



Sacred
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Parish
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Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Cycle C

Sunday 15 December 2024



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 Springtime of the Liturgy IV

The sources of liturgy from the first five centuries offer the student and the participant a great service for those "who are tired of drinking their water from the pitcher of routine and prefer to drink from the fountain of tradition. It is from this fountain that flows, like spring water, in its original freshness. The journey back to the sources is a marvellous one for knowledge of the past brings the promise of youth and newness for the future. Under the action of the Holy Spirit, says, Irenaeus of Lyons, 'the faith we have received from the Church, like a priceless perfume that has been kept in a superb vessel, constantly rejuvenates and communicates its own youthfulness to the vessel that contains it.'" Lucien Deiss, *Springtime of the Liturgy*, 1979, (intro).

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Focus on the Readings

The Gospels of the two middle Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist. His message last week was: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" and his ministry and this week: repentance, baptism and to point to the Messiah and his mission. John speaks words of advice and encouragement to the poor, the rich, the sinner, the tax collector, and even the Roman soldiers.

In his preaching there is an element of the "apocalyptic" the messiah will come with the winnowing-fan and fire. But there are words of hope and encouragement for the Day of the Lord. These themes are also expressed by the Prophet Zechariah: The Lord is in your midst, he will bring his joy, renewal and love.

St Paul exhorts the Christians of Philippi not to worry. How many times do we hear that same advice, and how many times do we tell others not to worry. It seems to be a human trait, an occupational hazard, an attempt to bring calmness in our hectic lives. We also need to heed Paul's other words of comfort: 'Be happy! Be joyful!'

Excerpts from the Synod 2024

The synodal journey of the Church led us to rediscover the root of the varieties of charisms, vocations and ministries: "we were all baptised into one body and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor 12:13). Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. It introduces everyone to the greatest gift, to be children of God, that is, to share in Jesus' relationship to the Father in the Spirit. There is nothing higher than this baptismal dignity, equally bestowed upon each person, through which we are invited to clothe ourselves with Christ and be grafted onto Him like branches of the one vine. (n.21)



Advent Prayer

The Collect (Opening Prayer) today contains two key words: **Nativity** and **Salvation**. Underling these words is the mystery of the incarnation: the divine one taking flesh and living as fully human. The primary unpacking of the incarnation is that the saviour must be born to be of one flesh with us. From this flows the prayer's understanding of the 'nativity'. The term seeks to focus our attention on the full humanity of Jesus who comes to give us life to the full.

Quote for the Week

I am determined to enjoy each day to the fullest. I don't want to wish away Christmas. I want to enjoy these last moments of Advent and look forward to Jesus's birth with anticipation. *Shelley Shepard Gray*

On the Lighter Side

"Happiness depends upon ourselves." - Aristotle



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Robert Borrelli, Lucia Villani, Filomena Villani, Shirley Gow Bill McCulloch
	Our sick and their carers	

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 22nd December 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
Reader: Dean Filgate
Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Special Minister: Debbie Worm

Christmas Mass Rosters will be available next week.

Sunday 29th December 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
Reader: Rob Miller
Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
Gifts: Barry & Jan Lowe
Special Minister: Connie Serra

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Three Week Mass Timetable

Week Commencing 18th December

Weekday Masses

Wed 18 December 9:15am

Wed 18 December Reconciliation 5:30pm

Fri 20 December 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 22 December 10:30am

Weekday Masses

**Tue 24 December Christmas Vigil Carols 5:30pm
Mass 6:00pm**

Wed 25 December Christmas Day 10:30am

Friday 27 December 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 29 December 10:30am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4 January 6:00pm

Sun 5 January 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am

Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church

Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm

Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$ 467.50



Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month
at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.
All welcome.

There will be no meeting in January



Parish Reconciliation: Wednesday 18th
December 5:30pm

Christmas Rosters There is a sheet in the Narthex for the rosters for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please put your name down if you are available to assist with the ministries. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council PPC

Chair: Deb Turvey

Deputy Chair: Denice Bourke

Secretary: Debbie Worm

Members: Jasmine De Lai, Domelina Phelan, Peter Crombie and Carolyn Goode (Principal of Sacred Heart School in 2025)

"What should we do?" With this question, the Gospel of the day reminds us that life has a task for us. Life is a gift that the Lord grants us, saying to us: discover who you are, and work hard to make the dream that is your life come true!

Pope Francis

I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ. This is revealed in every Mass and Sacrament we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah who called all of the saints of old to rejoice with all their heart.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world, as St Paul urges us "Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near"

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory, and so strengthen all your saints baptized into your Body of the Church, because John the Baptist said "...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

MISA DI GALLO

Misa de Gallo Novena will be celebrated from 16th-24th December at 6.00am at St. Brendan's in Shepparton. Fr Uday will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 18th and encourage Kyabram and Tatura parishioners to attend.

Mass will be followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre behind the church. Please bring a plate to share.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we are invited to donate toys and toiletries for distribution locally by St Vincent de Paul. Please leave your donation under the Christmas tree in the church. It would be appreciated that the toys are not wrapped. Also, envelopes are available on the Christmas cash donations. Thank you for your generosity.



KYABRAM CHARITY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

1st Prize \$100 Three620

2nd Prize \$50 Open House

3rd Prize \$20 Open House

Tickets 3 for \$5.

Please see Fr Uday for more information / tickets

The 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C, also called Gaudete Sunday, is a day of rejoicing because the Lord is near. The readings remind us to find joy in waiting for Jesus, knowing that God is with us. We are called to share with those in need, live in peace, and prepare our hearts through repentance.

This Sunday gives us hope and encouragement as we get ready for Christ's coming.



PRAYER

Lord, fill our hearts with joy and peace as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Help us to rejoice in Your presence and trust in Your care. Guide us to share Your love with others. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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