



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year C Saturday 15 December/Sunday 16 December 2018

- First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18 – *With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*
- Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. [Isaiah 12:2-6]
- Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7 – *The Lord is near.*
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18 – *What, then, must we do?*

A Little More from John the Baptist

He is there again this weekend calling us to repent, to turn away from selfish habits and practices, to make room for the presence of God in our lives, be converted! We focussed, during the communal celebrations of Reconciliation this past week, on one particular aspect of this conversion to God's way: a renewed effort to see the world and especially to see each person in our world **in the way God sees them**. God the Creator and Lover of all creation, of every creature, of every human being sees that everything, everyone is Good. We on the other hand slip so easily into seeing creatures as things, often as obstacles to be moved, often as objects to be used as we wish, sometimes as nuisances to be eliminated. And we very often go down the same track in the way we see people: this one is just a nuisance, this one a liar, that one a rival, that one a real "bad egg".

God sees everyone as a unique creature of dignity and worth, created in the image of God's Self!

At each of our Parish Masses this weekend we will revisit this call to conversion in the way we see people, the call to see in every person the Goodness planted there by our Good God and to find words and ways to nurture and draw forth that goodness.

Now, back to John! He doesn't come across in the Gospel references to him as a very flexible character. He's got a spartan appearance, disciplined by fasting and careful eating, bronzed by the sun, coming out of the desert to challenge our ways. A tough demanding missionary figure! Yet the words we hear him using in today's passage from Luke's Gospel seem to value our creativity as much as our obedience to a certain one way of living. John suggests to his enquirers that each of them has a specific gift and opportunity to embrace and use in daily living.

"If you have plenty to eat: Share some of it."

"If you have two coats; give one away."

"If you are a tax collector (or an employer or manager or business man...): take for yourself only what is a just and fair return"

"If you are a soldier: just do your job of service well, don't throw your weight around!"

John is inviting us to think as creatively and concretely as possible about how the scriptures and the traditions of our Church are to be applied in our daily lives – he takes seriously the vastly different circumstances and spheres within which each of us operates. What might be demanded of one person should not be expected of the next.



There's that inspired "process" again:

- SEE - LISTEN..BEGIN with real situations
- JUDGE - REFLECT IN THE LIGHT of the Gospel and Tradition
- ACT with Confidence and generosity, sharing YOUR unique gifts.

Fr Hal

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr Bill McKeown [Brisbane], Lesley Lawton. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them, May They Rest in Peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Neil and Patti Mitchell, Brendan O'Brien, Kevin O'Neill, Fr James Wiemers.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Bev Boundy, Marj Deighton, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, Freda Coorey, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Charles Walker, Celie Brosnan, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Michael O'Malley.

✠ **Congratulations to these newly weds:** **Henry Chong and Judy Liu.** *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

✠ **For all those recently baptised:** **Evie Isobel Higgins** daughter of Peter and Lisa, **Felicia, Kelvin and Ryan Ch'ng, Milbi Wayne Blake** son of Darren and Elizabeth, **Henry Graham Isaac** son of Vaughn and Jacquie. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CATHEDRAL will be held on Tuesday 18th December 9.30am – 12.00pm (pending funerals). Pews, window sills, doors and marble altars etc all need cleaning and polishing before Christmas. If you can spare even one hour it will be much appreciated. Please contact Gabrielle Saide on 4632 4778 (a.h.) if you are able to help.

MINISTERS' ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS: To help with the preparation of the Christmas Roster there are blank sheets in the Sacristy and at both doors of the Cathedral. Please indicate if you are available to be an Altar Server, Communion Minister, Reader, Welcomer or Money Collector at the Christmas Masses. Please let us know if you will be away over Christmas/January. Sheets will be in the sacristy for the next few weekends.

Adoration - each Wednesday during Advent from 5.00pm – 6.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a prayerful commitment to spend a little quiet time reflecting on life and God's presence in your Advent journey. Date: **19/12.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019: Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated in the first two terms of the school year, 2019. Our program begins with Enrolment Masses and Parent Information Sessions outlining the structure and background of the Sacraments. The parish will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The Reconciliation program [Term 1] will begin with a Parent Information Session on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at 7pm in the **Cathedral Centre**. Child minding for this session [approx. 30 mins] will be provided if you are unable to organise other arrangements for your children. Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office. Please contact Mary Schwartz, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish Office on 4637 1500 if you would like your child to participate in the program.

St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of our SVdP Conference will be held in the parish centre at 6pm on Thursday 20 December 2018. New members are most welcome. Contact Terry on 0428 582 205. Please remember our non-perishable items collection – Sunday 25 November until Sunday 16 December.

Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

The Catholic Leader: Please feel free to **take** a copy. If you don't have any money on you, pay next week, or accept it as a gift from us to you!

Plenary Council 2020: Let's Have Our Say!

The next few weeks will include for most of us many opportunities for conversation. Obviously there'll be lots of "how have you been?", "what's new in your life?", "are you planning something for 2019?" etc. **If we make the effort there's a special opportunity to have conversations about the state of our Catholic Church.** Here's a few conversation starters – with more to come on Christmas Day!

- Does membership in the Church matter much to you...to me...these days?
- There are some things I'd love to see changed.
- There are some things we seem to have lost or thrown away.
- I wish we could offer more hope and direction to our families...to our country!
- I still want to belong to the Church but it's hard to stay connected because...

