



Our Lady of the Rosary Church
14 Barker Rd, Prospect 5082

Dominews

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A
December 11, 2022
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St Laurence's Church
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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:
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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
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ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME?



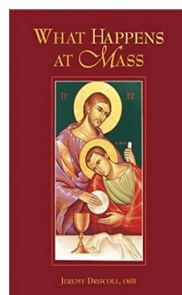
John the Baptist seems to wonder how come he is in prison. He has already pointed out Jesus as the one who will, as quoted last week, 'clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out' (Matthew 3:12) According to the words of Jesus read today, John is right to think of himself as the wheat, not the chaff: 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.' (Matthew 11:11)

So why is he in prison? Did he make a mistake? And why is Herod getting away with wrongdoing? Why does this foreign king have such power over one of God's chosen people? Is Jesus going to do anything about this?

Many of us could sympathise with John. There are many things which make our lives difficult or seem unbearable. We can think, 'why does God let this happen?' Even if we are ok, we know those who suffer undeservedly, or whose stories we read which move us with sorrow, and sometimes with anger.

What happens to John the Baptist? Jesus' answer reassures him that he, John, was right. The evidence is in the works of Jesus. But the most important of these is that 'the Good News is proclaimed to the poor' and faith in him brings happiness. John, than whom there is none greater born of woman, is surpassed by the least in the kingdom of heaven. So the person of Jesus is greater than mere works of healing, raising from the dead.

'The poor' we understand to mean everyone 'born of woman' – except Jesus himself. He is unique. He is the rich one whose riches are shared with everyone who puts their faith in him. That is the call of Advent to us today – and every day. As someone said, every day is Christmas day, so every season is Advent, on the lookout for the Lord.



THE IDEAL CELEBRATION. It is important to remember, however, that Christ shares his priesthood with all the baptised. If the bishop or priest at the head of the Eucharistic assembly is meant to be a sign of the one priesthood of Christ, all his words and actions during the rite are geared toward uniting the people with him in what he is doing. That is, Christ's priesthood exists for the sake of his people. Precisely in the Mass Christ wishes to unite all his people with himself in his priestly act of offering himself to the Father for the sake of the world. In this sense all of Christ's people are priests, not because they represent his one and only priesthood as bishops and priests do, but because they are united with him in his priestly act. (cf. 1 Peter 2: 5,9) (pg.16) *After Christmas, we will begin a walk through the Mass from beginning to end.*



MARRIAGE MATTERS

Cherish the gift

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' coming. When Jesus came, the Magi brought gifts. We are preparing gifts for family and friends.

When you married, and every day since, you have gifted yourself...entrusted yourselves ...to each other; do you still cherish the gift? How much has trust helped you on your journey together? Thank the Lord!



MORNING TEA

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

Pray the Rosary



The Rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 4:50 pm before the 5:30 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and before every midday Mass at St Laurence's and Rosary Church. All are welcome.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Our sincere thanks to parishioners for their generosity in supporting the special collection for the Christmas Appeal. \$5428.90 was raised. 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.



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.

JOY!

Did you notice what colour the Advent candle is this week? The third week of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday". The word "Gaudete" means joy! To symbolize this joy as we wait for our Saviour, we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath! We're halfway to Christmas and the focus on joy is a reminder for all of us that we are preparing ourselves this Advent for the coming of the True Joy of Christmas.



Christmas Mass Times

St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide

December 24: 8 pm (Vigil Mass)

December 25: 9 am
11 am

Our Lady of the Rosary, Prospect

December 24: 6 pm (Vigil with Nativity Play)

December 25: Midnight
8 am
10 am



Christmas Carols Service

St Cuthbert's Anglican Church (49 Prospect Road, Prospect) invites you to take part in their Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, December 18 at 7 pm. There will be prayers, Bible readings and singing. All are welcome.

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



Madeline Primavera married Jacob Leake at St Laurence's Church on Saturday 3 December. Congratulations!

Brass Cleaning - Note another change!

We need volunteers to help with brass cleaning at Rosary Church at 1 pm (*not 9 am as previously advertised*)
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 this weekend.

ARCHDIOCESE (continued)

Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop

- Special Christmas gift stall during December
- Handcrafted cards for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements, sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, Communion and Marriage)

Most of the above items are also available online: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au. A 'click and collect' option is available.

Please pray for:

The recently deceased: Alessio Maiorana, Anthony Docherty, Denis Connolly, Denis O'Connell, Hannah Thaliath, Pellegrino Parrella, 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:

Nina Stenta, Concetta Di Francesco, Emilia Alimonti, Stanislaw Kapinski, Deceased members of the Bassani Family, Helen Fay Calbert, Antonio Morelli & the deceased members of the Morelli and Carozza 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 Marion Hiosan, 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: Domenic De Blasio, Romeo Cerella
Weddings: Madeline Primavera & Jacob Leake

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 3/4 December

Planned Giving Envelopes:	\$ 478.00
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	\$ 1390.90
St Laurence's Church	\$ 425.90
	\$ 2294.80

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Today's Readings
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Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

A reading from the letter of St James *James 5:7-10*

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 11:2-11*

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Responsorial Psalm

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



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