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| **HOMILY**  **CREED**  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.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  **OFFERTORYHYMN**  **48. MICAH’S THEME**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:  fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:  fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. | **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,** **for our good**  **and the good of all his holy Church.**  **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**  May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly,  to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  Hosanna in the highest.  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  Hosanna in the highest.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**  **COMMUNION RITE**  At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  Our Father, who art in heaven,  hallowed be thy name;  thy kingdom come,  thy will be done  on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread,  and forgive us our trespasses,  as we forgive those who trespass against us;  and lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from evil.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. | For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMNS:**  **39. GOD IS DWELLING IN MY HEART**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  We implore your mercy, Lord,  that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  and prepare us for the coming feasts.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **THE CONCLUDING RITES**  **DISMISSAL**  **FINAL SONG:**  **74. ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO OUR RISEN GOD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET** |



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YEAR C**

**SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021**

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| **INTRODUCTORY RITES**  **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **5. CITY OF GOD**  **FROM PARISH SONG BOOKLET**  **GREETING**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **THE GLORIA is omitted**  **COLLECT**  O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen  **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  **FIRST READING** Zeph 3:14-18  *The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst*  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.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Is 12  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  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.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  Declare the greatness of his name.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  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.  *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*  **SECOND READING** Phil 4:4-7  *The Lord is very 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.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **GOSPEL ACCLAM** 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  *'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'*  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.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** |

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **3rd Sun Advent 12 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry** | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio | Fr Crispin | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
| **4th Sun Advent 19 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry** | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Crispin |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 5/12/2021 – 480.00$**

**Loose Money: 5/12/2021 – 182.85$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 13th Dec St Lucy, Martyr**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 14th Dec St John of the Cross, Doctor**

**Wed: 15th Dec St. Virginia Centurione-Bracelli**

**Thu: 16th Dec St. Adelaide**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 17th Dec St. Florian**

**Sat: 18th Dec St Peter Truat**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION and NOVENA FROM 17TH DEC TO 25TH DEC**

It is an important moment for all of us to receive the **sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for Christmas. This year, Fr Vittorio will be available for individual confessions. So, From the 17th of December until 23th of December, Fr Vittorio will confess every day from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcomed.

**The Christmas Novena** begins on 17December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord’s birth. This is the best time to hold carols services and to begin to sing Christmas carols in the liturgy.

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 2022/C, REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: LK 3:10-18**

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians: “rejoice”. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets makes clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES (UPDATE 8 DECEMBER 2021)**

We are looking forward to Christmas and our Masses on the assumption we are operating under the same Government Rules as currently apply. This will mean that there will be Masses for **“Fully Vaccinated People”** and for people of **“Unknown Vaccination Status”** and that we have **the capacity limits** that currently apply.

**MASSES**

* Thursday 23 December 9:00 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)
* ***Friday 24 December Christmas Eve Masses***

*9:00 am* ***No*** *Mass*

6:00 pm (Vigil) Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

*7:30 pm Unknown Vaccinated Status (50 people)*

12.00 am (Midnight) Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* ***Saturday 25 December Christmas Day Masses***

*9:00 am Unknown Vaccinated Status (50 people)*

10:30 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* ***Sunday 26 December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

*9:00 am Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people)*

10:30 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* Monday 27 December *9:00 am Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people)*

A parishioner designated as a **“Covid Check-in Marshall”** will greet you in the Narthex to help with your check in. Please come a few minutes early to help with the check in.

Those attending a “Fully Vaccinated Mass” are required to show proof of their vaccination either on their phone or by paper copy unless this has already been noted by our Covid Check-in Marshall. To assist if the Marshall can note your **vaccination certificate number (1000 …. ….)** ahead of Mass this will aid the movement of parishioners through the Narthex before Mass.

Those attending an “Unknown Vaccination Status” Mass are not required to show **any documentation about vaccination status.**

All attending are required to register using their phone and the Government’s QR codes in the Narthex or if they do not have a suitable phone by using the paper based system record on the table.

**CHURCH CAPACITY**

With the variety of our Christmas Masses we expect our numbers will fall within the Government’s numbers caps but note **that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

**HYGIENE**

* Face coverings are not required in our Church, but may be worn at parishioner discretion.
* Sanitiser must continue to be used regularly throughout Liturgies, and Celebrants must visibly sanitise before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
* If someone is unwell with symptoms that indicate a possible positive test, they should not enter the Church.

You are all in my prayers. Fr Vittorio Ricciardi (Parish Priest)