

# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

16 December 2018

## First Reading Zep 3:14-18

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

## Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

*(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and  
Holy One of Israel.*

1. 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. *(R.)*
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to  
his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
3. 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. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in  
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident

to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is  
no need to worry; but if there is anything  
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of  
God, which is so much greater than we can  
understand, will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News  
to the poor.*

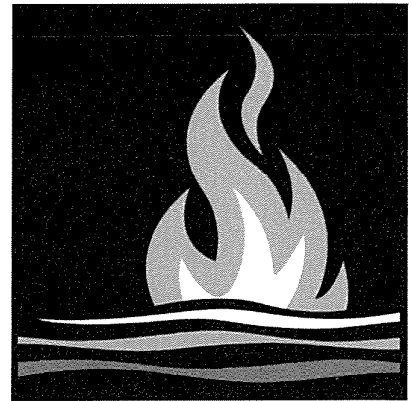
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 3:10-18

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What  
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has  
two tunics he must share with the man  
who has none, and the one with something  
to eat must do the same.' There were tax  
collectors too who came for baptism, and  
these said to him, 'Master, what must we  
do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than  
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in  
their turn, 'What about us? What must we  
do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No  
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among  
the people, who were beginning to think  
that John might be the Christ, so John  
declared before them all, 'I baptise you with  
water, but someone is coming, someone  
who is more powerful than I am, and I am  
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he  
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his  
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into  
his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire  
that will never go out.' As well as this, there  
were many other things he said to exhort  
the people and to announce the Good News  
to them.



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philipians announces that the is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

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# HOLY TRINITY

## CATHOLIC PARISH

Incorporating the worship communities of

Holy Trinity      Our Lady Star of the Sea      Holy Family  
34 Stevens St      68 John Dory Drive      101 Hitchcock Ave  
Queenscliff      Ocean Grove      Barwon Heads

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### PASTORAL TEAM

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCEAN GROVE: Tue & Thu 9:15am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Wed & Fri 9:15am  
BARWON HEADS: Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 9-10am (Reconciliation)

GEELONG: St. John of God Hospital Thu 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION  
<http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au>

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
PLEASE SEE BELOW.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your help as we continue to update our parish records to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and addresses for everyone.

*With gratitude – Fr Darien and Daniella*

**Recently Deceased:** Michael John Beavis O.A.M., Denise Love, Maureen Richards (relative of Geraldine Richards)

### Anniversaries 16<sup>th</sup> December to 22<sup>nd</sup> December:

Josepha Koster, Kathleen McLean, Sr Annuntiata Larkins, Kevin Murray, Gus Knappstein, Freda Jones, Joseph Wilkins, Hilda Graham, Des Sullivan, John Charleston, Thelma Hirst, Jack van Elst, Margaret Vagg, Gladys McDonald, James Collins, David Hanlon.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poulos, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Mary Pace, Josh Walsh, Rev Deacon Allan Ansell, Denise Johnston, Lorraine Lang, Ian Briggs, Jill Hamblin, Bob & Kay Freyne, Vera Pollard, Susan Gibson.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your obligation on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COMMENTATORS (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

### BARWON HEADS: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6:00pm:

(C) T. Soppitt (L) J. Soppitt (SM) T. Dunell  
(W) M. Frisch, R Kavenagh

### OCEAN GROVE: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 9:00am:

(C) J. Fitzpatrick (L) E. Frazer (SM) N. Ansell, L. Horner  
(W) J & B Thom

### SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 4, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

E. Simpson, J. Considine

### QUEENSCLIFF: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 11:00am:

(C) M.C. Hoare (L) E. Bollard (SM) T. Philp (W) P. Cox

### COUNTERS: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am:

F. Neville, P. Robinson

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

**Expressions of interest for counters:** any Parishioners interested in assisting our current counting teams on Mondays, please email Daniella.

**2019 Columban Calendars & Christmas cards are now on sale:** Calendars \$9.00 each; Christmas Cards \$7.00 for packet of 10.

**Children's Liturgy** will be held each Sunday during Advent at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ocean Grove.

