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Dominews

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A December 4, 2022 www.napparish.org.au

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Mass Timings

Rosary Church

Thursday, Friday 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday: 12 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5:30 pm

St Laurence's

Monday, Tuesday, 2nd & 4th Saturday: 12 noon

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am

Calvary Chapel Wednesday 12 noon

Confessions will be available before 12 pm Mass, Monday- Saturday and Saturday Vigil Mass

Parish Office

If you need to visit the Parish Office, please note it will be open by appointment only.

Email: office@napparish.org.au 8344 1347

If you need a priest urgently: contact St Laurence's Priory on **08-8267 2674.**

St Laurence's Priory

Fr Kevin Saunders OP (Prior) Fr Kieran Adams OP Fr Ben Hensley OP Fr Paul Rankin OP Fr William Loh OP

JOHN THE FORERUNNER OF THE MESSIAH

Isaiah is at it again, developing his vision further. Last week we heard him prophesy a glorious future for Jerusalem and the nation and the world. He only hinted obscurely at how this would come about.

Now his vision includes a fresh growth from the kingly line, who will be the agent for this change. It's in gardening language — because of the Garden of Eden? — or the Garden of Gethsemane, under the influence of the Holy Spirit? — or both? A scion is a new shoot on a tree which had been cut down. So the new offspring of King David's line will be such a new shoot. David's kingship has become divided and fallen away from the one God. This new shoot will be a new heir to the throne of David, a 'scion'. (This is a term used even today for the emergent leader of a notable family. Think Packer.)

This king will be a powerful and faithful and just leader. So great will he be that the utmost peacefulness and harmony of the vision of Isaiah will be realized. It will be like a return to the Garden of Eden before the Fall. The people of Isaiah's time thought of him as an earthly ruler.

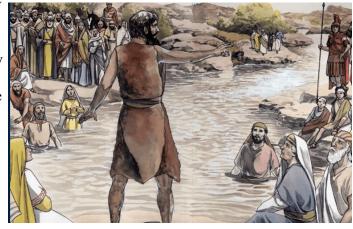
The special figure for the Second Sunday of Advent is John the Baptist. He's no figure of fun, despite his bizarre dress, diet and habitat. He speaks forthrightly, unapologetically, offending many.

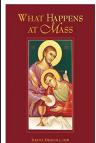
His own 'advent' has been foreshadowed in mysterious ways. Visions of an angel to his father, the priest Zechariah. Born according to a promise given in this vision. Born of a

woman thought to be well past the age of childbearing.

He is clearly not the anointed one

– Messiah, or Christ - foreseen by
Isaiah. But he is a 'cousin' of that
one. His vocation is to identify the
Messiah, and spiritually
prepare the people to accept him,
with baptism for the repentance
of sins. But the best is yet to
come.





THE IDEAL CELEBRATION. In order to think well on a theological level about the Mass, we need to imagine an ideal celebration of the liturgy ... as it is meant to be celebrated ... on a Sunday or major feast ...This ideal celebration should include the bishop as the one who presides at the liturgy... behind every priest we need to see the bishop who has ordained him and sent him...there is really only one priest, Christ himself...there is also only one Eucharist .. that Christ himself as head of the body continually offers together with the Church. The many celebrations of the Mass .. are sacraments of the one Eucharist...the

many bishops .. are sacraments of the one and only priest ... the many priests .. in communion with their bishop .. are also sacraments of the one and only priest... This is called .. 'holy order'. (pp.13-15; next week will wrap the Intro. and ch. 1)

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Advent – a New Beginning for Us?

Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focuses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Our sincere thanks to parishioners for their generosity in supporting last weekend's special collection. To date, an amazing \$5028.90 has been raised. We will provide a final figure in coming weeks.

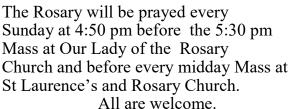
Items can be selected from the Giving Tree and returned next weekend. If you know anyone requiring assistance please encourage them to call Vinnies on 1300 729 202. Thanks again for your wonderful support from Marie and the local Vinnies Team.



MORNING TEA

There will be Morning Tea after the Sunday 10am Mass in the Rosary Church Hall. All are welcome.

Pray the Rosary





Christmas Nativity Play

Children interested in taking part in the Nativity Play featured during the 6 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at Rosary Church, please contact the Children's Liturgy teachers or the parish office for more details.



Divine Mercy

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 2:50 pm in the Rosary Church. All welcome.

