

PROPER OF THE MASS

First Reading *Baruch 5:1-9*

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

(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 *Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11*

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Gospel *Luke 3:1-6*

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.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

05 December 2021
Year C

MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIEST

Fr Allan Casquejo

Parish Priest

Fr Rafael Silva Galicia

Assistant Priest

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass & before Vigil Mass

(or anytime by appointment)

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(Enquiry: please approach the priests after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment (six months' notice)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thurs : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday : 9am - 3pm

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We are John the Baptists

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Second week Church Liturgical Cycle – Year C



This week's Advent Prayer Father of Light, unchanging God, Today you reveal to people of faith the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh. Your light is strong, your love is near; draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes, to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete.

CHRISTMAS at HOLY FAMILY

Reconciliation

Friday, 17th December at 11.00am

Monday, 20th December at 7.00pm

Annual Christmas Carols with the Archbishop

Sunday, 19th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Friday, 24th December at 6.00pm

Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph or wise kings

Christmas Eve Holy Family Carols

Friday, 24th December at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass (At Midnight)

Christmas Day

Saturday, 25th December at 8am & 9.30am

NO Vigil Mass

Holy Family Feast Day

Sunday, 26th December at 8am, 9.30am & 6pm

WELCOME FR RAFAEL SILVA GALICIA

Congratulations and blessings to Fr Rafael and Fr Anderson for their ordination on Friday 3rd December. Our prayers are with you as you begin your ministry. We are pleased to learn that Fr Rafael's first appointment is to the Holy Family Parish. We warmly welcome him into our Community!

PLANNED GIVING - Please collect your 2021/2022 new envelopes from the Church side entrance.

TAP DONATION - From 1 DECEMBER, the tap devices will be no longer be specifically 1st & 2nd collections but pooled and halved between the two.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish through Planned Giving and collections at Mass. May God Bless you.

Annual St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 11/12 December – Donation will be by envelope only and they will be in the church entrance. We will also be selling Columban calendars (\$10 each) at all Masses in the church entrance following each Mass. We will not be selling Christmas cards this year.

PLEASE COMPLY WHEN COMING TO VISIT THE PARISH :

- **FACE MASK** must be worn at this time.
- **SIGN IN** with the NSW Government QR code or use the Attendance Register provided in the foyer as you enter the Church.  
- **Keep physical distance - two-square metre space around each person**, except for members of the same household – **maximum of 100 people are allowed in the Church** at a time.
- **Please take home your bulletin copy; do not return to the foyer**
- **DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH** if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or loss of taste; or shortness of breath, OR in the past 2 weeks been in contact with someone COVID-19 positive or visited a COVID-19 'hot spot'.

Thank you for your cooperation & support

More information:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

Thank you for helping us stay
COVID Safe

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 07 December - St Ambrose **Wednesday, 08 December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Ambrose. Also known as Aurelius Ambrosius, born in Trier (Germany) about 340. He was a successful lawyer and elected bishop of Milan when still a catechumen. His baptismal instructions are famous. He received St Augustine into the Church. He also had notable influence on Augustine of Hippo. His writings reveal a man of great faith and energy.



Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Born This feast had its origin in the East as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne". It spread through the West during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

Texts: Daily Mass Book - Pictures: Wikipedia

Become a Catechist - Have you realised how much you have missed out on this year? There are children that have missed out on learning what God means to them, that God is aware of what they need. BUT, they need someone to let them know that GOD IS ALWAYS THERE FOR THEM! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Fr Allan or Jenny Mah 9349 5429.

Fr Bill's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Monday 13 December

Bookings are closed for the lunch, but there is some capacity at the Mass at 10.30am. Please note: Proof of Vaccination and masks are required upon entry to the club.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Ann Ruiz

Recently Deceased & Anniversary: Elvira Pengue & Benjamin Esguerra and all souls in Purgatory

Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.