ST FRANCIS XAVIER
ARMADALE

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WEEKEND MASSES
ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

ST KEVIN - Serpentine
Sunday: 9.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES
ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert
Monday & Thursday: 8.00am
Tuesday: 7.00pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 8.00am

ADORATION
Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am

RECONCILIATION
ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert
Saturday 8.30am - 9.00am & 5.00pm - 5.45pm
Sunday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ST KEVIN - Serpentine
First Sunday of the month after 9am Mass

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06/07 DECEMBER 2025 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**

READINGS

First Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Antiphon to the Psalm
Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading
Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

So that we may have

HOPE

Romans 15:4

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

> A voice cries in the wilderness:
> Prepare a way for the Lord,
> make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise 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 the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

ATU AMATO **SMITHA EMPRAYIL**
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Armadale Parish is committed to the safety of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 8 December - *The Immaculate Conception of the BVM*
08.00am - Mass
02.00pm - Frank Duff Prayer Group

Tuesday, 9 December - *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*
04.00pm - Chi Rho Teens
05.30pm - Legion of Mary
07.00pm - Mass

Wednesday, 10 December *- Our Lady of Loreto*
08.30am - Rosary
09.00am - Mass
09.30am - Adoration
01.00pm - Advent Group
07.00pm - RCIA

Thursday, 11 December - St *Damasus I*
08.00am - Mass
06.00pm - Lectors Workshop
07.00pm - Bible Study: A Biblical Walk with Mary

Friday, 12 December *- Our Lady of Guadalupe*
08.30am - Rosary
09.00am - Mass
09.30am - Divine Mercy
06.30pm - Young Adult Meeting

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Please pray for those in our Parish 'Book of the Sick'. *You are welcome to add names to this book in the church foyer and cross out names when prayers are no longer required.*

DEATH & ANNIVERSARY: Prayers this week will be offered for: **Goh Ah Gok, Alexanre Rodrigues, Mariajuraci de Nazere, Richard Oliver, Lani Kaszanski, Josephine Meyrick, Michele Trichilo, Audrey Elliott, Juan Edgar De La Torre, Jakov Zubac, Mr Roland Taylor, Ronald Alpin,** and all our dearly departed, those recently deceased and those who have their anniversaries around this time May all our dearly departed rest in the Lord's peace.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God's family through the waters of Baptism this weekend:

- **Hudson James Rebero,** son of Aidan Rebero and Isabella Donegan.
- **Noah James Barcello-White,** son of Treigh and Eryn Barcello-White

RECONCILIATION: Is available following Mass at St Kevin's this Sunday.

FAREWELL TO OUR STUDENTS: Congratulations to the students at our parish schools who are celebrating their graduation this week. As the school year comes to a close, we wish all our students and their families a safe and happy Christmas holiday season.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday, will be the final session for 2025. A very BIG THANK YOU to the Children's Liturgy Team and to the families for their support!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: *Jesus Youth* is an international Catholic youth movement with a focus on evangelizing young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. Jesus Youth Perth are holding a sausage sizzle this weekend **after the 9.30am** Mass to raise funds for their Discipleship Retreat **"Trendsetters"** which will be held from the 1-6 February. Bring your family, grab a snag/drink, and stay for a chat!!

EL SHADDAI: Meet **this Sunday** in Xavier House at 11am.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS: Are on sale in the foyer following all Masses **this weekend**. Pack of 8 cards $4 | 2026 Columban Calendars: $9.

SVDP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: Please ***return your gifts by 8 December.*** *Alternatively gift cards or cash donations to purchase presents would be very welcome*. These can be placed in the Vinnies boxes at the rear of the church. Gifts and hampers will be distributed to families in our community next weekend. *Thank you for your generous support.*

PIETY STALL: Is now 'open for business' after all Masses. Advent & Christmas items are now available and orders are being taken for larger gifts. Eftpos is available.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER: Acolytes, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Greeters, Hospitality and Altar Servers—**Sign up sheets are in the foyer**, please offer your service at one of the Christmas Masses.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** This solemnity reminds us of the special favour that Mary received, and that this was an anticipation of the redemption that Christ would accomplish for all. Mass will be celebrated this **Monday 8 December at the usual time of 8am**.

LEGION OF MARY: Our ***Frank Duff Prayer Group*** will meet this **Monday at 2pm** for one hour in the parish meeting room. *All are welcome* to join us in this time of prayer and reflection. Members meet weekly on **Tuesdays at 5.30pm in the parish meeting room**. Please come along and learn more about the work of the Legion in our community.

CHI RHO TEENS: *The final session and end of year celebration will be this Tuesday 9 December at 4pm.* A big thank you to all the facilitators who make this faith formation & sacramental preparation for high school age students possible.

RCIA: ***Last session for the year is this Wednesday*** we will recommence on 7 January.

