

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

6th December 2009

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6

On this Second Sunday of Advent we hear St John the Baptist crying out to the world to be ready because Jesus is coming.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th December Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Tuesday 8th December Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

St John the Baptist called his first century followers to prepare the way of the Lord in their hearts. The “windings” of sin and the “rough ways” of selfishness, the “mountains and hills” of arrogance and pride, the “valleys” of discouragement and despair were to be made right and true and docile through conversion, prayer and a baptism of repentance. This being done, the Lord, through the person and mission of Jesus would come and make his home on the hearts of all who believe.

As this second week of Advent moves us ever closer to Christmas, we celebrate that the world is still experiencing the saving power of our God. The love of God, the word of God, the Son of God is for all people. Inasmuch as we are true to that love, faithful to the word and responsive to the Son we also will see the salvation of our God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

My friends, let us heed the Baptist's cry and make ourselves ready for the presence of God, as we pray.

That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognise in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man, and that the nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That the homeless may find shelter; the hungry may be fed; those in harm's way be protected

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That those without jobs find work; that those who are despairing find hope; that those who are lonely find love

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That the sick are made whole, the suffering are comforted, the dying are filled with longing for heaven especially Liam O'Brien, Margaret Corrigan, Patrick Larkin, Fr Bob Leaver, Andy & Marie Carter, Catherine Flannery, Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll,

Russell Baude, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Lord hear us Lord hear our prayer

We remember our loved ones who have died especially Maureen Burke, Iris Whitechurch, Gerry Gibbs, Gerald Dick, Joan Wilkinson, Brock Choate and Katarina Horvat.

Anniversaries:

Malcolm Nicholson, Brian Esler and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

And Also:

Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel, Peter & Jean Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones deceased.

That those who mourn are comforted

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

CLYDE MORRIS

SOPHIE DEDOUREK

BENJAMIN HARRIS

PATIENCE JOSS

MATTHEW BORRELL

FOR YOUR DIARY

MASS TIMES - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be held on Tuesday 8th December at 7.00am and 6.00pm. There will be a Communion Service only at 10.30am as the priests will be away in Wagga Wagga for the Ordination of Rev Mr Justin Darlow.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses on Sunday 20th December to enable St Vincent de Paul to continue helping the poor and needy in our own city.

YOUTH EXPO

Thank you to all who helped with Youth Expo. Special thanks to those who billitted the young people and helped with catering.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY AND CAROLS

St Patrick's Parish Children's Christmas Nativity Play and carols will be held on Friday 18th December at 6.00pm sharp. Drinks, nibbles and a visit from Santa will follow. Flyer with rehearsal dates and information are at the rear of the church.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

ADVENT PRAYER - AN INVITATION

Parishioners are invited to join for Advent Prayer each Tuesday during Advent after the 10.30am Mass and 7.00-8.00pm at Mary MacKillop Centre (come to side door of St Patrick's Church nearest the Slattery Centre and we will meet you there.) There is no cost. RSVP to Sr Anne: Ph/fax 6021 7427 or email: mmckcentre@bigpond.com

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday 8th December at 6.00pm

A procession with the statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Thurgoona. A foundation stone will be laid for a Shrine in recognition of our devotion to Our Lady. Mass will follow the procession. We encourage you to join us in honouring our Heavenly Mother on this occasion.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas cards are available at the church door - \$6.00 per pack of ten different cards. Columban Calendars \$7.00 each.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Please leave toys and non perishable food under the tree for distribution by the St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families in time for Christmas.

CURSILLO

Calling all Cursillistas. Our Ultreya will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall, Mate Street North Albury, on Wednesday 16th December from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Theme: Figure of Christ. Supper provided. Contact Kath: 0428 578 788.

TERRA SPIRITUS

Terra Spiritus is an Australian Catholic web magazine that provides a refreshing experience of Christian spirituality on the internet. Visit www.terraspiritus.com.au . A subscription to Terra Spiritus also makes an ideal Christmas gift.

POSITION VACANT -

Coordinator of Parish Services, Diocese of Wollongong

Working as part of a team led by the Director of Parish Services, the successful applicant will commence duties on 1st February 2010. An information package detailing responsibilities and required qualifications can be obtained by emailing jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au or by contacting Jane Edwards on (02) 4253 0900. Applications close on Friday 11th December 2009.

INVITATION

The parishioners from St Patrick's Church are invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Mr Justin Darlow at St Michael's Cathedral, Church Street, Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 8th December 2009 commencing at 11.00am. A luncheon will follow at the Police and Community Youth Club Hall, 228 Gurwood Street. Holy hour with Solemn Vespers for the Solemnity at St Michael's Cathedral from 5.00pm.

SNIPPET

It (the power of Jesus Christ the king) is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness.

(Benedict XVI)