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16th December 2018 Gaudete Sunday Third Sunday in Advent (Year C/1)

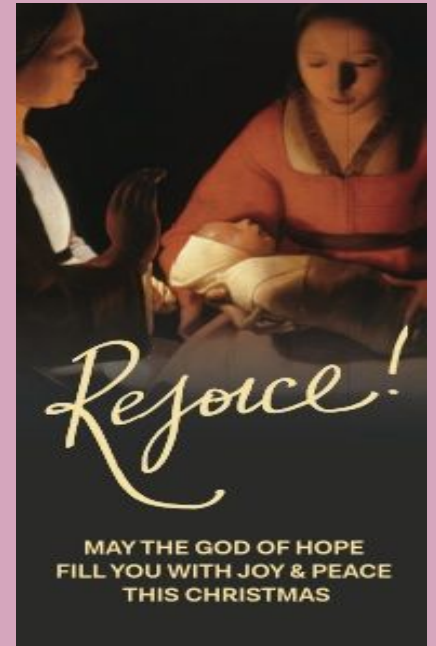
Rejoice.... The Lord is in your midst.

(Zephaniah 3: 14-15)

Today is *Gaudete Sunday* - meaning "to rejoice". As Advent draws to an end, the Church calls us to rejoice because the birth of our Saviour is now very near. Yet, even as we rejoice, it is a challenging call and reminder to be attentive to use the time left wisely, and to prepare ourselves for his coming.

Our Advent preparation is primarily spiritual: the conforming of our mind, heart and soul to God by allowing his grace to work within us. First and foremost this means a commitment and fidelity to daily prayer and meditation - to generously "waste time with God" in his presence. Secondly, a good Confession, as we place ourselves in the merciful heart of the Saviour who came to forgive and redeem us. Thirdly, nurturing our love and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by our worthy reception of him in Holy Communion at Mass. Fourthly, by heeding Jesus' answer to those who asked him in today's Gospel, "What must we do?" to which he relied simply to be faithful to the life and vocation God has given you. So simple, yet so hard to put into practice! But, with faith in God and our sincere efforts, everything is possible.

If our spiritual preparation is authentic, it will lead naturally to good works of charity (love) and mercy (forgiveness) towards others. We could even say that this is a litmus test, because if this does not happen, then there is a contradiction between what we say and what we do.



Mary, Mother of the Word made Flesh and Help of Christians, pray for us, your children. Lord Jesus, help me by your grace to become more and more like you each day and to walk always in the path you have laid out for me. Amen

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm
Latin Mass 12.00pm

Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation

Saturdays 10.00am-11.00am & 4.00-4.45pm
Every First Thursday 9.00am-9.25am
Also 30 mins prior to Sunday morning Masses

Anointing of the Sick

During 9.30am Mass Every First
Thursday and during visits to the sick

Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction

Every 4th Sunday, 3pm

Daily Mass Times

Monday to Friday 7.00am
Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am
First Friday 5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am

Weekday Latin Mass Times

Mondays & Wednesday 7.00pm

(Adoration Chapel)

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Fr Marco Killingsworth

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FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord. I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' He answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before the all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing and is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

"This rejoicing is not separable from grief, for indeed it is rather deeply connected with grief. The one who grieves for his own wrongdoing and confesses it is joyful. Alternatively it is possible to grieve for one's own sins but rejoice in Christ. ... On this account he says Rejoice in the Lord. For this is nothing if you have received a life worthy of rejoicing. ... He is right to repeat himself. For since the events are naturally grievous, it is through the repetition that he shows that in all cases one should rejoice." [Saint John Chrysostom (A.D. 398-404), Homilies on the Epistle to the Philippians, 15,4,4-7]



When the peace of God has come upon us we shall understand God. There will be no discord, no disagreement, no quarrelsome arguments, nothing subject to question. This is hardly the case in worldly life. But it shall be so when we have the peace of God, wherein all understanding shall be ours. For peace is the state of being already at rest, already secure." [Marius Victorinus (ca. A.D. 355), Epistle to the Philippians, 4,7]

Weekday Masses

Mon: 17th December
Tues: 18th December
Wed: 19th December
Thurs: 20th December
Fri: 21st December
Sat: 22nd December

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Jim Kee, Pat Smith, Bron Smithwick, Byron Carter, Sr Pat, Angela Ryan, Patricia Hickey, Patrick Lockwood, Jennifer Speth, Joan Maloney, Peter Kingston, Fr Tony Loth, Archbishop Frank Carroll, Joan McLaurin, John Harrold, Pam Ray, Brian Blattman, Fr Peter Thompson, John Romeo, David Burke, Kelly Jansen, John Dwyer, Rory O'Connor, Nick Dempsey, Miguel Cayari, Margaret Esler, Betty Muntz, Kath Thistleton, Rick Williams, Vivienne Baker, Zoltan Tar, Herman Logue, Sophie Howard, Gwen Rowe, Grace Van-Gaans, Kerrie Mulcahy, Anne Anderson, Danica Peric, Anne Spence, Bridgette Veneris, Lyn Tait, Pat l'Anson, Nora Hill, Anna Toth, Ivan Mejak, Will Carland, Reg l'Anson, Kathy Robison, Ghislaine Valmont and also those we include in the offering of our Masses.

