

# Corpus Christi Parish Mittagong/Bowral



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent – Year C

### Baruch 5:1-9

Advent is about hope and the mystery of spiritual power. Baruch challenged his hearers to shift their concerns from the present problems to the future that God would give them.

### Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul correctly understood that deliverance is not the result of human endeavor but the work of God. He realized too that it is important how we respond to God. Paul expresses here his affection for the Christians at Philippi, and encourages them with the assurance that God will continue the work of redemption in them until, "the day of Christ."

### Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. He was to deliver a message of repentance. And later, Jesus would also bring a message of repentance. While John did not fully understand Christ's mission, he was confident that salvation was for all people and was a gift from God.

### Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Monday	7.30 a.m. Mass	Marist Bros, Mittagong
Tuesday	8.00 a.m. Mass	Bowral
Wednesday	7.30 a.m. Mass	Bowral
Thursday	7.30 a.m. Mass	Bowral
Friday	8.00 a.m. Mass	Bowral
	<b>Adoration</b>	
Wed 08.12.2021	8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Bowral

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**At St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bowral**  
**Wednesday 8 December, 2021**  
**6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

### Universal Prayers

- 1 That we may repent of those times when we have been so interested in success that we have compromised our integrity and shirked our responsibilities. We pray to the Lord.
- 2 That we may repent of those times when we have been so eager for independence that we have abandoned our parents and neglected our friends. We pray to the Lord.
- 3 That we may repent of those times when we have been so fearful of change that we have accepted our unhappiness and stifled our courage. We pray to the Lord.
- 4 That we may repent of those times when we have been so obsessed with pleasure that we have ignored our conscience and threatened our well-being. We pray to the Lord.
- 5 That we may repent of those times when we have been so filled with doubt that we have questioned our faith or betrayed our Church. We pray to the Lord.
- 6 That we may repent of those times when we have been so consumed with shame that we have despised our life or welcomed death. We pray to the Lord.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Vigil Mass Christmas Eve

5.00 p.m.	Bowral
7.00 p.m.	Bowral
9.00 p.m.	Bowral

#### Christmas Morning Mass

8.00 a.m.	Bowral
9.30 a.m.	Bowral



#### Sunday 26 December, 2021

8.00 a.m.	Bowral
9.30 a.m.	Bowral
5.00 p.m.	Bowral

Please Remember In Your Prayers

### Mass Intentions

Recently deceased: David Moule,

Saturday	4 December	Phillipa Hannan
Sunday	5 December	Special Intention
Sunday	5 December	Peter Mascaro
Tuesday	7 December	Special Intention
Thursday	8 December	Leila Obeid
Friday	9 December	Special Intention

### Advent & Christmas Reflections

"Blessed", this year's Advent and Christmas reflection booklet is available from the Parish Office - \$5.00 per copy. Supplies are limited.

#### Adoration

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this  
Wednesday 8 December, 2021  
at 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

## St Vincent de Paul Bowral & Mittagong 2021

For Assistance & Help

Vinnies Bowral 0482 678 488 Vinnies Mittagong 0492 447 968

St Vincent de Paul Bowral & Mittagong 2021 Christmas Appeal was held last week but we are still accepting donations.

A heartfelt thanks to those who have donated as your contributions are most gratefully received. It will help us give those who need it a hand up. After this uncertain year, we all deserve a Christmas of joy. A Christmas of laughter. A Christmas like no other.

By donating to **Bowral & Mittagong Vinnies Christmas Appeal**, you will at a local level be able to offer assistance directly to **families and individuals** and, on a broader level contribute to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support in NSW who require specialized care. **Your support will benefit recipients, address poverty and disadvantage in our community.** At the same time it is an **endorsement of your concern and your generosity.**

### How to Donate to the appeal this weekend 4/5 December

You can donate Christmas gifts and food at the Coles Bowral Vinnies box at the front of the store near the Liquor store exit. It will be emptied frequently and be there for the next 6 weeks.

Suggested items are Non-perishable foods suitable for Christmas Lunch, tins of vegetables and fruit rice pasta tinned ham savory biscuits chocolate chips. Salmon tuna and toiletry items

If you have a Vinnies donation envelope you can drop it into the collection plate or return to a Vinnies member or post it or drop it into the Bowral or Mittagong shop.

You can also donate on our eftpos machine at the rear of the church or on our Bowral Vinnies website. <https://tinyurl.com/y6qwsvhc>. Donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Conference members will be outside the church to answer any questions and to thank you for your attention, donations and time. It is **Really appreciated** **Plenary Council First Assembly - Member Q&A Session**

Interested in hearing about the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, held 3-10 October? Some of the Diocese of Wollongong Plenary Council Members will be sharing their experiences and answering questions via a Zoom livestream on the new date of 6 December 2021, 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. The event will also be recorded and provided to Parishes.

Please register [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events) where you can also include any questions or topics you would like to hear about. There will also be a small amount of time given to questions submitted during the event through the Zoom Q&A function. In the meantime, the Concluding Statement from the First Assembly is available.

## Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

More than ever, we need to 'Keep Christ in Christmas'. You can help by purchasing these Christmas cards in the foyer. Packets of eight for \$3.50.

The 100 Anniversary Edition of the Columban calendar is now available for \$10.00 each.

Please put the money in the poor box,

Thank you.

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