ADORATION: Every Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

ADVENT GROUP: Our group continues this Wednesday in the meeting room at **1pm,** exploring the 'Biblical Walk with Mary'**.**

LECTORS WORKSHOP: All parish readers are requested to attend a workshop on **Thursday, 11 December from 6pm to 7pm** at **St Francis Xavier Church**.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE: '***Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother'*** *The final session for this year will be this Thursday 11 December,* as we reflect on what Scripture tells us about '"The Nativity". **We will take a few weeks break and recommence on 15 January.**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Meeting room this Friday at 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY & CHILDRENS CHOIR REHEARSAL: The parish annual Christmas Eve Nativity Play will be on **Wednesday 24 December at 6pm** (Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm). **The second rehearsal will be held next Saturday, 13 December at 10.30am**. Please ensure that your child attends so that they feel confident on Christmas Eve.

24:7 YOUTH ARMADALE: Our Youth Group gathered again last Sunday with great spirit and enthusiasm as we continued exploring our Term Four theme of Community. We were grateful to welcome Matt Woodford as our guest speaker, who shared thoughtfully about his experience of belonging to a parish community and the lifelong journey of faith, service and connection that it invites. With this session, we conclude our Term Four theme and bring to a close our content journey for the year. We extend our sincere thanks to the parish leadership team and to all parish families for their continued support, encouragement and presence throughout the year. We look forward with great anticipation to another exciting and faith-filled year ahead. **Our next Youth Group gathering will be held on Sunday 14 December and will feature one of the most anticipated events of the year: the 24:7 Armadale Christmas Olympics.** This special evening will include high-energy competitions, Christmas-themed challenges, prizes, food and an opportunity to celebrate the end of the year together in a joyful and vibrant atmosphere.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 17 December at 7pm**. *Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 8.30am & 5pm and on Sunday evening at 5.15pm.* Come along and prepare well for Christmas! *Other times available:*

- ◊ **Gosnells: Wednesday 10 December at 7pm**
- ◊ **Thornlie: Thursday 18 December at 7pm**

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: All parishioners are invited to join us in the church for a special preview of our annual children's nativity play on **Saturday 20 December at 12 noon**. Sing along with your favourite carols and enjoy some Christmas cheer in the parish hall afterwards. *Please bring a plate to share if you are able*. Drinks and Christmas goodies will be provided! **Sign up sheet is in the foyer!**

NEW ROSTER: Has commenced! Please collect your copy from the rack in the passageway.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER: Please collect your roster from the foyer! *Thank you to those who attended the training session last Saturday.*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Thank you to the Altar Preparation Team and the Young Adults Group for assisting with decorating our Church for Advent.

PARISH POST BOX: *The Parish Christmas Post Box is now in the foyer* - to enable you to post Christmas cards to your friends in the parish. ***Please write names clearly and in full so that your card may reach the intended recipient.*** Also please remember to check whether there are any cards waiting for you!

CHILDREN'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CRAFT: A BIG thank you to Helen for organising the craft activities again this year and thank you to Pat and all the parents who assisted, your help was very much appreciated!

CHURCH PARKING TEAM: If anyone can help in the carpark at the 6.30pm and 9.30am Christmas Masses, please contact Tony 0415 732 578

PREP—PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM*: (Formerly known as Chi Rho).* Registration for the 2026 parish sacramental preparation program (for children attending schools other than Catholic) is now open! Registration & Consent forms are in the foyer of the church and on the website. In the Archdiocese of Perth, students in year 3 prepare for Reconciliation, Year 4 First Holy Communion and Year 6 Confirmation. As per Archdiocesan guidelines, students can prepare for only one sacrament per year. Enquiries to the parish office: **9399 2143** or **armadale@perthcatholic.org.au**

St Francis Xavier Parish Armadale

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CHOIR

All those pre-primary to age 14 are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Wednesday 24 December 2025
6pm: Nativity and Carols
6.30pm: Mass

Young people in Year 3 to Year 12 are invited to join the Children's Choir.

Next rehearsal for both choir & nativity
Saturday 13 December 10.30am

Rehearsals will also be held on Saturdays 13 & 20 December!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our young parishioners going to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. It was an amazing trip with 6000 young Catholics who gathered, and who were inspired and strengthened in their faith. Please keep all who went in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

24:7 ARMADALE YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS OLYMPICS

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
7.00 - 9.00PM

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

PLEASE COME DRESSED IN SOME CHRISTMAS ATTIRE, AND DONT FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND AND SOME FOOD TO SHARE!

PLEASE CONTACT JEROME ON 0468 695 932 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

24:7 YOUTH MINISTRY @247YOUTHMIN

Advent Reconciliation

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on
Wednesday, 17 December at 7pm.

Individual confession is available:
Saturdays: 8.30am to 9.00am
5pm to 5.45pm
Sundays: 5.15pm to 5.45pm

TRENDSETTERS

A Discipleship Retreat

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VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE, BYFORD

1-6 FEB 2026

A MISSIONARY MOVEMENT AT THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

St Francis Xavier Parish Armadale

PREP

(Previously known as Chi Rho)

- BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
- PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

AS PER ARCHDIOCESAN GUIDELINES CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF SIX MUST RECEIVE INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO BAPTISM

Parish Religious Education Program

REGISTER NOW!

YR 3: RECONCILITION
YR 4: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
YR 6: CONFIRMATION

A maximum of 1 sacrament can be prepared for each year.

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CLASSES COMMENCE 10 FEBRUARY 2026

ENROLMENTS CLOSE 6 FEBRUARY!