

BIDDING PRAYERS:
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27 November 2022

Priest: As we start our preparations for the birth of our Saviour, let us open up our hearts in prayer to Him and with confidence seek His ever generous assistance.

Reader: For the Church; as we enter the season of Advent, may the Church renew its mission to bring the Good News of Jesus to our world, in particular, reaching out to those who have drifted away from the practice of the Faith.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us

Reader: For the nations of the world; may the words of today's first reading be heard in places of power. That they "will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles; Nation will not lift sword against nation".
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Reader: We pray that people may have a sense of hopeful expectation this Advent; may we focus on the things of true value and not allow the pressure of commercialism to cloud the awe and wonder of this season.
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Reader: For those who are suffering from illness in body mind or spirit; may our parish community seek ways to reach out to those around us who are in need and foster in their hearts a spirit of hope.
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Reader: Let us remember especially today (Marie Therese Begley, Vigil Mass); (The Parish, 9.30 am Mass); (Smith & Taylor Families, 6.30pm Mass) for whom this Mass is offered.
And also, all those who have died recently, Patrick Carmody and Reginald Hall. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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At 9.30 Mass: We now read a list of those who have died in the past year as candles are brought forward to represent them.

Reader: Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: Father, we implore your blessing on our Advent preparations, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.