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**14 December 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent Year A**

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**MASS TIMES AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL**

**TUES 16 DEC 10AM ITALIAN MASS**  
**WED 17 DEC ANGELUS | 12MD MASS**  
**THUR 18 DEC 5PM ADORATION | CONFESSION**  
**6PM MASS**  
**6:30PM SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
**FRI 19 DEC ANGELUS | 12MD MASS**  
**SAT 20 DEC 5:30PM CONFESSION**  
**6PM VIGIL MASS**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: TBC | POWERPOINT: L CROWE BENVENUTO

**SUN 21 DEC – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YRA**

**9:30AM MASS** LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: TBC | PPOINT: R HYLAND

COUNTERS: G DAVIS, P BYE, S SOLIGO, L FRANCO

**11AM ITALIAN MASS WITH FR ANGELO**



**MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH'S BULLI**

**WED 17 DEC 4:30PM ROSARY & EXPOSITION**  
**5PM MASS**  
**5:30PM SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
**THUR 18 DEC ANGELUS | 12MD MASS**  
**FRI 19 DEC 8AM EXPOSITON & ADORATION**  
**9AM ROSARY | 9:30AM MASS**  
**10AM RECONCILIATION | MORNING TEA**

**SUN 21 DEC- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**

**8:30AM MASS | CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

READERS: J HAMMOND, M HESLIN | GREETER: D & J NIELSEN | ACOLYTE: S PULIS | PPOINT: A CHETCUTI

**5PM: RECONCILIATION | 5:30PM MASS**

READERS : I NWALI JNR, P HALL | GREETER: E MCALPINE | ACOLYTE: M HALL | POWERPOINT: M LIEW

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called” Gaudette Sunday”.

Gaudette means rejoice.

As Advent moves forward,  
this Sunday helps us  
to refocus.

We do not wait alone.

We wait with hope.

And we wait with joy.

[3rd Sunday of Advent Year A \(Dec 14, 2025\)](#)  
[Free Resources and Reflections for Gaudete](#)  
[Sunday – Young Catholics](#)

**REMINDER: PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - ST JOSEPH'S & ST COLUMBKILLE'S :** PLEASE NOTE TO  
LOOK FOR YOUR NAMES WHICH ARE CLEARLY LABELLED ON THE BOX. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.




**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH END OF YEAR GATHERING | THIS SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

Fr Patrick together with the Parish Leadership Committee would like to invite you this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6:30pm-8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass). Drinks & Light refreshments provided in the Parish Courtyard. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

**BULLI CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS** Flowers such as Christmas Bush, Agapanthus or Hydrangeas are needed, please deliver on Christmas Eve (Wed) from 8:00am till 10:00am.

Work-Bee



Church Clean-up

**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH | Sat 20 DECEMBER** We are calling for a **Working Bee** for our Church and grounds to prepare for Christmas on Saturday, 20/12/25 beginning at 8:30am till 11am. Please come with a pair of gloves, some cloths & furniture / glass cleaners. One or two hours of your time will make a difference. Thanks for the help you give our Parish.

Fr Patrick

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025**

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

WED, 17TH DEC 5:30PM AT BULLI  
THURS, 18TH DEC 6:30PM AT CORRIMAL

**ST COLUMBKILLE’S CORRIMAL**

**CHRISTMAS EVE | WED, 24TH DECEMBER**

7:30PM VIGIL MASS

11PM VIGIL MASS

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

**CHRISTMAS DAY | THURSDAY 25TH DEC**  
9:30AM MASS

**ST JOSEPH’S, BULLI**

**CHRISTMAS EVE | WED, 24TH DECEMBER**

3PM RECONCILIATION

5PM VIGIL MASS

7PM VIGIL MASS

**CHRISTMAS DAY | THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER**

8:30AM MASS


NB: NO EVENING MASS



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORRIMAL & BULLI**  
For the month of December we are asking for packets of spaghetti, pasta sauce, packets of 2 minute noodles. Thank you to parishioners who continue to support our request.


**ST JOSEPH’S COLUMBARIUM AND PEACE GARDEN**  
IF INTERESTED PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CALL ON 4284 3000. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A PRICE INCREASE IN 2026.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE & PARISH CAROLS 2025:** You are invited to be a part of the Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Parish Carols at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday 19th December 2025, 7pm to 8.30pm.



**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS** Parish Office will re-open Tues, 6th Jan 2026)

Wednesday	Dec 24	9:30am - 12pm				
Thursday	Dec 25	CLOSED		Friday	Dec 26	CLOSED
Tuesday	Dec 30	9:30 - 3pm				
Wednesday	Dec 31	9:30am –12pm		Friday	Jan 2	CLOSED







**PARENTS & BUBS PLAYGROUP FOR CORRIMAL & BULLI SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK. PLAYGROUP WILL RE-SUME FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2026.**



**THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR BOTH ST JOSEPH'S & COLUMBKILLE'S. CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL RETURN IN 2026 IN FEBRUARY (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED).**

**SETTING UP THE CRIB AND CHRISTMAS TREE - ST COLUMBKILLE'S :** At the end of 9:30am

**Mass on Sunday, 22 December,** we will set up the Crib/ Manger and Christmas Tree in the Church.

Any children, or young at heart, who would like to be a part of this are most welcome to join in.

