

## SERVING THE POOR WITH LOVE

John the Baptist was quite a celebrity around Jerusalem. People came from everywhere to see this strange man who lived on locusts and wild honey, dressed in camel hair, and preached the need for repentance. He even instituted a new ritual of baptism – pouring water on people’s heads – as a sign of forgiveness for those who confess their sins and genuinely seek a new way of life.

But John remained ever suspicious of people’s motives. So, on seeing a number of Sadducees and Pharisees coming for baptism, he questioned their motivation calling them a “brood of vipers”! John never attended that class on “How to win friends and influence people”! He was more interested in confronting people with their sins so they may change their ways. The fact that people continued to come to the river Jordan to hear John preach, they knew his message to be true.

While John did not tire from preaching his message of repentance, he was equally insistent on announcing the coming of the Messiah – the one who will “baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire” and pronounce judgment upon the world – separating the ‘good wheat’ from the ‘evil chaff’. As John insisted, he was not worthy to carry the sandals of this promised messenger of God.

This promise of a coming divine messenger is also expressed in the prophecy of Isaiah who envisages a new beginning with a ruler-king blessed with wisdom, insight, compassion and fear of the Lord. He will inaugurate God’s reign by bringing judgment on the wicked and justice for the poor. The whole of creation will be transformed so that violence is replaced by harmony as in images of the wolf and lamb or calf and lion living and playing together!

In the real world where you and I live, God’s reign of justice, peace and harmony is evidently far from reality. So, how are we Christians to judge Jesus as the promised Messiah? Evidently, we need to concede that his ministry is incomplete. Furthermore, it is you and I, the disciples of Jesus, who are called upon to continue his ministry as we await the messianic completion of creation at the end-of-time.

Sometimes problems facing us and our world appear so big, we can easily despair. In today’s Letter to the Romans, we are told everything written in the scriptures teaches us “something about hope” so that, whatever life’s challenges, we know we will be “helped by God”.

In the words of Pope Francis: “Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God”. Let us then heed the message of today’s readings by seeking God’s love and forgiveness as we prepare to celebrate the Christ-coming. And let us put this message into action through our loving service of the poor.



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## 4th December, 2022

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Year A**

**Violet**

**Today’s Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

**11th December, 2022**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Year A**

**Violet**

**Next Sunday’s Readings**

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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# Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing ) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
<b>Juniper Aged Care</b>	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
<b>Rosary</b>	After weekday Masses
<b>Exposition</b>	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer</b>	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm.
<b>Baptism</b>	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
<b>Marriage</b>	By appointment - Minimum <b>SIX MONTHS</b> notice for preparation etc

## Praying For You



### Recently Deceased

Edward Rebello

### Death Anniversary

Andrija Lendich

### Our Sick

Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford,  
Patricia Majawat, Letecia Niembra,  
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,  
Barbara Ingram, Elvira Panici-Allen,  
Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath,  
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal,  
Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano,  
Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig,  
Margaret Evans, Erika Magness,  
Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall

## Feast Days this Week

Dec 5	Mon	St John Almond, St Birinus, St Hedda
6	Tue	St Nicholas
7	Wed	St Ambrose of Milan
8	Thu	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9	Fri	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
10	Sat	Our Lady of Loreto, St Melchades, St John Roberts, St Edmund Gennings, St Eustace White, St Polydore lasden, St Swithin Wells

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2022

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## Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

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agencies we do support and all the  
work that they do.



## Rosters for 3/4 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Colin Loh	Mark van Ingen Tracy van Inge	Xyris Madrigal, Abigail Raganas Seren Adams, Emmanuel Armoogum Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Ann Ralston	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Inoka Ratnasekera Ann Ralston	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Silvana Sciorilli	Robert Szlezak	Phillip Magness	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Florian Christstar, Carl Borlongan Juan Carlos Borlongan, Able Bijju
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak		

## Rosters for 10/11 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Ludette Van Der Spil Miriam Villan	Angel Donina, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Jacob Raymond, Dashiell Van Ingen
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Jack Roach	Ronan Roach	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Shania Tido, Callie Abogado Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Ciara Jacob	Hanna Allen	Florence Ayeni	Dan Hewitt	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Emily Crestani, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin

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**SVDP Emergency Relief Phone 1300 794 054**  
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## Jesus is the Reason for the Season Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 13th December at 7.00pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place with several priests present. Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at:**

Good Shepherd Kelmscott, Wednesday 14th December, 7.00pm.

St Francis Xavier Armadale, Thursday 15th December, 7.00pm.

Sacred Heart Thornlie, Tuesday 20th December, 7.00pm.



### Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

Join us for the last cuppa after Mass for 2022. After all Masses this weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! We will recommence in February 2023.

## Jesus is the Reason for the Season Our Christmas Celebrations

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

5.15pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass

11.15pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Christmas Morning Mass

Let's invite our family, friends

and neighbours to our Christmas celebration and share our joy with them.



The overflow carpark for Christmas Masses will be on the St Munchin's School oval, accessed via the Corfield St carpark.

### St Vincent de Paul THANK YOU

Your Vinnies would like to extend a big THANK YOU to those parishioners and members of the St Munchin's children's choir who supported our breakfast last Sunday. Your presence and generosity contributed \$817.60 towards helping local needy families. Thank You



### Christmas Choirs

Please join us on Mondays at 7pm in the church if you would like to sing with the Christmas Choirs. Don't wait until the last moment. It puts us in the 'mood' for Christmas, and we give to each other, and to the Lord, by sharing time together for the benefit of others. We would love some more male voices. Children are welcome to join in as well, with their parents. Enquiries Brenda 0414 098 705 or Dan 0409 849 049.

### Flowers for Christmas

We once again are asking parishioners to help with the purchase of flowers for our Christmas decorations. There is a container in the foyer to take your donation. May God bless you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

### Christmas Family Mass Acting out the Nativity Story

We invite all children in primary school to participate in acting out the story of the birth of Jesus at the Family Christmas Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December. Please register in the foyer. Rehearsals will be held in the church on Wednesday 14th and 21st December at 4.30pm.



### Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email [safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)



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## The Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating our Christmas trees to the events leading to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.



## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 6th December from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome.

Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Brian 9459 7697 or 0417 924 580.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winners will be drawn after 9.30am Mass, 18th December. All proceeds to aid parish funds. Tickets are on sale from this weekend.



## Christmas Rosters

We need your help if you are a Reader, Commentator, Altar Server, Eucharist Minister or Acolyte as many of those who regularly serve will be away for the Christmas Service. If you can help serve at our Christmas Masses please put your name down on the list in the foyer.

## That Catholic Shop

Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19th December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)

## WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Are you between 11½-15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2023? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$280 (less than \$56 a day). Contact Fr Philip, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more info or pick up a flyer. Register now at: [www.wayoungsalesians.com](http://www.wayoungsalesians.com)



## 2023 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2023 Columban Calendar at only \$8 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Please place your contribution in an envelope before placing in the SVDP poor box in the church next to the sliding doors.



## Synod Of Bishops - Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

## Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities available for suitably qualified persons to join their team and continue the good work of the Church. See bulletin board for list of jobs. For further details, visit <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>. For a copy of job description and to submit your application please email: [recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

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