Contact Mario: 0412 700 300

Nocturnal Adoration Offered the weekend of December 17/18 in the parish hall. Exposition will begin at 7 pm, Dec 17 and continue until 7:30 am on Dec 18. All are welcome.



We continue our journey through the Season of Advent!

In our Gospel reading, we meet John the Baptist who came to prepare the way for Jesus! John was sent by God to tell everyone he met that Jesus was coming and that they needed to change their lives. In this time many were waiting for the Saviour promised by God in the old Testament. John the Baptist called people to "repent"- which means to turn away from lives of sin- to prepare for the Saviour!

In preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas, it's important that we also prepare by saying we are sorry for any sins we may have committed or any ways in which we may have hurt our loved ones.

PARISH

Knitting and Craft Group

The Parish Knitting and Craft Group will be meeting on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Marie Whitehead for details: 0428 768 333

Amazing Raffle held at Parish Christmas Celebration

\$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets Wonderful prizes for men, women and youngsters.

Bring your pocket money!



Brass Cleaning - Note the change!

We need volunteers to help with brass cleaning at St Laurence's Church at 9 am on Monday December 5 and at Rosary Church on December 12 at 9 am.

Come along, enjoy a cuppa (and perhaps some cake!)

Many hands make light work.

Penitential Service

December 14 at 7 pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church

The Penance Service is not Reconciliation, but is designed to lead to Reconciliation (Confession) which will follow immediately for those who wish.

ARCHDIOCESE



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the

will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au *There will be a special collection next weekend*.

Pathways Snack-N-Chat

'Snack and Chat' opportunities for young people to gather, meet up with each other and informally consider your life's pathways whatever that may be. For further information jenny.seal@olshaustralia.org.au

Golden Jubilee Mass

Friends and parishioners would be most welcome to join Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood in the Norwood church on December 9, 1972. We will celebrate Mass at the St Ignatius Church, Norwood, at the 10am Mass on Sunday December 11, followed by light refreshments in the Hall. Your presence and prayers for his ministry would be much appreciated.

Please pray for:

The recently deceased: Anthony Docherty,
Denis Connolly, Denis O'Connell, Hannah Thaliath,
Pellegrino Parella, Josip Tokic, Ulderico Mignone,
Mel Mullins, Raj Mampilly, Wilhelm Scharfbillig,
Zahra Morton, Mary Alice Carbonera, Jason Thomas,
Harry Ainslie, Ettore Cavallaro, Regina Balbina W,
Rosaria Lombardi, Mary Marshall, Margaret Kameniar,
Maria Corsini, Armando Ferraro, Anne Marie Nemeth,
Maria Alessi, Brian McDonald, Maria Szumylo,
Paul Mahoney, Jade Creswell, Peter Modra

Those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:

Deceased members of the Bassani Family,
Helen Fay Calbert, Antonio Morelli & the deceased
members of the Morelli and Carrozza families,
Alan Butterfield, Giuseppe & Mafalda Forte,
Gabriel DeNardis, Bartolomeo Maiorana,
Carmela Magliaro, Phyl & John Elwood,
Winifred Smith, William Liddle, Michael Smiley
Deceased members of the Canil Family,
Deceased members of the Didone Family,
Clarice Hope Smith & William Benjamin Smith,
Guerino & Annunziata Rinaldi, Luigi Romanelli,
Domenica & Feilippo Cittadini, Felix Saldavia Sr,
Nazzarena & Pietro Vallorani, Giuseppina Klemse,
Ferdinando & Giulia Albertini

Those who are sick: Please keep in your prayers Fr David Halstead OP, Baby Amelia Nikolovski, Charalambros Popadopoulos, Angela, Toni Iop, Tam Thi Thu Pham, Anne Winders, Ray Bishop, Tracy Mifsud, Berryl Wannut, Iolanda Pellegrini, the Olesinski family, Hank Dee, members of the Von der Borch family, David & Luciano Vignogna

Baptisms: Sienna Morrison, Florence Di Bartolomeo **Weddings:** Ellen Kierl & Joseph Pollard

To have the names of your loved ones printed in the weekend bulletin, please contact the office no later than Wednesday afternoon of that week.

2nd Collection 26/27 November

\$ 533.00
\$ 1507.75
\$ 396.30

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Today's Readings 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Entrance Antiphon

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.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul Romans 15:4-9 to the Romans

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 3:1-12

Communion Antiphon

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

Responsorial Psalm

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.

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.

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.

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

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



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