

Sunday 13th December 2020

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of



believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Pray for the Sick

Bernadette Carson

Recent Death

Frances Newbold

Anniversaries

Joan Bloink, Heather O'Brien,

Francesca Galtieri,

Fr John Pierce,

Kaye Anderson, Mavis Arklie.



Have you thought?

A time to Rejoice!

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for Rejoice! Advent was originally celebrated as a five week season and with the same fasting and penitential nature as the season of Lent. The third Sunday, Gaudete, was like a break for rejoicing in the midst of the fasting. When Advent was reduced to four weeks and the nature of the season altered, Gaudete Sunday was retained. The colour of this Sunday is rose - a celebratory colour - and it is reflected in the vestments worn by the priest and in the colour of the third candle used in Advent wreaths.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

A Witness? Me?

It came as something of a surprise to me to think that other people might observe the way I treated others and draw conclusions about my motivation. It was when I started to work with young people that the truth of this was revealed. I realised that my actions could speak so much louder than anything I might say. I hoped that the young people I was working with might stop some time and think to themselves, 'I wonder why he treats us all that way? I wonder how it fits with that religion stuff he talks about?' Well, I can hope can't I?

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DECEMBER— MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

13th St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

A young Christian Martyr who died for her faith by torture and a very painful death. Patron Saint of the Blind and those with Eye troubles.

14th St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

15th St Mary di Rosa, Virgin

16th St Adelaide of Burgundy, Empress

17th St John of Matha, Priest

18th St Gratian, Bishop

19th Blessed Willian of Fenoglio, Carthusian Laybrother



NEW MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday 9.30 am

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am, 11.00 am

Reading roster will recommence in the Jan 2021.

If you are interested please email/call Carmel in the office. You must have supplied a WWC (working with childrens check) & signed St Finbar's Code of Conduct Form to perform volunteer parish duties.



CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES

RECONCILIATION, 22nd December: 6.30 pm

THURSDAY VIGIL, 24th December: 5.30 pm & 8.30 pm

FRIDAY, 25th December: 9.00 am & 11.00 am

COVID GUIDELINES

- PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT TABLE IN THE LOG BOOK.
- PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE 1.5M INSIDE THE CHURCH.
- SANITISE HANDS ON ARRIVAL AND PRIOR TO RECEIVING EUCHARIST.
- DO NOT LEAVE USED MASS BULLETIN INSIDE THE CHURCH OR OTHER ITEMS.
- OBSERVE ENTRY AND EXIT LOCATIONS.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING MASS IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL AND PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD LIKE SYMPTOMS.

Christmas Hampers: Please deliver your hampers to the church by Monday morning at the latest. Some helpers are needed on **Monday 14th at 1pm at St Finbar's** to move hampers from church to van; then to help move them from the van into the Brigidines Centre.
Contact Philip McInerney 0423 109-506

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.