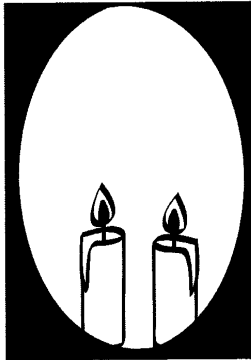




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7th & 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr A

CELEBRATIONS: 9th – 15th December 2019



Monday	9.00am	Mass of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Tuesday	4.30pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
	5.00pm	Mass of Tuesday of 2 nd week of Advent
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Wednesday of 2 nd week of Advent
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	4.30pm	Scripture Rosary 
	5.00pm	Mass of Memorial of St Lucy , virgin, martyr
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Mass of 3 rd Sunday of Advent Yr A
<u>Sunday</u>	8.00am	Mass of 3 rd Sunday of Advent Yr A
	10.00am	Mass of 3 rd Sunday of Advent Yr A



● **MOM Collection:** this weekend an extra collection will be taken up for the MOM (Melbourne Overseas Missions). This collection is taken up throughout the Melbourne Archdiocese to support our Melbourne missionaries overseas – **please be generous**. You can use the envelopes provided especially if you want to claim the Tax deductibility for donations of \$2 or more.

● **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

Lectors:

7th Dec/8th Dec 2019

6.00pm P.Donnelly 8.00am J.Amore 10.00am M.Beyer

14th Dec/15th Dec 2019

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

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

7th Dec/8th Dec 2019

6.00pm ...J.Fay 8.00am A.Wells 10.00am A.Black

14th Dec/15th Dec 2019

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

God's Housekeepers this Week:

12th Dec Group E 19th Dec Group A

Counting Teams:

December: Anthony Black, Barry Bramwell & Michelle Smith

Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) **650.00** Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$933.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:** (as the 2nd candle is lit:)

⌘ Lord, you do not judge by appearance.

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

⌘ Christ, you have pity on those who are weak.

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

⌘ Lord, you hear the cry of those who are poor.

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

➤ **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 11:1-10*

He judges the poor with justice.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***Justice shall flourish in his time and
fullness of peace forever.***



O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

R

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

R

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.

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➤ **SECOND READING:** *Romans 15:4-9*

Christ, the hope of all people.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

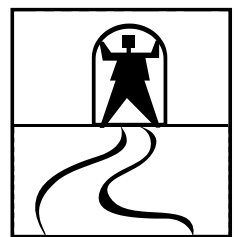
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.**

Alleluia!

➤ **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 3:1-12*

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.



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 those whose anniversaries occur 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 Lord be with you

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.

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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

Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 35: 1-6. 10**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 145: 7-10**

2nd Reading: **James 5: 7-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 11: 2-11**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

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

Lectio: Our text comes after Matthew has told the stories of Jesus' origin, his birth and up to several years later when his family settled in Nazareth. The Romans controlled the country. John, as a prophet, foresaw the fall of Jerusalem. Jesus the '*nezer*' (shoot) was their only hope. A change of heart (repentance) was needed. Neither the ways of power of the priestly Sadducees nor the excessive piety of the lay Pharisees would work. (Note the play on words: in Hebrew 'children' is '*banim*' while 'stones' is '*abanim*'.)

Read **Matthew 3: 1 - 12**

Meditatio: Of what do I need to repent? Is there room in my life for Jesus; for his ways? Am I set in MY ways? What is my image of a true prophet? How is my life changed by my baptism? Do I think I have a privileged position over non-Christians? What 'good fruit' do I produce? Is my life 'wheat' or 'chaff'?

Oratio: Pray for a genuine change of heart – to follow the Lord. Pray that the call to repentance will be heard and people will turn to the Lord and confess their sins. Pray that we will not ignore the Lord who sometimes cries out to us through the poor. Pray that power and influence may not be misused. Pray that our piety will not overwhelm our primary option for the poor. Pray for an openness to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

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

After your prayer – Examine your conscience – what do I need to repent of (re-think) in my life. ✍ Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2019 – 2020

● 7th/8th Dec. THIS Weekend **MOM Collection**

● 10th Dec: Finance Committee meets after 5pm Mass

● 21st/22nd Dec: StVdeP Christmas Collection

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

2020 – Plenary Council Year

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



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