



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

Dominews

3rd Sunday of Advent
Year B

December 17, 2023

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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

Wed School Term
7:45 am

Wed School Hols and
every Saturday
8:30 am

Sunday:
9 am, 11 am

Friday 7 pm
Adoration and
Confession

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 Peter Toan Nguyen
OP
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Fr Kieran Adams OP
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Fr Paul Rankin OP



What does 'the Lord is at hand' mean? In what sense must we understand this 'closeness' of God? The Church, illumined by the Holy Spirit, already at that time understood increasingly better that God's 'closeness' is not a question of space and time but rather of love: love brings people together! This coming Christmas will remind us of this fundamental truth of our faith and in front of the manger we shall be able to savour Christian joy contemplating in the newborn Jesus the Face of God who made himself close to us out of love. (Pope Benedict XVI)

Last week we heard the witness given by John the Baptist according to the Gospel of Mark. Today we hear the same witness described, from a rather different angle, in the Gospel of John.

Such was the stature of John the Baptist in the Jewish world of the time that it was important for the early Christian believers to sort out the relationship between John and Jesus. Texts such as the one we have today show John making clear his own specific – and subordinate – role. [In the Jewish culture of the day pupils carried their teacher's sandals as a mark of respect. John places himself in an even lower category when he disclaims even this role.]

As the Fourth Gospel insists from the start, Jesus is the 'light of the world' (Jn 1:4-5) His coming into the world replays the conquest of darkness by light that marked the very first act of God in creation (Gn 1:3-5). Wherever Jesus speaks or performs healing acts ('signs') – whether in the Gospel or later in the sacramental life of the Church – we are to understand it as the light overcoming the darkness, communicating to human beings God's gift of eternal life.

John's task is to point out Jesus as the One who will fulfil this role. Beyond identifying Jesus to his own disciples, he is also a witness in that he 'vocalises' the witness of Scripture (Old Testament) to the coming of Jesus. He is the 'voice in the wilderness' of which Isaiah spoke, calling for the preparation in human hearts of a 'way' for the Lord.

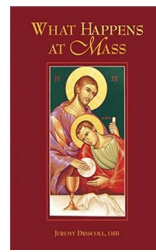
Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 'Sharing the Treasure', St Paul's Publications, 2023, p. 78.



MARRIAGE MATTERS

We Have Been Anointed by God

A TV programme poses the question: 'Who do you think you are?' When John, baptising in the desert, was asked this question, to paraphrase he replied: "I am a voice, drawing attention to something greater than you can see or hear." Our marriages are like this! We are a 'sign' radiating God's love for all His people.



THE CREED After the homily the profession of faith is said on Sundays and solemnities. [It is] a summary of the Church's way of reading the scriptures ... before adults were baptised in the name of the Trinity they had first to profess faith in the Holy Trinity, .. in the persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit .. in the divine life revealed to us in the death and Resurrection of Jesus, as this is preached and known in the Church that comes from the apostles... The Church is the context in which the divine life of the Trinity is shared with its members for 'the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come' [Nicene Creed] .. Baptism and the faith into which we were plunged at Baptism are the only doors through which we can enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist that is about to begin. (pp. 55-57)

Nocturnal Adoration - Parish Hall

Exposition will begin at 7 pm, Dec 16 and continue until 7:30 am on Dec 17. All are welcome.
Contact Mario: 0412 700 300

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

Be Happy, Be Thankful and Pray!

In the second reading, we learn that God expects us to be happy at all times, pray constantly and give thanks to God for everything. That means we should thank God when things are good and when things are bad. You might wonder how we can be thankful when things don't go our way. Let's imagine your sports team has won a game. It's easy to be thankful in that situation, isn't it? But what if your team lost? What could we thank God for then? We could thank Him for our good health which lets us play well and have fun together. Let's look at another example. It's a rainy day and you're stuck inside, not able to go out and play. Well, we could be thankful for the rain which will help the grass and beautiful trees and plants to grow. See? Whether things are good or bad, we can always thank God for something. That's why Paul tells us to "Give thanks in all circumstances."

The Bible talks a lot about why it is important to be thankful. God wants us to live with joy, and to be contented for the things that we have in our lives. This also keeps us from wanting things that we don't have or that we don't need. And we want to appreciate the blessings He has given us. What are some things you are thankful for?

Let's pray and give thanks now.

