

**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The Lord has repealed your sentence;  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 a 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!*

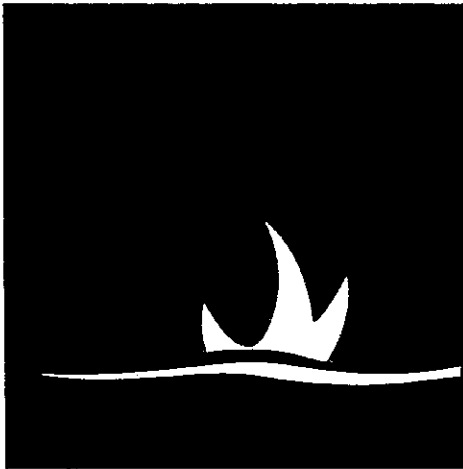
**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

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 Philippians 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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**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.

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Gary Lusi, Tim Donovan, Ivan Mance

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Russell Lazzaro

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Garra(1 month), Joe Refalo, Bernardo Quattrucci, Don McConville, Agostino & Innocenzia Cutajar, Joseph Grbac, Vincenzo Pierorazio, Marcela Stipanic, Ante Stipanic, 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 12 December 2021

*Alexander Savino*

*Harry Bryant*

*Nicholas Chomkovicz*

Please pray for these children and their families.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

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#### 2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are available for purchase - \$9 each

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 Dec St Lucy

Tuesday 14 Dec St John of the Cross

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

**BIBLE DIARIES** available in the narthex after weekend Masses-\$15. Great Christmas Gift.

### PARISH NEWS

#### WORKING BEE

We will have a Working Bee on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-12noon approx. The main focus will be in cleaning up inside and outside the Church in readiness for Christmas. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to assist. Morning Tea and drinks will be supplied. No young children please.

#### 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 next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need volunteers for all Christmas Masses. Please contact the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**. We will need Musicians, Singers, 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.

#### 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.

### CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S 2021

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm

(Fully Vaccinated)

*Unknown Vaccination Status by appointment.*

#### Christmas Masses

##### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

at 8.30am & 10.30am (Fully Vaccinated)

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon

(Unknown Vaccination Status)

##### New Year's Eve – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December

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

##### New Year's Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 in January*

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#### MASS TIMES

PLEASE REFER TO THE MASS  
TIMETABLE UNDER 'PARISH NEWS'  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Mrs Sherrill Johnson

#### SCHOOL NEWS

##### END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am

##### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm

*Wishing all students, teachers and families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. May God Bless You All.*

*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.*