

Sacred Heart Parish

30th November 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION

Advent starts on Sunday, November 30th, 2025.

Advent always starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The exact date varies each year because it depends on which day of the week Christmas falls.

When is Advent over 2025?

Advent ends Wednesday, December 24th, 2025. Advent always ends on Christmas Eve. After Advent, the Christmas season officially begins with Christmas Day on December 25th.

How long is the Advent season?

Advent lasts for approximately four weeks, ending on Christmas Eve (December 24). The number of days varies slightly each year, depending on which day of the week Christmas falls.

How are the dates of Advent decided?

The dates of Advent are determined by the liturgical calendar and are based on the date of Christmas. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, marking the start of the new liturgical year.

Advent Sundays in Order

When is the first Sunday of Advent 2025?

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first candle on the Advent wreath, often called the "Prophet's Candle" or the "Candle of Hope," is lit. This candle symbolizes the hope of the people of Israel who waited for the Messiah and the hope of Christians today for Christ's return.

What Is Omitted from Mass During Advent

During the season of Advent, the liturgy undergoes subtle yet significant changes, reflecting the solemnity and anticipation that characterise this sacred time. One notable aspect of these changes is the omission of certain elements from the Mass, underscoring the distinctive nature of Advent within the liturgical calendar.

Omission of the Gloria and the alleluia

One prominent omission during Advent is the exclusion of the Gloria, a hymn of praise and adoration that is traditionally sung or recited during Mass. The absence of the Gloria during Advent serves as a deliberate departure from the jubilant expressions of praise, aligning the liturgy with the reflective and penitential spirit of the season. By refraining from the Gloria, the Church emphasises the solemn anticipation of Christ's coming, inviting the faithful to engage in a period of introspection and spiritual preparation.

Slow down this Advent



Last year, I noted that two fruit trees did not produce fruit. I applied fertiliser to the root system, I pruned the branches, sprayed at the right times, watered when dry, and watched. In early November, I examined both trees and noted that many of the branches were still diseased, and more branches were rotten. So I decided to get my trusty 6-inch chainsaw out and cut them down. The first week of Advent is a week of preparation, not just Christmas gifts and shopping, or school trips; it's about spiritual preparation. Unfortunately, some groups violate the season of Advent. Instead of slowing down, they push consumables. They force us to go faster, and instead of slowing down, we get cranky, annoyed, and frustrated when we can't find a park or have to wait ages at the intersection, or wait ages at the supermarkets and consumer stores. In Advent, the Church emphasises the solemn anticipation of Christ's coming, inviting the faithful to engage in a period of introspection and spiritual preparation. We simplify our worship, we shorten our hymns, and we prepare. We cut things out of our lives, sin and seek forgiveness; in short, we are asked to cut things out and to prepare.

Thanks, Fr. Brian Carmine

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu
ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: James Stachurski, Kevin Brophy, Patsy Kuklinski, Shannon Herlihy, Peter Zimmerman, Augustine Coyne, Chris Parsons
We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.



Congratulations to

Jack Anderson Guthrie

Son of Blair & Melissa Guthrie

and

Lachlan Anderson Gwynn

Son of Jared & Nicole Gwynn

Jack & Lachlan were baptised yesterday



DONATIONS COLLECTION

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Parish	$382.52
Clergy Trust Fund	$141.48

PLANNED GIVING

If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

COMBINED CHURCHES LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

You are warmly invited to this on Monday 8th December at 7:00pm at the Anglican Church Hall. Please bring a Foodbank Item.

2026 COLUNBAN ART CALENDARS - $13 each

These can be purchased either from the foyer table.

Alpha

FOOD / VIDEO / CONVERSATION

We are excited to bring you Alpha. This is a 10-week course that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Invite your non church or non-Christian friends who might want to know more about Christianity.

