

# FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This week we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Unlike all of us, she was conceived without original sin and its effects. From the moment of her conception she was 'full of grace', a dwelling place of the Holy Trinity and during her life always perfectly accomplished God's will. The reason for this privilege was that she would be the Mother of Jesus. So, her motherhood of Jesus takes precedent over all other titles since it is the reason for all the other privileged graces she received. Her union with God is a model for us (Continued Inside)

## Second reading Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

## Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6

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

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

## Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



# 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT (YEAR A) 4TH DECEMBER 2022



## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard in the joy of your heart.

## First reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion feed together,  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse

shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

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.

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

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.

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

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.

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

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

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

(Readings continued  
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# Our Lady of Fatima

CATHOLIC CHURCH + ROSEBUD

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for us to imitate, and yet is also unique since the humanity of Jesus has come so directly from her. Her holiness or union with God is greater than all other saints and angels combined– if such a thing could be quantified. Yet this does not distance her from us but the contrary– just as the Divinity of Christ does not distance Him from us. Her role in salvation history, and in the salvation story of each of us, is inseparable from her Son. After Adam and Eve fell, God immediately promises us salvation through a woman and her offspring, meaning Mary and Jesus, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed.” (Gen 3:15) This week we read “A shoot springs from the stump of Jesse” (Isaiah 11:1) That shoot, that branch, who is Christ, which would flower into our salvation took life in the womb of Mary, the descendant or ‘scion’ of Jesse, at the Annunciation. She has been part of the plan from the beginning, and will be part of it till the end. And that’s true

of God’s plan to save each of us too here and now. Where Christ is, there too is His mother Mary.

ROSEBUD AND DROMANA PRAYER INTENTIONS:

We pray for those who are sick especially: Hamish Gubbins, Colleen Cooper, Alan Wallace, Amanda Bill, Chrissy McLeod, Jean Robertson, Mick Millman, Raelene Watt, Jenny Brewer, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord’s comfort and strength. We pray for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues: St Nicholas  
Wed: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor  
Thurs: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM  
Fri: St Juan Diego  
Sat: Our Lady of Loreto

COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection/ Presbytery:** Supports our Parish Priest and the priests of the



**MASS TIMES**  
Wednesday 9:30am  
Friday 9:30am  
Saturday 9:30am  
Sunday 9am, 5pm

**HOLY HOUR**  
Thurs 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**CONFESSION**  
30 minutes before each Mass

Archdiocese.  
**2nd Collection/ Church:** Supports our respective Parishes.

PHONES OFF

Please turn phones onto silent or off, and maintain prayerful quiet in the Church.

HOLY HOUR CANCELLED

No Holy Hour this Thursday 8th December at 5:00pm at Rosebud.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MORNING TEA

This will be our last one for the year, so join with us today for this special Christmas theme morning tea in the Hall after the 9.00am Mass. All welcome.



**MASS TIMES**  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Thursday 9:30am  
Sat Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am

**CONFESSION**  
30 minutes before each Mass

FATIMA LADIES GROUP

A reminder to those who have booked for our last get together for the year next Wednesday December 7 at the Dromana Hotel please be there by 12.00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES  
Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud

Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and Midnight

Christmas Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9:00am (5:00pm Mass Cancelled)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana

Christmas Eve Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 6:00pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 11:00am

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

CATHOLIC CHURCH + DROMANA

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WORKING WITH CHILDREN

**CARDS:** For those parishioners who help out in the Parishes please ensure your card is up to date if it has been renewed please advise the Secretary your new details.

PRAYERS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DROMANA

Prayers of the Mystical Rose from 12noon – 1:00pm in the Church

DROMANA WOKING BEE THANKS!

Thank you so much to those who helped at the Working Bee on Saturday morning. Drains and gutters were cleared, branches were cut, decks were stained, a great effort!

SPECIAL COLLECTION - DROMANA

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - 17th & 18th December

REGULAR EVENTS AT DROMANA – ALL WELCOME

- Novena Prayer every Thursday following 9.30am Mass.
- Choir Practice: Every

Thursday at 3.45pm. New singers welcome.

Enquiries contact Sheila Wells.

No: 0466 981 484

- Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Every Friday at 2pm, followed up with a cuppa & chat!
- Monthly Morning Tea 2nd Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass.
- Monthly Prayer Group: 1st Monday of the month 10.00am in the Church. Enquiries contact Jenny Burt. No: 0425 782 621

DROMANA 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.