Grant eternal life to: Fr Jim Victory, Patrick Tait, Mary Rebecchi, James Parnell, Tony Peric, Holly Hewson, Margaret Power, Peta Howard and all of those who have died.
Requiescat in Pace.

Anniversaries: Fr Kevin Flanagan, Brian Esler, Brian Tutt, Malcolm Nicholson, Ray Lawrence, Dorrie Lawrence, Lourdes Caringal, Leo Keane, Ellen Keane and for all of our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also: For all of our loved ones who have died.

Baptisms: Isabella Drewson

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE:

PLEASE NOTE MIDNIGHT MASS TIMETABLE CHANGES! Due to numbers attending and lack of space in the Adoration Chapel, the English Midnight Mass Liturgy will be held at 10pm and the Latin Midnight Mass will be held at 12am. Updated Schedule attached.
N.B. The Latin Liturgy is a 2hr Liturgy.

FR KEVIN FLANAGAN'S ANNIVERSARY: The first anniversary of Fr Kevin Flanagan, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, North Albury 1977-2017, occurs on Friday 21st December 2018. Eucharist on that day in memory of Fr Kevin's life and priestly devotion to the communities he served will be celebrated at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Church, North Albury. Shared morning tea to follow in the parish hall.

MINI VINNIES: Thank you to all parishioners who generously supported the 'Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal' last weekend. We raised \$800.00.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Monthly every **second** Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION and RCIA combined: monthly at 7pm 3rd Mondays of the month.

URGENTLY NEEDED: Volunteer workers - Balgo and La Grange/Bidyadanga Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. For further details, please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060, Email: volunteers@broome-diocese.org Mail: P O Box 76, BROOME, WA 6725.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas cards and calendars now on sale in the foyer of the church. Cards \$5, Calendars \$9. Please put money in the paper box.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: EVANGELISATION

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

ST PATRICK'S GRADUATION MASS:

6pm Monday, 17th December, in the church.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS:

9.30am, Wednesday, 19th December.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

<http://web.spaww.catholic.edu.au/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR CELEBRATION:

Following 5.30pm Mass this Sunday, at Noreuil Park.

YOUNG ADULTS: Esencia Young Adults - Every Wednesday night from 7pm. (18+) Current topic is Discipleship centred on the Catechism and Sacred traditions. Contact Joseph Slee 0468546969.

VOLUNTEERS

St Patrick's Parish would like to acknowledge with gratitude the many hours of committed volunteer labour that has contributed much to community life during the past 12 months. A Joy-filled and peaceful Christmas to all.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION VACANT HOURS

Sat 15th 8-9pm

Sun 16th 12-2am, 12-2pm, 9-10pm

PRE CHRISTMAS WEEK

Mon 17th 8-9am, 5-6pm

Wed 19th 3-4am

Fri 21st 5-6pm

Sun 23rd 12-1am, 2-4am

PERMANENT HOURS NEEDING ADORERS

Tuesdays 7-8pm

Wednesdays 3-4am

Sundays 12-2am

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Albury Perpetual Adoration

SCHOOL OF PRAYER: Based on the prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture. Starts with the Ten Commandments. 7-8.30pm at Esencia Cafe Tuesdays fortnightly. Contact Regina 0407 935 815.

SECURITY NOTE: BEHAVIOUR REPORTING: FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE YOUNG AND MOST VULNERABLE. Please forward security concerns or complaints to:
concerns@stpatricksalbury.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE: Currently being upgraded under the supervision of Parish Council.

NURSING HOMES IN THE COMING WEEK:

Della Crt, 9.30am Tuesday.

Riverwood Wednesday 9.30am.

DEVOTIONAL/SACRAMENTAL GOODS:

Church Stores Sydney is helping our Parish Office to be able to retail small piety goods and order larger items overnight from Sydney.

PLANNED GIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

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LAY MINISTER ROSTERS

(4th Sunday in Advent)

ACOLYTES

5.00pm (Vigil) Volunteer Needed Please

8.00am Ivan Beltram

10.00am Roland von Marburg

5.30pm Volunteer Needed Please

LECTORS

5.00pm (Vigil) Terry Josephs, Jan Skinner

8.00am McCormack Family

10.00am Jacob Koster, Adam Koster

5.30pm Chris Ryan, Danny Salmon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5.00pm (Vigil) Marg Merkensteyn

8.00am Peter/Judith Jansen

10.00am Volunteer Needed Please

5.30pm Danny Salmon

TEA & COFFEE

8.00am Jo O'Farrell, Nikki McAlister

10.00am Claire McManus

FLOWER ROSTER: 21-31 Dec

Marg Merkensteyn, Jean Percy

LITURGY SLIDES

(Please arrange a replacement if you are unavailable)

5.00pm Volunteer Needed Please

8.00am Horton Family

10.00am Fernando Family

5.30pm Leones Family

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