**Calling all musicians!** Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to share your talent with our community? There is no age barrier, so if you are learning to play the piano, guitar, etc, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office.

**After school care program** will be going ahead in 2019; for grades 3-6 state school students receiving sacraments within our Parish. Any further queries, please contact Lynne Horner on 5251 5819.

**The Bellarine Ecumenical Choir** are holding a Fresh Produce Stall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January after 11am Mass in Queenscliff. All homemade/grown produce at very reasonable prices.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- Christmas Eve, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:
  - 5:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff
  - 6:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
  - 8:30pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads
- Christmas Day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:
  - 9:00am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
  - 10:30am Mass with Carols at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
  - 11:00am Mass with Carols at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Queenscliff

Interested in advertising your business or services in our weekly bulletin?

Please contact Daniella for more information.



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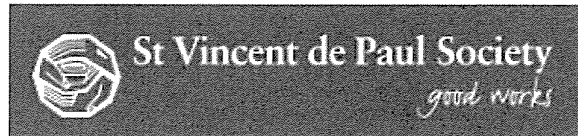
Contact Majella O'Connor and the Team for an appointment, service or advice.

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## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Feria**

*Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent*

- 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
- 6:00pm St Aloysius Primary School Christmas Concert in Queenscliff Town Hall

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Feria**

*Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent*

- 9:00am St Aloysius School Graduation Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Queenscliff
- 9:00am Our Lady Star of the Sea School Graduation Assembly at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove
- 12:00pm Our Lady Star of the Sea School Graduation Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
- 7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Feria**

*Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent*

- 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Feria**

*Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent*

- 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Feria**

*Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent*

- 9:00-10:00am Reconciliation at Holy Family, Barwon Heads
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

- 9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
- 11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

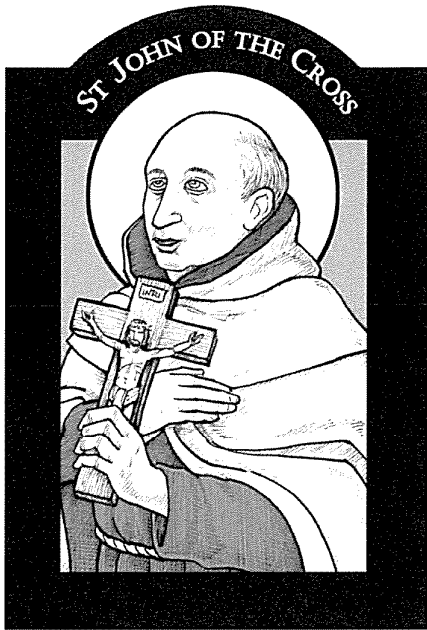
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## ADVENT PRAYER

Be still  
Be still and know  
Be still and know that I am  
Be still and know that I am your God.  
God of this Advent time  
As we watch, wait, long and hope,  
Awaken our hearts to your presence  
Encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly  
to each other  
Inspire in us the words to speak boldly  
with each other  
Create within us a spirit of discernment  
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our  
journey to the Plenary Council.  
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—  
God-with-us. Amen.

What do you think God is asking of us  
at this time in Australia?  
Visit [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)





**S**t John of the Cross was born into a poor Spanish family in 1542. After attending a Jesuit college, he joined the Carmelite Order, studied theology and was ordained a priest at the age of 25. St Teresa of Avila encouraged him to join the Discalced Carmelite Reform, which provided two houses for friars. But after several years he was seized and imprisoned by the Calced Carmelite friars, who rejected the reform. St John of the Cross was a mystic and poet, and it was during his captivity that he wrote some of his finest work. He eventually escaped and founded a college at Baeza. St John is regarded as a Doctor of Mystical Theology, and was officially declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.



# Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| baptise   | Messiah   | share    |
| different | money     | soldiers |
| fire      | sandals   | teacher  |
| food      | satisfied | water    |

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John, the son of Zechariah baptised people in the River Jordan to prepare them for the arrival of God's chosen one, Jesus. Draw John baptising one of the people in the river.

