

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year C : 5 December 2021

Mass Response

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) - St Patrick's and 9:00am (Sunday) - St John Vianney's

Entrance: CWBII 242 O come, O come, Emmanuel
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski (6pm only) Mass of our Lady Help of Christians (9am only)
Offertory: CWBII 244 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Communion: John was the Prophet (6pm only)
Recessional: John was the Prophet (9am only)
Postlude: Präludium und Fuga in F sharp BuxWV 146 – Dietrich Buxtehude

11.00am Choral Mass (Sunday) - St Patrick's

Entrance: CWBII 242 O come, O come, Emmanuel
Mass Setting: St Anne's Mass – James Macmillan
Offertory: CWBII 244 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Communion: Conditor alme siderum – Guillaume Dufay
Recessional: John was the Prophet
Postlude: Präludium und Fuga in F sharp BuxWV 146 – Dietrich Buxtehude

5:00 pm (Sunday) - St. Patrick's

Entrance: CWBII 242 O come, O come, Emmanuel
Mass Setting: Mass of our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 244 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Communion: John was the Prophet
Postlude: Präludium und Fuga in F sharp BuxWV 146 – Dietrich Buxtehude

MASSES THIS WEEK

(SP) St Patrick's Church; (SJV) St John Vianney's Church

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 6th NO MASS at SP
11:00 am (SJV) **Funeral:** Maurice Lavery

Tuesday, 7th 9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Wednesday, 8th 9:15 am (SP) Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30 am (SJV) Mass
12:00 Noon (SP) **Hour of Grace**

Thursday, 9th 9:15 am (SP) Thursday of 2nd week of Advent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinate Mass**

Friday, 10th 9:15 am (SP) Friday of 2nd week of Advent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 11th 9:15 am (SP) Saturday of 2nd week of Advent

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinate Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 11.00am (Choral Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 5:00pm (SP)

RECONCILIATION

After the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday & Saturday mornings (SP) and 5:15 pm Saturday (SP)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY: BENEDICTION 4:30PM (SP)

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



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THE PILGRIMAGE OF ADVENT – A REFLECTION BY POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

In the Season of Advent the liturgy highlights in a special way two figures who prepare for the coming of the Messiah: the Virgin Mary and John the Baptist. Today St Luke presents the latter to us and does so with characteristics that differ from those of the other Evangelists.

This setting helps us to realize that John, as the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, both from priestly families, is not only the last of the prophets but also represents the entire priesthood of the Old Covenant and thus prepares people for the spiritual worship of the New Covenant inaugurated by Jesus. In addition, Luke discredits all the mythical interpretations that are often made of the Gospels, by putting the Baptist's life in its historical context and by writing: "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor... in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas" (Lk 3:1-2). The great event, the birth of Christ, which his contemporaries did not even notice, fits into this historical framework. For God the great figures of history serve as a frame for the lowly!

John the Baptist is described as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight" (Lk 3:4). The voice proclaims the word, but in this case the Word of God comes first, since the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness (see Lk 3:2). He therefore plays an important role but always in terms of Christ. St Augustine comments: "John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning (see Jn 1:1). John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever. Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart".

Today it is up to us to listen to that voice so as to make room for Jesus, the Word who saves us, and to welcome him into our hearts. Let us prepare ourselves in this Season of Advent to see, with the eyes of faith in the humble Grotto of Bethlehem, God's salvation (see Lk 3:6). In the consumer society in which we are tempted to seek joy in things, the Baptist teaches us to live in an essential manner, so that Christmas may be lived not only as an external feast, but as the feast of the Son of God who came to bring men and women peace, life and true joy.

Let us entrust our journey to encounter the Lord who comes, to the motherly intercession of Mary, the Virgin of Advent, in order to be ready to receive, in our heart and in our whole life, the Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Parish Fundraiser, Last Days

Please support our parish through the purchase of a Kenshi candle for \$38.

The range of scents are:

- Caramel & Vanilla
- Coconut & Lime
- Frangipani & Jasmine
- Gardenia & Lily
- Passionfruit & Lime
- Sage & Sea Salt
- Sandalwood & Amber.

