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from home*



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Office Hours: Monday & Friday 10am – 4.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Yr A

CELEBRATIONS: 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019



Monday	9.00am	Mass of Monday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Advent
Tuesday	4.30pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
	5.00pm	Mass of Tuesday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Advent
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Wednesday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Advent
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	4.30pm	Scripture Rosary 
	5.00pm	Mass of Friday of 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Advent
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A
Sunday	8.00am	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A
	10.00am	Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

● **MOM Collection:** Thanks for those who supported our Melbourne missionaries overseas through the collection last weekend. You can still use the envelopes provided.

● **Advent – Prayer Tree:** You are invited to decorate the tree with your prayers written on the cards provided, each time you come to Mass – a sign that Advent is a **time of prayer and preparation**. Use the blank side of the cards provided to write your prayers of thanks, petition, lament, hope, sorrow etc. By Christmas, may the tree be 'dripping' with our prayers. You could prepare a card with your prayer **at home** (with your family) and bring it along to decorate our tree in the church when you next come to the church. Also, you may wish to add some cards with prayers as decorations **for your tree** in your home. *✍ Fr Joe*

● **Ticket sellers:** We need Ticket Sellers for the Combined Parishes Raffle that is a major fundraiser for the Parish. We need to have tickets for sale before and after Masses and especially when the Christmas visitors are with us. If you can help, put your name on the list in the church foyer. Thank you. *✍ Fr Joe*

#### Lectors:

14<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

6.00pm .... P. Wallace      8.00am .... M. Coyle      10.00am .... J. Tibb

21<sup>st</sup> Dec/ 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019

6.00pm .... G. Newbegin      8.00am .... Volunteer      10.00am .... M. Henry

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

14<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

6.00pm ... T. Jenkins      8.00am .... B. Wells      10.00am .... I. Ellwood

21<sup>st</sup> Dec/ 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019

6.00pm ... K. Steele      8.00am .... M. Coyle      10.00am .... M. Beyer

#### God's Housekeepers this Week:

19<sup>th</sup> Dec .... Group A      26<sup>th</sup> Dec .... Group B

#### Counting Teams:

December: Anthony Black, Barry Bramwell & Michelle Smith

#### Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) **\$726.00**      Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$1070.00**

Missions Collection **\$705.85**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ **Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself to come among us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus. All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ **Christ Jesus, you come among us as prince of peace.**

**Come, Lord Jesus. All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ **Lord Jesus, your presence fills us with joy.**

**Come, Lord Jesus. All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

➤ **FIRST READING: *Isaiah 35:1-6.10***

*God himself will come and save us.*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***℟ Lord, come and save us.***

**It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.**

**It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.**

***℟***

**It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.**

***℟***

**It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.**

***℟***

➤ **SECOND READING: *James 5:7-10***

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

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

➤ **GOSPEL: *Matthew 11:2-11***

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

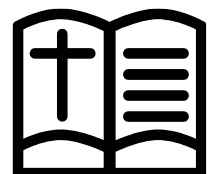
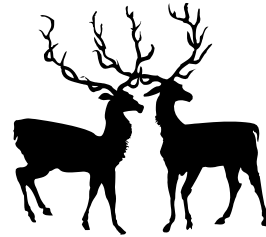
***Please pray for those who are sick especially:***

**Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.**

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

**Please pray for those who died recently, for Bill Gianchino whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.**

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## PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

### Responses during the Mass

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **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 look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) now:

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

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)

**Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.**

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go in peace.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: : **Isaiah 7: 10-14**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 23: 1-6**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 1: 1-7**

Gospel: **Matthew 1: 18-24**

### **WORD of God – are we Listening better ?**

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

**Lectio:** Jesus has instructed the disciples at some length. They are to present the Good News reflecting God's mercy which, in so many ways, is in contrast with the religious authorities – the Pharisees and the Scribes. Also at that time, John the Baptist was out of touch with all that Jesus had been doing, he was in prison, but he still had his followers. John had the authority of a Prophet. How were the disciples to relate to him? His job was to prepare the way for the Messiah, to point him out and support him. John sends his followers to verify that Jesus is the Messiah.

Read **Matthew 11: 2 - 11**

**Meditatio:** Am I convinced that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and my Saviour? Do I look only to Jesus? How has Jesus proved to me that 'he is the one'? Am I happy to stick with Jesus no matter what comes? What does the Good News mean to me? Am I poor enough to understand the Good News or am I too rich that it becomes irrelevant? What do I think a prophet should look like? – today? Do I appreciate the blessings and dignity that I share in as a member of the kingdom of God?

**Oratio:** Pray for deeper faith in Jesus as our Saviour. Pray that all people will hear and understand the Good News. Pray for prisoners. Pray for people who are isolated. Pray that we may never lose the faith. Pray in thanks for all God's blessings, especially those flowing from Baptism.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

**After your prayer** – Weave joy and peace into your Christmas preparations. ✍ Fr Joe

### **Coming Events in 2019 – 2020**

● 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: StVdeP Christmas Collection

● Christmas Masses: 6pm Tue 24<sup>th</sup>, Midnight Mass and 10am Mass Christmas Day.

#### **2020 – Plenary Council Year**

● Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A **new roster** is in the church foyer if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser.





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