Father God, we thank You for being a good God. You are so good that no matter what happens, we can always thank You for something. Help us to see the good in every situation so that we can always give You thanks. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Thank You God, for everything.



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



Parish Calendar

Dec 16-17	7 pm Nocturnal Adoration in Parish Hall
Dec 18	9 am Brass Cleaning at St Laurence's
Dec 22	4 pm Nativity Play Rehearsal at Rosary
Dec 22	7 pm Adoration & Confessions at St Laurence's
Dec 23	12 pm Mass at St Laurence's

Join us in Praying the Rosary

Rosary Church:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm before the 6 pm Mass
Wherever there is midday Mass:
Monday - Saturday before the midday Mass

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from December 21. In the event of an emergency please contact the Priory.

Do you have a spare half hour once a month?

We are looking to increase the number of parishioners involved in drafting the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful. At present this is a commitment every fifth week and should take no more than 30 minutes. The individual who has drafted the petitions forwards them to the Parish Office via email. If you would like to be involved or would like more information please contact Pat Moylan on 0432 403704. Thanks in anticipation!

Nativity Play at the 6 pm Mass on December 24

Any children who would like to be part of the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve should attend the rehearsal in the Rosary Church on Friday December 22 at 4 pm



Bequests

Generosity of spirit is an important part of what Living Catholic is all about. Leaving a bequest epitomises this spirit and reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver.

Naturally you should always consider immediate family and friends first, but we would be incredibly grateful for any support that you can provide.

Bequests can be in favour of the

North Adelaide Prospect Parish or in favour of the Dominican Fathers. Contact the Parish office for more information.

Please pray for:

Recently deceased: Patricia Bright, Gino Romaldi, Margaret Lean, Sister Margaret Hocking OCD, Fiore Garzarella, Fr Michael Doherty, Olimpia Santorufo, Mons. Robert Aitken, Claudia Schinella, Steven McInerney, Maria Daniele, Fr David Halstead OP, Sr Eduarda, Giovanni Canil, Maria Romano, Olivia Tyrrell, Elicita Gelsano, Hank Dee, John Benyk, Robert Smyth, Toni Iop, Mons Robert Egar, Jim Miranda, Claudia Cappello, Shefica Abbas-Saber, Mary Potter-Medwell, Beneto Ventrice, Thomas Rymill

Those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:

Rosa Curtale, Molly & Ivan Oswald, Nina Stenta & Concetta Di Francesco, Patricia Membrebe, Kathleen Grace Kelly, Gabriel DeNardis, Alessio Maiorana, Helen Fay Calbert, Antonio Morelli, Lorenzo Di Ciocco, Doreen D'silva, Mario Morelli, Pellegrino Parrella, Fleur Zaltrom, Rose Brincat, Carmela Magliaro, Peter Paul Pace, Roberto & Primetta Maria Reppucci, Deceased members of Nguyen and Do families, Giuseppe & Mafalda Forte, Helen & John Portelli, John & Carmen Borg, Charles and Mary Borg, Elide & Gino Gazzola, Deceased members of the Canil Family, Bartolomeo Maiorana, Clarice Hope Smith, William Benjamin Smith, Ron Washington, Reg Harris, Carmela Magliaro, Deceased members of the Didone Family, Luigi Romanelli, Deceased members of the McGowan Family, Olivia Siobhan Kennefick, George Pereira

Those who are sick: Please keep in your prayers Julie Cooper, Derek Stacy, Leanne Worrell, Tom Allen, Vincent Allen, Lucy Sloane Tran, Rosa Dathici, Fletcher Adams, John Perry, Maria Antonelli, Anthony Rissi, Maria Stilie, Domenico Carrotti, Ann Gibbings, Marion Hiosan, David Vignone, Charalambros Popadopoulos, Angela, Tam Thi Thu Pham, Ray Bishop, Berryl Wannut, Iolanda Pellegrini, the Olesinski family, the Van-der Borch family

Baptisms: Alessia Caruso, Marcella Leonardis, Alia & Luca Guarino

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 9/10 December

Planned Giving Envelopes:	\$ 427.00
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	\$1298.60
St. Laurence's Church	<u>\$ 385.95</u>
	\$2111.55

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

This Week'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 61:1-2, 10-11*
 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

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 John *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

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

My soul glorifies the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
 He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
 henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
 Holy his name!
 His mercy is from age to age,
 on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,
 sends the rich away empty.
 He protects Israel, his servant,
 remembering his mercy.

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38



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