



Readings for  
this week:

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



Readings for  
next Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18



## Liturgical Jottings

### Advent Prophets

The Lectionary for Sundays Cycle C presents us with a great variety of Hebrew Prophets: Jeremiah (week one) Baruch (two) Zephaniah and Isaiah (three) and Micah (four). For the weekends Isaiah predominates with one reading from Malachi.

Their messages vary considerably from the verge of doom (Jeremiah) to expectation, comfort, joy and hope. The Prophets were guides to the peoples and mediators of God's messages to express God's love, his covenant, exhort kings and people to fidelity. The Advent prophets looked forward to the deliverance of Israel by the Messiah's coming



## Focus on the Readings

There is another sense of urgency in the readings today, comparable to last week's urgency in the second coming of Christ to the urgency and immediacy on the Coming of Christ for each generation and for all peoples: god fearing and the pagans.

The responsorial psalm acknowledge that both the Israelites and the heathens will marvel at the great works of God in bringing peace and freedom. Baruch, one time secretary to Jeremiah and a prophet in his own right urges the people to celebrate this freedom and peace in the coming of the Lord.

We are to take this marvellous work of God personally. While this is for all nations, it is also for each individual. The Call of John the Baptist in the Gospel is one of repentance and conversion. Each heart and soul is to hear the voice and personally turn to God.

St Paul's letter to the Philippians (second reading) iterates the message for everyone generation, then, now and for the future. The message is one of joy, v. )love (v.) and goodness (v. )

## Names of Jerusalem

In the first reading today the Prophet Baruch presents a new name for Jerusalem: '**Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness**'. Renaming a person or a city signifies God's taking possession and giving a new calling or vocation. Jerusalem has been given these names: •The city of our God (Ps 48:1) • The city of the great King (Ps 48:2) • The city of the Lord of Hosts (Ps 48:8) • Zion (Ps 76:2) • Mother Zion (Ps 87:5) • The city of righteousness (Isa1:26) • The faithful city (Isa 1:26) • The holy city (Isa 52:1) • City of the Lord (Isa 60:14) • The Throne of the Lord (Jer 3:17) • The Lord is our righteousness (Jer 33:16) • The perfection of beauty (Lam 2:15) • The joy of the whole earth (Lam 2:15) • The Centre of Nations, the Lord is there (Ezek 48:35) • City of truth and the Holy Mountain (Zech 8:3)

## Quotable Quote

Christmas: It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## On the Lighter Side

What is the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight? One slays the dragon and the other is draggin' the sleigh. What do you call a dancing, singing elf? A wrapper!



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|  | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving |              |
|                                                                                   | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time            |              |
|                                                                                   | Our sick and their carers                                  | Dante Castor |

## Three Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 6 December

Please carefully read the details for our Mass services.

Vax Unknown services are limited to 50 people  
Fully Vax services are unlimited.

### Weekday Mass

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| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                                |
| Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                                |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown<br>5:00 pm Italian Mass Fully Vax           |
| Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec | No Mass                                                                |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 9:15 am School Mass – Fully Vax<br>2:00 pm – Italian Rosary -Fully Vax |

### Weekend Mass

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| Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | No Mass                   |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax |

### Weekday Mass

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| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                        |
| Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                        |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown<br>6:00 pm Reconciliation – Vax Unk |
| Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | No Mass                                                        |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown                                     |

### Weekend Mass

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| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 6:00 pm Mass – Vax Unknown |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax  |

### Weekday Mass

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                       |
| Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | No Mass                                                       |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | 9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown                                    |
| Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec | No Mass                                                       |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9:15 am No Mass<br>6:00 pm Carols<br>6:30 pm Mass – Fully Vax |

### Weekend Mass

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| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 8:30 am Mass – Vax Unknown |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax  |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10:00 am Mass              |

### Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 11:30 am – Vax Unknown



**Christmas Masses**

**Parish Reconciliation**  
Wednesday - 15/12/2021  
6:00pm

**Christmas Eve**  
Friday - 24/12/2021  
6:00pm - Carols - Fully Vaccinated  
6:30pm - Mass - Fully Vaccinated

**Christmas Day**  
Saturday - 25/12/2021  
8:30am - Mass - VAX Unknown  
10:00am - Mass - Fully Vaccinated

 Sacred Heart Parish  
TATURA

## Grade 5 & 6 School Mass

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a School Mass for our Grades 5 & 6, all parents, family and friends and parishioners are invited to attend. However, you must be fully vaccinated.

## COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Show your vaccination certificate – if attending a Fully Vaccinated Mass service.
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

It is highly recommended that cleaning takes place after each Mass service.

## Parish Gathering and Meal

Fr John invites all parishioners, their families and friends to join with him for a BBQ after the 6pm Parish Reconciliation on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

This an opportunity for us to give thanks and celebrate the end of a difficult and tiring and your continued support throughout the year.

To help with the main meal catering please let Mary know by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, by phoning or texting 0484 332 397.

Please bring a Salad or a Dessert to share (please let Mary know what you plan to bring) also please bring your own chair and drinks.

## ADVENT LEAFLETS FOR 2021

After we have coped with challenging COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

Printed sets of these leaflets are available at the back of the church, or the direct link is:

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets2021-news>

These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on 'The Way', a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago.

## Prayer for the 2021 International Day of People with Disability

God of all people,

You have made us in your image, delighting in your creation.

Help us to see and receive each person as a beloved and unique part of your body.

We are all part of the Body of Christ. You desire all people to use their gifts to enrich the world around them.

Help us to celebrate and support the participation and leadership of people with disability in our communities.

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

You give and sustain life, opening ways of thinking and doing that allow all to grow.

Help us to be inclusive in welcoming people with disability as a vital part of "us".

We are all part of the Body of Christ.

We ask this through Christ, who lives within us and calls us all to fullness of life.

Amen

## Catholic Earthcare

Sandhurst Diocese has signed up to the International Laudato Si Action Platform. Catholic Earthcare Parishes are Beginning The Journey.

All interested in Care for Creation are invited to a meeting via zoom on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.00am – 12.15pm OR Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm – 8.15pm to discover how easy it is to become a Catholic Earthcare parish and work towards the Laudato Si Action Platform Goals.

Meeting will include time for Q & A.

To receive the zoom meeting link contact:

[adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Festa dell'Immacolata Concezione

La messa italiana si terrà mercoledì 8 Dicembre alle 17 al Sacro Cuore Chiesa Tatura, per celebrare la Festa dell'Immacolata Questa è una messa per persone completamente vaccinate.

Italian Mass will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in Sacred Heart Church Tatura, to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
This is a Mass for fully vaccinated people.

## Italian Rosary - Rosario Italiano

Il Santo Rosario sarà recitato Venerdì 10 Dicembre alle ore 2pm. nella St Mary Hall. Dopo il Rosario ci sarà un rinfresco. Si prega di portare un piatto. Possono partecipare solo persone con doppio Vaccinazione.

Italian Rosary will be recited on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Marys Hal. Refreshments after the Rosary. Please bring a plate. Only people fully vaccinated can participate.

## St Vincent De Paul

As we journey through the season of Advent, the Sacred Heart Conference are preparing to offer gifts and hampers to local people in need.

To assist, please attach a gift card or voucher in a Christmas greeting card and place it under the giving tree between now and December 19<sup>th</sup>.