; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



PARISH SCHOOLS

St Augustine's Parish School Years R - 6

25 Commercial Rd. Salisbury 5108

Ph: 8182 7900 Fax 8182 7999

Principal: Daniel Cowan

Holy Family Parish School Years R - 6

71 Shepherdson Rd. Parafield Gdns. 5107

Ph: 8250 6616 Fax 8250 3043

Principal: Kerry White

Thomas More College Years 7 - 12

23 Amsterdam Cres. Salisbury Downs 5108

Ph: 8182 2600 Fax: 8182 2699

Principal: Corey Tavella

COUNTING ROSTER 2024

DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS

1st Dec Anne Blake & Kevin Blake

Jan Von der Borch, Sheila Najar

8th Dec Josie Shimmin & John Shimmin

Ellen Arklay & Christopher Carroll

15th Dec Neil Walters & Helen Ryan

Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan and

Peter McEvoy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

ST AUGUSTINE'S

6th Dec - Anthony's Group

ST FINBAR'S

7th Dec - Lianzaw's Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

HOLY FAMILY

8th Dec - Rosie Rivera