

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

15 DECEMBER 2024

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zeph 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

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The Lord has repealed your sentence;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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

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

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust,
I shall not fear. / For the Lord is my strength,
my song, / he became my saviour. / With
joy you will draw water / from the wells of
salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to
his name! / Make his mighty deeds known
to the peoples! / Declare the greatness of his
name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done
glorious deeds, / make them known to all the
earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for
joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

The Lord is near.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:10-18

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

What, then, must we do?

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



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15th of December 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S MALVERN EAST
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Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Chapel
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

Confessions:

Saturday	4:30 p.m.—4:50 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:00 a.m.—8:20 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:00 a.m.—9:20 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:00 a.m.—10:20 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	4:30 p.m.—4:50 p.m.	St Roch's

Confessions—will be heard after Mass during the week, including *Saturday morning*.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:

CURRENTLY SICK: Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Angela Biviano, Alonso Castelino, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry John McGenniss

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME: Patrick Aldred, Catherine Baker, Ernest Bishop, John Clancy, Dan Colgan, Ronald Colgan, John Crosbie, Win Dalton, Rosa De Mieri, Francis Devine, Bernard Devlin, Winston Dillon, Val Dunn, Kevin Dynan, Henry Erftemeyer, Finn Gilchrist, Liam Gilchrist, Margaret Ingram, Sita Jayemanne, Stanislaw Libek, Mary Martin, Alma O'Sullivan, Percy Pereira, Rosaria Perna, John Pirrie, Frederick Pollard, Kath Rowles, Elisabetta Sabatino, Margaret Sharkey, Christopher Spreckley, Kevin Toms, Bernard Waters, Harold Watkins, Alida Wissen.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK

Sat	14th Dec	5:00 p.m.	Norman Saxon-Jones, for the repose of his soul
Sun	15th Dec	8:30am	Private Intention
		9:30am	Christopher Spreckley, on the 10 th anniversary of his death
		10:30am	John Pirrie, on the anniversary of his death
		5:00pm	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
Mon	10th Dec	9:15am	Maria Lucarelli, for the repose of her soul on her anniversary
Tues	10th Dec	9:15am	Rose McLay, for her first birthday
Wed	11th Dec	5:30pm	Private Intention
Thur	12th Dec	9:15am	David McEwan, recently deceased
Fri	13th Dec	9:15am	Marisa Cimino, for her intentions
Sat	14th Dec	9:15am	Denise Meehan, for the repose of her soul on her anniversary

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, GLEN IRIS CONFERENCE

The St Vincent de Paul Glen Iris Conference assists with food, utilities, and furniture assistance. If you can, please make a financial donation by using the **Vinnies Appeal Envelopes** which are available at St Roch's church narthex. You can leave it in the wooden donation box found near the Sacristy of the church Or donate on-line: vinnies.org.au On the second page is a box for **"Comments / Conference Name"** Insert **"GLEN IRIS"**. *Thank you for your support.*

CHRISTMAS MASS 2024

Tuesday, December 24th

- **5:00 PM** - St. Mary's
Children's nativity play @ 4:30 pm
- **7:00 PM** - St. Joseph's
Christmas carols @ 6:30 pm
- **9:00 PM** - St. Roch's
Christmas carols @ 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 25th

- **Midnight** - Holy Eucharist
Christmas carols @ 11:30 pm
- **9:00 AM** - St. Roch's
- **10:00 AM** - St. Joseph's

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By your contribution to Christmas Offering, you help to support your priests. Your kind consideration of this indispensable part of clergy support is appreciated. Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the narthex or inside the Church where your bulletins are located. Thanks.

SACRAMENTS 2025

If you have a child who does not attend a Catholic Primary School and you are interested in them completing any of the following Sacraments during 2025, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Jessica Mount on Jessica.Mount@cam.org.au

- First Reconciliation (must be Grade 3 or older)
- First Holy Communion (must have completed First Reconciliation)
- Confirmation (Grade 6 or older & have completed their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)
- Adults interested in becoming Catholic through the RCIA program [The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]

Please contact the parish office on mmegi@cam.org.au and we will send you a form to complete electronically so that Jessica can look after your child or you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, MALVERN CONFERENCE

An opportunity to brighten Christmas for the people our conference supports. We invite you to contribute to the **SVDP Christmas Appeal** after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, 15th December**. Donations can be made in the leaving collection, via the following link, <https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-christmas-appeal-2024> or by scanning the QR code.



Thank you in advance for your generous support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, EAST MALVERN CONFERENCE

St Vincent de Paul East Malvern is assisting 140 households this Christmas. Parishioners are asked to donate \$10 or \$20 vouchers from Kmart, Target, Coles, or Woolworths. Vouchers can be given to members after Mass at Holy Eucharist and St Mary's. 2025 Columban Calendars (\$10) and Christmas Cards (\$5) are available for purchase at the back of the Church. Thank you again for your continued support of the work we do.

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 them 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-fan 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OR II OF ADVENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults

and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

SHARING THE EARTH’S GOODS

This Sunday’s Gospel continues with John Baptist. His voice now becomes more demanding, urging his audience to live in ways typified by generosity, kindness and justice, themes which will appear throughout the Gospel. Those whom John addresses reflect the audience of Luke’s Gospel, including tax agents and soldiers, with a focus on wealth. This will be a major theme in the Gospel.

Luke intends to speak to those who have rank and influence, to bring about change and status reversal, themes that begin here in today’s Gospel. John responds to his enquirers coming for baptism about how they are to live. He encourages them to share their clothing with those who have nothing and food with those who are hungry. This presumes that his audience (and Luke’s Gospel audience) have possessions and food to share. They are not impoverished. When similarly asked by tax collectors—agents of Rome’s imperial household—they are told not to extract taxes beyond what is due. In other words, they are not to become wealthy at the expense of others. Soldiers (again members of Luke’s community) are told to act without violence and extortion, content with their pay.

All these that John addresses are invited on to a path of economic restraint and generosity. This will allow them to be ready for the coming of the one whom John prepares his audience for, and the focus of the second half of the Gospel. Today’s Gospel offers us an Advent moment to reflect on our own use of Earth’s goods and possessions and how we share them.

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