

THE NEED FOR PATIENCE WHILE WE WAIT

What are you like at waiting? As one person said: "I'm no good at waiting, but one day as I stood in line at a local supermarket I realised I was waiting. Waiting! I was doing what Advent is all about."

That's what John the Baptist, one of the striking Advent figures, is doing in today's gospel. Waiting in prison for news of the Messiah, wondering is this the one he'd been expecting? We all know the feeling given the expectations we might have of Jesus. Perhaps we like what John has said, his stress on the power and judgement of the One to come.

But Jesus says to John's disciples, tell him what you see and hear, that the blind, the lame, the deaf, the lives of those cast out have been transformed. He isn't fulfilling John's expectations so much as calling our attention to the prophecy of Isaiah which is referred to in the first reading.

The lives of those cast out are transformed and, as in Isaiah, where the wilderness blooms now the exile in Babylon is over, they too may return from a kind of exile, full of hope. In today's gospel these are the signs of the kingdom that Jesus points to, rather than God's retribution.

So, what do we see and hear? Can we glimpse the working of God among us in Advent? This may seem a daunting task because we're so caught up in the 'festive season' that any talk of slowing down is best left till Boxing Day. But what if we're able to see something else in what we're already doing? That's what the woman standing in the queue at the supermarket is doing; she's waiting and that's what Advent is about.

Could standing there, or wherever we find ourselves waiting, be such a moment? Why not put the phone away and wait? And what about a more formal moment, as we light the third, pink candle of the Advent wreath today, on Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday?

Amidst the call to pray and to fast, we seek to light a candle and share that light with the forgotten ones, inviting them to eat with us, welcoming them into our lives. In pointing to the Christ who is to come John bears witness to this light. That's the point of his life, doubts and all, and why Jesus says there is none greater.

The point of our lives is to become more Christ-like and discover our 'greatness' in him. In doing so 'the least in the kingdom of Heaven will be greater' than John is. We rejoice that we're invited to help build up the kingdom and to enable this we must learn to be patient, as the second reading says, waiting in expectation of the Lord's coming, for he will come and is already present among us, not attempting to force God's hand. In Advent, we're preparing a way for the Lord, realising, once again, that God so loves the world.

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1 1th December, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent
Year A
Violet

Today's Readings
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

18th December, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent
Year A
Violet or Rose

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	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
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

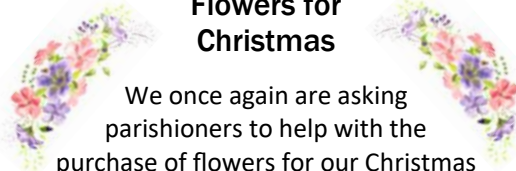
Christmas Greetings

Please take the Parish Christmas Greeting card and hand them to friends and relatives, neighbours and even strangers and invite them to our Christmas Mass.



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.



Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Mariakutty Mathew

Death Anniversary

Daniele Di Martino, Domenico Di Martino, Sr Gleva Mary OSM, Louis Nathan, Regina Nathan, Felomina Montefalcon Rodaje

Deceased

Mickel Anotan, Douglas Higginson, John Higginson, Phyllis Higginson, Norman Oliquiano, Agnes Mary, Arokium, Joseph, Susai

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 12	Mon	Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Finian of Clonard
13	Tue	St Lucy
14	Wed	St John of the Cross

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
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin		

Rosters for 17/18 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Vilma Lyra	Faye Mitchell	Martin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Xyris Madrigal Abigail Raganas, Seren Adams
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Diobett Bangayan	Sr Savarie	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Naomi Kyaw-Tun, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Haizelmary Ani Jacob	Maureen Byrne	Nigel Hayward	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Elain Labrador, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Nicole Oo, Walter Oo Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan

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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.



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Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Our Christmas Celebrations

Saturday, 24th December

5.15pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass
11.15pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th 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.



Change of Mass Time - Thursday 15th December

This Thursday Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am.

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.

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.

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 New Years Eve Party

Usher in 2023 with fellow Parishioners, family and friends at the Parish Centre on New Year's Eve from 8pm. BYO drinks and nibbles.

This is a free event organised by the Parish Social Committee. A gold coin donation would be appreciated for Novelties. Music entertainment will be provided. Please register your details on the form in the foyer.



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

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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.



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, prophesies, 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, 13th 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 Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

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.



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

Advent Appeal For Ukraine

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in parish on the Fourth Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au



New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for January to April 2023, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection late December. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

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