

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of
the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 15 Dec 2024

Thank you for your support!

\$3.00



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

How to Donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In the Bulletin boxes there are envelopes. Please fill out and return to the **Poor Box** or send in by post. You can donate by phone 131812 or on line at www.vinnies.org.au. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Last year we were able to help 56 local families with hampers. The requests for assistance throughout this year has increased by 50% so we are anticipating many will request help this Christmas. We invite parishioners to donate items for hampers during the coming weeks. For those in dire need, we need your help. *Please leave your items in shopping bags at the main entrance.* Details of suitable items are on posters at the side doors. The last date for contributions is *Sunday 15th Dec.*

Columban Calendars \$11 and Vinnies Christmas Cards \$8 Pack of 10

These are available at the main entrance. Please place money in envelopes provided and then deposit in Poor Box.

Let us prepare the Christmas Tree

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

The Christmas tree, with its radiant lights and ever-green branches, holds deep symbolic meaning in Christian tradition. Rooted in ancient customs and adapted through centuries, it has become a prominent symbol of hope and eternal life. The evergreen tree reminds us of God's enduring love and the life we are promised through Christ, even in the "winter" seasons of our lives. The lights adorning the tree symbolize the light of Christ, who dispels darkness and guides us on our journey of faith. As we decorate the tree, it invites us to prepare our hearts with as much care and devotion as we prepare our homes, making room for Christ's presence.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church calls us to deeper preparation, marked by the themes of repentance and peace. The Gospel often centres on the figure of John the Baptist, who cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Matthew 3:3). His message is clear: repentance is the key to welcoming the Messiah. Just as we clear away clutter to set up a Christmas tree, we are invited to clear the clutter of sin and distraction from our hearts through the sacrament of reconciliation and acts of penance.

The second Advent candle, traditionally purple, symbolizes peace. This peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the profound serenity that comes from being in right relationship with God and others. Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls us to live this peace in our lives, transforming our hearts and relationships.

The connection between the Christmas tree and the Second Sunday of Advent lies in their shared call to hope and preparation. As we see the tree shining brightly in our homes, let it remind us of Christ's light and the peace He brings. Let the evergreen branches remind us of the eternal life promised to those who prepare their hearts for Him.

This Sunday, as the Advent season progresses, may we take John the Baptist's call to heart. Let us prepare the way for Christ, not only in our homes and traditions but, most importantly, in the sanctuary of our hearts. In doing so, we will be ready to receive the fullness of joy and peace that only He can give.

BLESSING OF CRIBS & DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE - SUNDAY DEC 15

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec 15, we can bring our family Nativity sets to church and arrange them along the altar rails to be blessed. On the same day, all children are invited to put the ornaments on the sanctuary Christmas tree. It will be a time of excitement and enjoyment for all of us.



Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

7/8 Dec 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

*All people shall
see the salvation
of God*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for the feast of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for 'peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125

Response:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

| Rosters—14/15 Dec 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent | |
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| Time | Commentator/Readers |
| 6.30pm Vigil | Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Fil Ciancio |
| 9:30am | Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland |
| Children's Liturgy | Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey |
| Count team | Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers |
| <i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i> | |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | |
| | 30NOV /1DEC2024 |
| Open Plate | \$462.85 |
| Planned Giving | \$473.00 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$935.85 |
| ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING | |
| November 2024: \$2,203.00 | |

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Marisa Conterno

The First Month of passing away:
Donata Tronnolone

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

 **Pope Francis @pontifex**
May we joyfully and humbly cultivate the little seed entrusted to us. We need the patience of those who sow without expecting anything, knowing how to wait for God's surprises.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$578.80

PARISH NOTICES

Volunteers for Christmas Masses Roster

We are seeking Liturgy Volunteers for the Christmas. If you are interested to take the roles, please write your name on the Christmas Roster, which is posted on the door of the Man Entrance. Your support and participation will be very much appreciated

Parish Office Closure over Christmas / New Year Period

The parish office will be closed from 12:30pm on Friday, 20 Dec 2024 and will recommence normal business hours on Friday 3rd Jan 2025.

No Holy Mass on 26, 27 December 2024

There will be no Holy Mass on Thursday 26 Dec and Friday 27 Dec. Thank you for your attention.

Planned Giving Envelopes

We appreciate your continuous support to the church. The Dec-to-May batch of planned giving envelopes are now available for collection. They are placed in a box on the table at the main entrance of the church. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

2024 Archdiocesan Advent Resources available online and in parishes

A PDF version of the booklet is available online at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>. Weekly reflections will be published on the Archdiocesan Mass App (available from the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) stores for free), Facebook (www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese) and Instagram (@adelaidecatholic).

Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross and St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/ Parkside invites you to a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, Second Sunday in Advent, December 8, 5pm at St Raphael's Church, Young Street, Parkside.

Carols on Christmas Eve

All children are invited to sing with the Cathedral children's choir at the Christmas Eve 6pm Family Mass. There will be a rehearsal before Mass. Children are welcome to dress up. For more information: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Christmas Concert

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works.
Friday December 13, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.
Sunday December 15, 1pm, at Church of Holy Cross, Goodwood.
For more details: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/christmas-concert>
E: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

MORNING TEA

This Sunday 8th December
after 9:30am Holy Mass
All are welcome!



CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's League is running a Christmas Raffle on at the Masses on 14/15 December. Tickets are \$1 each. Proceeds would support St Vincent de Paul. We look forward to your generous support.

The Kids' Bulletin

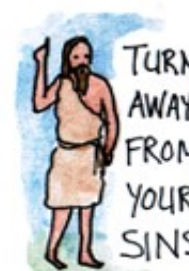


In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for

our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answer to Immaculate Conception Word-Find: HAIL MARY

www.thekidsbulletn.com

Christmas

MASS TIMES

24 December
Tuesday 6:30pm
Vigil – Family Mass

24 December
Tuesday 11:30pm
Christmas Carols and
Midnight Mass

25 December
Wednesday 9:30am
Christmas Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tranmere