*Thank you, Fr Anthony*

### **WEEKEND MASS NUMBERS- ST COLUMBKILLE'S**

In February 2022, our weekend Mass numbers averaged 120. In our recent Mass numbers count we are averaging 205 people a weekend. Well Done!

### **CORRIMAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-**

We would like to thank all parishioners who supported this years successful Christmas Raffle. Results of winning tickets drawn by Fr Patrick on Sunday, 7 Dec:

1st	Red A74	Filomena
2nd	Blue 92	Maureen Bradbury
3rd	Yellow V90	Margaret Lowrie
4th	Yellow V88	Manuela Manzini

### **BAPTISMAL PREP MEETINGS BULLI & CORRIMAL**

NEW DATES WILL BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITES SHORTLY AND ON THE BULLETIN FOR UPDATES.

### **IN BOTH PARISHES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER:	\$2
VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARD:	\$10 (PK OF 10)
COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026:	\$10
THE PROMISE ADVENT BOOK:	\$5
HAND MADE VARIOUS CARDS	3 FOR \$10
<i>(PROCEEDS FROM GO TO CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH MINISTRY)</i>	
MULBERRY JAM (* ONLY IN BULLI)	\$10 /JAR
<i>(PROCEEDS GO TO IMMACULATA SISTERS)</i>	

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA - BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR FAMILIES FACING ADVERSITY THIS CHRISTMAS**

- This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in **Ukraine** has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, **Caritas Ukraine** are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychological assistance to families facing adversity. **Donate today:** <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



### **REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YEAR 11 & 12 | 13-16 JAN 2026**

**The Campion College Summer Program** provides the opportunity for senior high school students and Year 12 graduates to experience what it is like to be a tertiary student at Campion College. If you enjoy humanities subjects and are seeking a faith-filled university experience, please come along. Registration includes 3 nights of accommodation on campus, all meals plus a fun-filled social and academic schedule. **Summer Program is FREE** to attend but students are responsible for their own transport to and from the college. **Places are limited.** **More information and registration:** [www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program)



**World Youth Day is returning in August 2027** - and this time it's heading to Seoul, South Korea. WYD is an unforgettable celebration of faith with millions of young Catholics from around the world, and we're excited to begin preparing a diocesan pilgrimage. If you (or someone you know) will be **18-25 years old** in August 2027 and would love to experience the vibrancy of the universal Church, a new culture, and life-changing encounter with Christ, we'd love to hear from you.

**Register your expression of interest:** [dow.sh/wyd27](https://dow.sh/wyd27). **Let's start the journey!**

(PHOTO TAKEN WYD Seoul 2027 Expression of Interest)

### **POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT**

**"LET US PRAY THAT CHRISTIANS LIVING IN AREAS OF WAR OR CONFLICT, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MIGHT BE SEEDS OF PEACE, RECONCILIATION, AND HOPE".** (EXCERPT TAKEN FROM [Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Prayer Intentions](#) | [Missionary Society of St. Columban US](#))

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

## **First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**Lord, come and save us.**

## **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**Communion Antiphon:**  
**Stay to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

**DECEASED:** Joan King, Rose Trunzo, Frank (Pino) Trunzo, Michael Parkinson, Patricia Delbridge, Angelo Barone, Jeanette Elchaar, Michael Bernard O'Neill, Howard McGarry, Jacky Melder, Luigi Belsito, Michael O'Neil, Michael de Rosa, Frances de Rosa, Ettore de Rosa, Sr Martina Sarkis, Wilfred Moon, Grazia (Grace) Ugonotti, Elsie Bell, Daniel Hiew, Margaret Tonna, Bruce Cusworth, Rosina Genua, Michelle Crinnion, Rita Bonaz, Peter Stewart

**SICK:** Maureen Green, Fr John Pickering OFM, Lucila Montano, Jean McKeown, Joy Raines, Kara McKinnon, Manuela Manzi-ni, Rhian Yeo, Errol Hansell, Colin Lewis, Sara Giannella, Tony Murphy, Robert Heyman, Vincent King, Frank Zompognia, Alessandro & Concetta Di Grazia.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Eileen Rudd (4yrs), Dan Van Duin

## **ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISHES AND WANT TO CONNECT?**

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND LEAVE IN THE COLLECTION PLATES AT THE PARISH YOU ATTEND OR GO ONLINE TO REGISTER:**

**BULLI:** <https://saintjosephsbulli.com/2024/04/10/new-parishioner-information-form/>

**CORRIMAL:** <https://corrimalparish.org.au/parish-information-form/>