

## PROPER OF THE MASS

### First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

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The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.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 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

**(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 *Philippians 4:4-7*

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Luke 3:10-18*

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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12 December 2021  
Year C

### MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

### PRIESTS

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

[hfmroubra1914@gmail.com](mailto:hfmroubra1914@gmail.com)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thurs : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday : 9am - 3pm

### ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY

Mrs Leonie Palmer (Principal)

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I want you to be happy

Some people have an image of God who must be obeyed out of fear. Rules of behaviour are kept as part of a deal to avoid punishment. But St Paul was imitating God when he told the Philippians that all he wanted was their 'happiness'. God's deepest desire is that we share divine bliss. St Thomas Aquinas tells us that the goal of human life is this beatific happiness.

Of course, there is a way of life which responds to the Divine Lover. John the Baptist insists on rules of social justice, particularly those which forbid taking advantage of the vulnerable. But these are the minimum. He envisages a response of extravagant generosity. It will take Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire to make this possible.

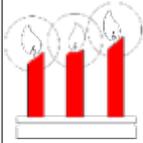
This was effected by the One foretold by John. He doesn't name him, but we know it was Jesus of Nazareth who had the power to unleash such over-the-top generosity. Jesus sent his Holy Spirit at Pentecost as if in wind and fire. This created a new community which, the Acts of Apostles tells us, responded with acts of unrestrained generosity to the vulnerable and needy.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a generous spirit responding in gratitude to the Divine Lover who, as Risen Lord, has the power and will to enable us to be filled with Divine Bliss.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate



BEST WISHES TO FR ALLAN ON CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER.



### Third week Church Liturgical Cycle – Year C

God our Father, through Christ your Son the hope of eternal life dawned on our world. Give to us the light of faith that we may always acknowledge him as our redeemer and come to the glory of his kingdom, where he lives and reigns forever.

### CHRISTMAS at HOLY FAMILY

#### Reconciliation

Friday, 17th December at 11.00am

Monday, 20th December at 7.00pm

#### Annual Christmas Carols with the Archbishop

*His Excellency, the Governor General of Australia will also be attending this year*

**Sunday, 19th December at 7.30pm**

**NO 6pm Mass**

*At this stage a booking is NOT required. . .*

*However, COVID-19 Safe check-ins will still be required to enter the church.*

#### Christmas Eve Family Mass

Friday, 24th December at 6.00pm

*Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph or wise kings  
Choir and Reading practice*

*Monday 13th December 5pm & Wednesday 22nd December 5pm*

*To participate please contact: hfmroubra1914@gmail.com*

#### 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

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Catholic children in Year 3 2022 are eligible to be presented for First Reconciliation, then First Holy Communion. Those in Year 6 are eligible for Confirmation. Please register ONLINE now via <https://forms.gle/SDYkgasmQMmSz7hN9>

**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.***

**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.

### 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/>



### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, 13 December - St Lucy.** Died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304.



Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day. Probably because her name is suggestive of light, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.

*Texts: Daily Mass Book - Pictures: Wikipedia*



**Tuesday, 14 December - St John of the Cross.**

Born in 1542 at Fontiveros (Spain). Died on this day in Ubeda. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus (15 October) in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the dis-calded Carmelites. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

**THANK YOU MRS PALMER** — Mrs Leonie Palmer (St Aidan's school principal) will be leaving at the end of term 4 2021 and retiring after 28 years of service. She has been so supportive of the parish over the last 10 years. We thank her for her service to our community and wish her many happy years in her retirement - it's really a well-deserved break !



**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. Receipts will be issued in due course. Columban calendars (\$10 each) will also be on sale at all Masses in the church entrance following each Mass. If anyone misses out on buying calendars this weekend, then the unsold stock will available the following weekend at the OLA church in Pagewood.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Anniversary:** Maria Guadalupe and all souls in Purgatory  
***Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.***