Beginning Wednesday 11th February 2025
(Registrations need to be in by the 2nd February)
5.45pm to 8.00pm,
St Joseph's School, Waitara

There is a registration form on the foyer table or please contact the parish office if you would like one emailed to you - stjpwaitara@xtra.co.nz

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The Parish Council are currently looking for two people to be a representative for them on the Allocations Committee. The Works & Finance Committee are currently looking for one person to be a representative for them on the Allocations Committee. If you would like to express your interest in being a representative on the Allocations Committee for either one of these committee's, can you please email Nicky in the parish office, shparish@xtra.co.nz, by the 19th December 2025.

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas - $8

These can now be purchased from the foyer table. Can you please put the money for these in the parish office letterbox (beside the office).

PARISH CONTACTS

23 Standish Street, PO Box 109, Inglewood Phone: 756 7164 or 027 672 2514
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Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12noon, Friday 12noon – 3pm
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011 Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE

Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am *Every week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*

All other Saturday's

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

MOKAU

Saturday 5.00pm 20th December

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 14th December

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

30th November – Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Isaiah: 2.1-5 **Romans:** 13.11-14 **Matthew:** 24.37-44
7th December – Psalm Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
Isaiah: 11.1-10 **Romans:** 15.4-9 **Matthew:** 3.1-12

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 30th November	Next Week Sun 7th December
Readers	Mike Davey Lyn Potroz	Val Young Alan Spurdle
Prayers of Faithful	Mark Duynhoven	Alan Gibbins
Presentation of Gifts	Mary Coombe Cathy Churches	Lyn Potroz Cecelia Stachurski
Communion Ministers	Christiane McIntyre Ngaire Dravitzki Terry Dravitzki	Vonna Parsons Emma Dravitzki Pat Kuklinski
Altar Servers	Isaac. R Blake	Casey Chloe
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Nicky	Mark
Counters	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki
Cup of Tea	Maureen D'Ath & Nancy Leahy	D'Ath Family
Church Cleaning	Bernadine Minnear & Veronica Hinz 28 / 29 November	Ranee D'Ath & Family 5 / 6 December

Mass Readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5: In the future, the Lord's mountain will be the highest. All nations will come to learn His ways, and there will be peace. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 122: We rejoice as we enter Jerusalem, the unified city of the Lord. We pray for peace and prosperity in Jerusalem, and we give thanks to the Lord's name.

Second Reading – Romans 13:11-14: Wake up, for our salvation is near. Live properly, putting aside darkness and putting on the light of Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 24:37-44: Jesus warns that His coming will be sudden, like the days of Noah. People will be taken unexpectedly, so stay awake and be ready at all times.

PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 30th November at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Fr. Brian before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

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PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE
On Thursday 4th December,
Mass will start at 10.30am (instead of 10am).
We will still have prayer and adoration from 9am – 10am.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monthly Meeting to be held in the Burckett Hall following the Parish 10:30am Mass on Thursday 4th December. Remember to pass around the Raffle books.
Hostess: Committee.

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CWL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
"The Quail's Nest" at Burgess Hill is booked for Thursday 4th December at 12:45pm. Carpooling from church after our Meeting. Numbers to Chris 027 322 4010 or Ruth 021 139 0500 by Tuesday 2nd. Thank you.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE
Sunday 7th December at 11.30am.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sunday 7th December from 6.00pm in the parish hall, this will be a pot luck dinner.

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MEN'S GROUP
Wednesday 10th December at 6.00pm.
Meet for Mass at 5.30pm (if you can) at St Joseph's Parish, Waitara. Then it's onto the Waitara RSA for dinner. All men welcome. Please ring Fr. Brian before noon on the Wednesday so he can book the restaurant.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
The office will be closed from Friday 19th December at 3pm and reopen again as normal on Monday 19th January from 9am - 12 noon.

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 25th January at 11.30am

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 10th February at 10.00am

ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday, Bruce & Vonna will be praying the Rosary at Forrestal Lodge. This starts at 7pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.



