



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44



Liturgical Jottings

Advent Litanies

A Christian litany is a liturgical form of prayer consisting of a series of invocations or supplications with responses that are the same for each invocation. The Litany of the Saints with the response “pray for us” is the most well known one. We have several Advent litanies. Lucien Deiss has four in his book, *Biblical Prayers*. The Advent Hymn: O Come Emmanuel is in a form of a litany. A popular Advent litany by Bernadette Farrell is found in *Gather Australia* 279 & CWB II 253 with 16 invocations; see in second column with the first 10 lines.



Focus on the Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, is so named from the first word (Latin) of the Liturgy: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Entrance Antiphon) that sets the focus for today. There is a sense of joy and expectancy in the readings from Zephaniah: “Shout for Joy”; the Psalm Response “Cry out with joy and gladness”, the Second Reading: “Always be happy in the Lord.” The Gospel, containing John the Baptist teaching on charity, justice, harmony and contentment, admits a feeling of expectancy for the Messiah among the people.

Christian joy is markedly different from simple or exaggerated pleasures and even happiness in its passing moments. Pleasures can be intrusive, noisy, contrived or merely external. Joy comes with serenity, harmony, interior peace. “Joy in the Lord” notes its origin and its final goal: in God. God wants our happiness (joy) and in turn we pray for his care, freedom and peace.

Advent Prayer

Almighty God, you send your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff and wickedness clings even to what is good. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Litany

Word of justice, Alleluia, Come to dwell here, Maranatha!
Word of mercy, Alleluia, Live among us. Maranatha!
Word of power, Alleluia, Live within us. Maranatha!
Word of freedom, Alleluia, Save your people. Maranatha!
Word of healing, Alleluia, Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!
Word of comfort, Alleluia, Bring us hope now. Maranatha!
Word of gladness, Alleluia, Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, Come renew us. Maranatha!
Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for. Maranatha!
Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary, Maranatha! ...

Bernadette Farrell © 1987

On the Lighter Side

The old joke: “What do you call a kid who doesn’t believe in Santa Clause?” “A rebel without Claus!” It has spawned much merchandise including books, T-shirts and “Rebel without a Claus” Christmas cards and stockings.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Marge Glover, Filomena Villani, Leonardo Carrafa, Robert Borrelli, Bill McClough
	Our sick and their carers	

Three Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 13 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

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

Weekend Mass

Sat 18th Dec 6:00 pm Mass – Vax Unknown
Sun 19th Dec 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax

Weekday Mass

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

Weekend Mass

Sat 25th Dec 8:30 am Mass – Vax Unknown
Sat 25th Dec 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax
Sun 26th Dec 10:00 am Mass – Vax Unknown

Weekday Mass

Mon 27th Dec No Mass
Tue 28th Dec No Mass
Wed 29th Dec No Mass
Thur 30th Dec No Mass
Fri 31st Dec No Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 1st Jan No Mass
Sun 2nd Jan 10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
No Reconciliation in January



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

HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

We need volunteers for our Mass services over Christmas. If you could do any of the following please put your name down on the Roster in the Narthex. Commentator, Readers, Special Ministers, Gospel Procession and Gift Presentation – please put your name on the list in the Narthex.

Thank you to Finance Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Finance Committee for all their hard work during the last 2-4 years in renovating the convent. Especially Alex Ranson, who spent many hours project managing the renovation. Thanks to Alex Ranson, Paul Kerrins, Simon Cowan, Tim Nihill, Lou Worm and Ross Kelly. They have all done an incredible job and we thank the Lord for their dedication to our Parish.

Fr John Paul Pasala

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)

Candidate who recently celebrated their Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation



Ebony & Isobelle Worm – Celebrated this on 4 December with Fr John



Antony McNamara-de Kleijn celebrated this in the Netherlands by Father Marc

RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 15 December at 6pm. This will be followed by our Parish Gathering and Meal.

Finance Committee & Parish Pastoral Council

Next year we will be seeking nominations for both the Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council. Over the coming weeks, please consider helping our Parish of the Sacred Heart on one of these committee.

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 15th December. This an opportunity for us to give thanks and celebrate the end of a difficult and tiring year and your continued support.

To help with the main meal catering please let Mary know by Monday 13th 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.

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 19th.

To offer dual benefit please consider purchasing from our local businesses.

Thank-you on behalf of those we assist. Wishing you a very blessed Advent Season