Orders can be placed through either email to mpecandles@bigpond.com OR directly to the church office OR through the Sunday mass collections as described below.

Placing your order and payment Ordering by Email

Step 1: mpecandles@bigpond.com
Step 2: Include your name, the scents ordered and the date of your payment.
Step 3: Payment is to the church account: BSB: 083-347 and Account Number 68-156-2913. Please place your surname in the reference field.

Cash orders or orders by Cheque can be made through a sealed envelope with your name, contact and candle order details clearly written on the front: placed in either the first or second collections, or directly to the church office during opening hours on a weekday. You will be notified of a collection time for your candles.



Fr Jaycee Napoles
Congratulations on your Ordination to the Priesthood.

*God's blessings be upon you we pray
As you walk the journey of life in the Holy Priesthood of Christ
Our love and prayers will follow you
Our blessings will support you
May you remain faithful to Him forever and be a blessing to all.*

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Recently Deceased

Maurice Lavery

Anniversaries

Francis Kelly, Florence & George Clifton

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick. Fr Alex Lim, Vanessa, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, Melissa Tonkin, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey, Chris Taylor



We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them.

Vocation View

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now

Please pray for Vocations

Prayer / Meditation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open from 8:30 am to 6:00pm. Please choose a time (1/2 hour) to spend in Adoration. Each Friday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration following the 9:15am Mass until 4:30pm, when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.



1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,265.00

2nd Collection

Thanksgiving: \$2,543.00

Loose Money: \$501.25

Parish Events

Visiting Parishioners with Communion

Volunteers are being sought who can take Communion to parishioners in our parish who are unable to attend Mass. Taking Communion to these parishioners can occur directly after a Mass on a weekend or weekday. For more information, contact the Parish office during office hours, phone 9583 2103. Also, if you know of a parishioner, or parishioners, who are unable to attend Mass, and who would wish to be visited and offered Communion at home, please provide those details to the Parish office during office hours. Thank you.

Melbourne Overseas Mission Annual Appeal

11/12 December 2021

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized, The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. *Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.*

Christmas Working Bee:

There will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's on **Tuesday 21st December** after the 9.15 am morning Mass to prepare the Church for Christmas. We are calling on you to help clean and prepare the Church in readiness for Christmas. Are **you** handy with a sweeping brush or chux cloth

Christmas Tree Gift Appeal St Vincent de Paul Society-East Parkdale

We invite parishioners to participate in the Christmas Tree appeal located in the church foyer at St John Vianney. We thank you for your help with this Appeal.



11 / 12 December 2021

Rosters

Readers:

- 6:00 pm - S Henning (SP)
- 9:00 am - D Clifton, K Swadling (SJV)
- 11:00 am - S Dassanayake (SP)
- 5:00 pm - N Hadzi (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

- 6:00 R Razga (SP)
- 9:00 D Kidner (SJV)
- 11:00 am - A Earle (SP)
- 5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

D Kidner

Readings next week: Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Zephaniah: 3:14-18

Philippians: 4:4-7

Luke: 3:10-18

Rosary:

1. In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8:40am. All welcome.
2. The Rosary is also prayed on Thursday after 10:40am OLSC Mass and on Wednesday evenings, 3pm at Bridie's (9585 5142)

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next issue of envelopes is in the church foyer for collection. They are in alphabetical order.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



HYMNS

Entrance Hymn:

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, true wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, in ancient times on Sinai's height you gave your chosen tribes the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

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Offertory Hymn:

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin; make straight the way for God within; and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away, like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To God the Son all glory be whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

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Communion Hymn:

(6pm & 5pm only)

John was the Prophet

John was the prophet of the Lord To go before his face; The herald which the Prince of Peace Sent to prepare his ways.

"Behold the Lamb of God," he cries, "That takes our guilt away; I saw the Spirit o'er his head, On his baptising day.

"Be every vale exalted high, Sink every mountain low; The proud must stoop, and humble souls Shall his salvation know.

"Behold the Morning Star arise, Ye that in darkness sit; He marks the path that leads to peace, And guides our doubtful feet."

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Recessional Hymn:

(9am & 11am)

John was the Prophet

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