MOKAU

CHRISTMAS MASS
Saturday 20th December at 5.00pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS

WAITARA

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Wednesday 24th December.
Carol starts at 7.00pm, Mass starts at 7.30pm

HOPE • LOVE • JOY HOPE • LOVE • JOY HOPE • LOVE • JOY

INGLEWOOD

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Thursday 25th December at 10.00am

Please note: There will be no Masses or Liturgy of the Words on Boxing Day.



WE NEED YOUR HELP
We are looking for some volunteers from our Church to help out on this night.
So, if you are available from 4.30pm onwards and would like to help out with this, can you please let Nicky in the parish office know.



Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



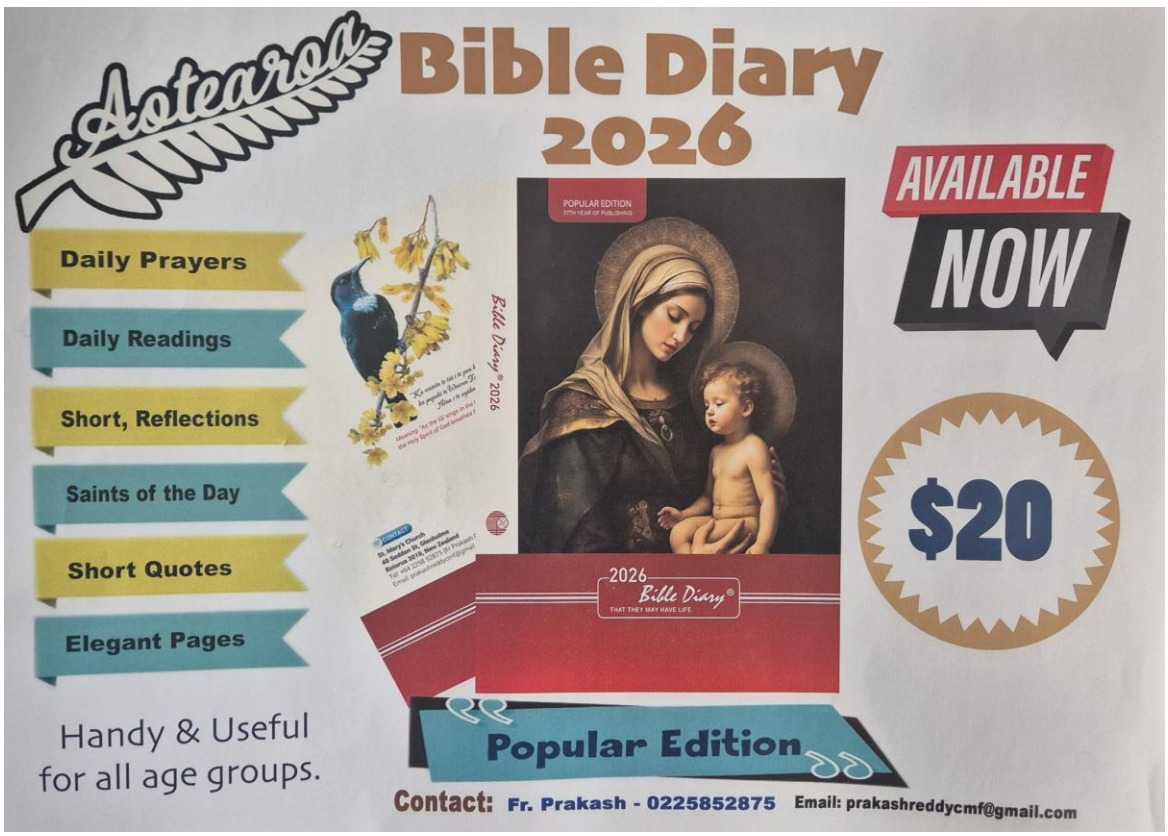
Tickets will be on sale in the church foyer this Sunday.





to the leaders at St Patrick's School & Miss Baylis for coming to help set up for Advent





These are on sale from the Parish Office or before Mass on Sunday's (please see Nicky)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK - Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbours, together their young shall rest; The lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, The Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.
R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.
R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.
R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.
For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Alleluia: Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize 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 his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."