



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4 December 2022

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11: 1-10 He judges the poor with justice.

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

**Second Reading:** Romans 15: 4-9 Christ, the hope of all people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, mke 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.

### *Seeing and Hearing through Advent*

"*Look and listen!*" these words echo in my mind's ear from childhood and moments of parental guidance. What I've come to realise, over time, is that these are not just words meant to draw the attention and elicit response from children but words of advice for anyone attempting to live a life with God.

They are echoed in St John the Baptist's words which we hear in every Mass at Consecration - "*Behold...*" which might as well be "*Look...*" or "*See here...*"

Then, the monastic *Rule of Saint Benedict* (c. 500) opens with the word "*Listen!*" in the imperative (commanding) form. This mirrors the ancient Israelite *Shema* ("*Hear/Listen*") prayer: "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.*" (Deut 6:4-9 NRSV; c.f. Deut 11:13-21; & Num 15:37-41).

With this in mind, John the Baptist stands out as a great prophet indeed. Not only because he proclaimed the coming of Christ because he allowed and encouraged us to see and hear, to *look and listen* for the way that grace is moving in the world around us.

So, this strange desert character, John the Baptist, who we see feature in today's gospel account, is more than a guide to singers (for whom he is a patron) and parents; he is the ultimate guide for all of us in preparation for the coming of Christ. There is none better than Our Lord's own cousin to know what it means to speak in the words of Christ and live in relationship with Him as His brothers and sisters. Following his guidance and example, we can grow in recognition of grace already at work as we prepare the way of the Lord.

This week, I encourage you to *look and listen* not to the distant approaching jingle of bells but to what is right in front of you and right under your nose.

In peace and with blessings, NPW (Fr Nathan)

### APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE

The Australian Bishops are promoting and encouraging people to give to assist the people of Ukraine during these cold winter months. All donations raised during this appeal will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The focus on 3 areas – Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages and shelter for internally displaced people.

There will be a collection at Mass next weekend.



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Garth Perkins, Rita Vardenega (neè Valente) and Dayma Moussa (Lebanon). May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. We hold in our hearts all those who have died in the Ukraine conflict.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Corcoran, Donovan and Melvin families, Vera Stephens, Msgr Michael McKenna [1974], Fr Justin King [1992].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Lisle Stephenson, Stanley Poon, Ken McIntosh, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**VOLUNTEERS DINNER** All those who have volunteered (and partners) at St Patrick's are invited to come to a simple Christmas dinner and entertainment, so we can say thank you. Even if you only volunteered once, you are very welcome. We will celebrate at the Cathedral Centre on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** commencing at 6pm. Please advise our parish office (4637 1500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au)) if you are able to attend. God Bless.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023** – Please email the office, or call in to collect the program and registration form of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**UKRAINE APPEAL** – Next weekend there will be a special collection to assist the people of Ukraine. The Bishops of Australia have endorsed and encourage people to support this appeal. More details next week.

**2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** now available from Parish Office. Cost \$10.00.

**COMMUNIAL RECONCILIATION** will be offered Wednesday 7 December - 9am at St Patrick's Cathedral and 5.30pm at St Thomas More's.

**Rosters** – Please find blank rosters for volunteers for the Christmas Masses on the table at the Neil St entrance.

**Christmas Hamper Appeal.** St Patrick's conference of St Vincent de Paul will be giving Christmas hampers to assist needy people in our area. We are seeking the generous support of parishioners to donate non-perishable items such as canned hams, Christmas cakes and puddings, drinks etc to fill the hampers. There will be collection boxes at the front of the church from Saturday 26 November until Sunday 11 December.

**Mass in the Maronite Rite** will be celebrated by Fr Fadi Salami on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass.

**Bus Trip**, Marion Valley Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, feast Immaculate Conception. Bus departs 7.30am from Neil Street outside St Patrick's Cathedral. Cost \$40. For bookings please contact Theresa 0434 528 904.

<b>Sunday 4 December</b> [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism Remi August Damian Nenhinnitt 12pm Baptism Brooklyn Grace Dennis 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir practice in the Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b> <i>Saint Ambrose</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>9am - 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite Reconciliation SPC</b> <b>5.30pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite Reconciliation STM</b> 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 8 December</b> <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration at St. Patrick's <b>5.30pm – Liturgy Meeting in Parish House</b>
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	<b>9.30am – Anointing Mass at STM</b> 10am Friendship Group - Parish Office Boardroom 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's <b>8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation</b> 12pm Baptism of Maceson Gabriel Balyuyut
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming</b>	11am Baptism Winifred Louise and Mirabel Rose Power 12pm Baptism Lara Rose Dove 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$1871 Loose: \$932, PayPoint: \$630. Jim Harris, Kevin and Judy Lindores.

**Planned Giving Options:** Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you.