Let's do some thinking and planning towards a respectful discussion when we get together around Christmas and New Year.

Have your say – send your thoughts, suggestions, observations:

by email to plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au

by post to **Plenary Council 2020, PO Box 747 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059**

by delivering or sending to our Cathedral Office (marked Plenary Council)

123 Neil Street, Toowoomba/PO Box 7056 TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350.



**PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM:
Sunday 16 December 2018/Sunday 23 December 2018**



Sunday 16 Dec	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18 Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 17 Dec	Monday 3C Advent First Reading: Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17	9.00am Mass at STM	9.30am Parish Staff meeting – Parish Centre 5.15pm Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday 18 Dec	Tuesday 3C Advent First Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24	7.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass at STM	11.30am Blessing of Marriage for Hazel and Julius Soriano [HR] 5.15pm Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday 19 Dec	Wednesday 3C Advent First Reading: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Gospel: Luke 1:5-25	7.00am Mass	5-6pm Adoration including Advent Evening Prayer 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 20 Dec	Thursday 3C Advent First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38	7.00am Mass	9am Anointing Mass at Numylo 2.30pm Anointing Mass at Bupa 5.15pm Advent Evening Prayer
Friday 21 Dec	Friday 3C Advent First Reading: Song of Songs 2:8-14 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45	7.00am Mass 9am Mass STM	5.15pm Advent Evening Prayer 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 22 Dec	Saturday 3C Advent First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Gospel: Luke 1:46-56	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation 11am Baptism of Jack Pauli and Tia Almaas [HR] 2.30pm Wedding of John Kibble and Amy Harding [+Morris]
Sunday 23 Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel: Luke 1:39-44	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Evelyn Baills [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre

See back page for Christmas Mass times

**MINISTRIES FOR MASS:
Saturday 22 December 2018 / Sunday 23 December 2018**

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Mary Schwartz 0400 655 835	Elizabeth Klimkowicz	Kevin Hoddle 4635 4784	Gabrielle Saide 4632 4778
Welcomers	Peter & Eileen Castles	John Ryan, Vince Murphy Bob Ryan, Joan Coonan	Teresa Frelek	Joe Briffa, Jim Harris, John and Rosemary Keenan
Readers	Kathy Pingel Jon Schwartz Peter Castles	Elizabeth Klimkowicz David Harpham Brian Ridge	Monica Conway Marion Strong	Clare Wilson Barbara Lees
Communion Ministers	Eileen Castles Mary Schwartz Kate Gilloway Robert Cooke Wendy Heelan	Sr Reena John Mary Tupou Mary L Fitzgerald Debbie Ryan Christine Harpham	Helen Hoddle Michael Cook Trisha Ward Leona Parker	Gabrielle Saide Ann Maree Ford Deborah Brody Joe Briffa Kev Avenell
Altar Assist				
Music	Vicky and Singers	CDs	St Patrick's Choir	Tom and Singers
Collectors	Lindsay Fox Rodney Melvin	Bob Hegarty, John Ryan, Vince Murphy, Bob Ryan Bernie Coonan	Brian Strong Terry Collins	Jim Harris, Joe Briffa, John Cronin John and Rosemary Keenan
Counters	This Week: Sandra and Peter Daly, Janelle and Errol Chase		Next Week: Pat Power, Leo and Maureen McMahon, Eileen Stephen	

Collections: 08/09 December 2018: PG - \$2025.20; Loose - \$2200.20

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Today's Psalm [Isaiah 12:2-6]

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.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

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.

ENTRANCE SONG: Now In This Banquet GA197

Refrain:

*God of our journeys, daybreak tonight;
Lead us to justice and light.
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,
Wisdom to walk in your way.*

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light.

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God.

Advent Litany [while placing Advent Candle]

v 5,7,8

Word of healing	Alleluia
Heal our sorrow	Maranatha
Word of gladness	Alleluia
Fill our hearts now	Maranatha
Word of wisdom	Alleluia
Come renew us	Maranatha

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Owen Alstott [sheet]

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mass Shalom

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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

Jesus Come To Us AOV1-148

*Refrain: Jesus, come to us,
lead us to your light.
Jesus, be with us,
for we need you.*

Lord, we come before you,
listen to our prayer.
Fill us all with hope, and your love.

Lord, we come to praise you
for your faithfulness through night.
You will be with us, this we know.

Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all.
We believe in you, come to us.



The inaugural winner of the "Spirit of Catherine McAuley Award" at St Saviour's Primary School is Madeline Moloney. This award will be annually sponsored by the St Patrick's Cathedral Community, given to a year 6 student who shows the qualities of Catherine McAuley. Maddie goes out of her way to ensure all students are cared for and shown compassion. Well Done Maddie!!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass Shalom No 1

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

COMMUNION SONG:

May We Come To Know the Lord AOV2-19

*Refrain: In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life.

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forever more.

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord.

RECESSIONAL SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel GA285/AOV1-174

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

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Advent and Christmas Masses and Services:

- Advent Adoration 5.00pm – 6.00pm Wednesday 19/12
- Advent Evening Prayer 5.15pm Monday 17/12 to Friday 21/12
- Christmas Eve Masses: 6.00pm; **8.30pm** and Midnight with carols preceding
- Christmas Day Masses: 7.00am and 9.00am (No 5.30pm)

