



Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:*

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

5 December 2021

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Gary Lusi, Tim Donovan, Ivan Mance

RECENTLY DECEASED

Benedette Ugwu (in Nigeria), Wanda Gorecki,
Edo Surina, Angela Lamari

ANNIVERSARIES

Savlatore Singarella (1 month), Rosina Meraviglia, Tadeusz Gorecki, Mark Gorecki, Viktor Glavina, Giuseppina Castelluccio, Barbara & Alberto Bordignon, Olimpia & Vincenzo Gasbarro, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Peter Tran Van Hanh, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh, Dominic Tran Van Dat, Maria Nguyen Thi Mai, Peter Dong Manh Hung

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 5 December 2021

Frankie Zito

Levi Byrne

Charlotte Byrne

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Classes have now commenced. Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-
Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection
Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are available for purchase - \$9 each

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7 Dec St Ambrose

Wednesday 8 Dec The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS Envelopes are available in the current set of Thanksgiving Envelopes and in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 'GIVING TREE'

If you can, please take a tag and purchase a gift or gift card and return to the tree by 19th December. Gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to those less fortunate than ourselves.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers for all Christmas Masses. Please contact the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, 21st December. We will need Altar Servers, Readers, Special Ministers of Communion, Mass Helpers, cleaners, ushers, COVID Check in Marshals, for all our Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for the purchase of flowers for our Altar at Christmas would be appreciated.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION – 'FATHER'S DAY' APPEAL

Last weekend's Father's Day Appeal collection raised \$1,300.50 (incl. credit cards). Our grand total for 2021 is \$1,638.50 (incl. previous donations). Thank you for your generosity.

ST PETER'S CHURCH MASS TIMETABLE (UNTIL 23/12/21)

Saturday

9.15am Morning Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

5.00pm Vigil Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

6.00pm Vigil Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

Sunday

8.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

10.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

5.00pm Mass – for Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

Monday

No Services.

Tuesday-Friday Morning

9.15am Morning Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

CONFESSIONS

Following the Saturday morning 9.15am Mass, from approx. 10.00am for fully vaccinated. Unknown vaccination status parishioners should contact Fr Sebastian to make a time for Confession.

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S 2021

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm

Confessions by appointment at other times.

Christmas Masses

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

(Fully Vaccinated) with Carols from 4.30pm
Encouraging all children to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds

Christmas Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

(Fully Vaccinated) with Carols from 6.30pm
Encouraging all children to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds

Christmas Vigil Mass at 9.00pm

(Unknown Vaccination Status)
with Carols from 8.30pm

Christmas Mass at Midnight at 12.00am
(Fully Vaccinated) with Carols from 11.30pm

Saturday 25th December

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass during the Day at 8.30am
(English & Italian) (Fully vaccinated)

Christmas Mass during the Day at 10.30am
(Fully Vaccinated)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday 25th December at 6pm

(Fully Vaccinated)

Sunday 26th December

at 8.30am & 10.30am (Fully Vaccinated)

Sunday 26th December at 12noon

(Unknown Vaccination Status)

New Year's Eve – Friday 31st December

6.30pm Adoration followed by Mass at
7.00pm (Fully Vaccinated)

New Year's Day – Saturday 1st January

2022 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God - Morning Mass at 9.15am
(Unknown Vaccination Status)

The Epiphany of the Lord – 1/2 January

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass – (Unknown
Vaccination status)

Sat 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Fully Vaccinated)

Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

(Fully Vaccinated)

No 5.00pm Mass

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MASS TIMES

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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Administration: Ms Belinda McPherson &
Mrs Sherrill Johnson

SCHOOL NEWS

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR
STUDENTS

Wednesday 15th December at 12.30pm

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.