

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6
RESPONSE: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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.

Response.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Response.

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.

Response.



SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
The Lord is near.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)
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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
What, then, must we do?

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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Micah 5: 1 - 4;
Heb 10: 5 - 10;
Lk 1: 39 - 44.



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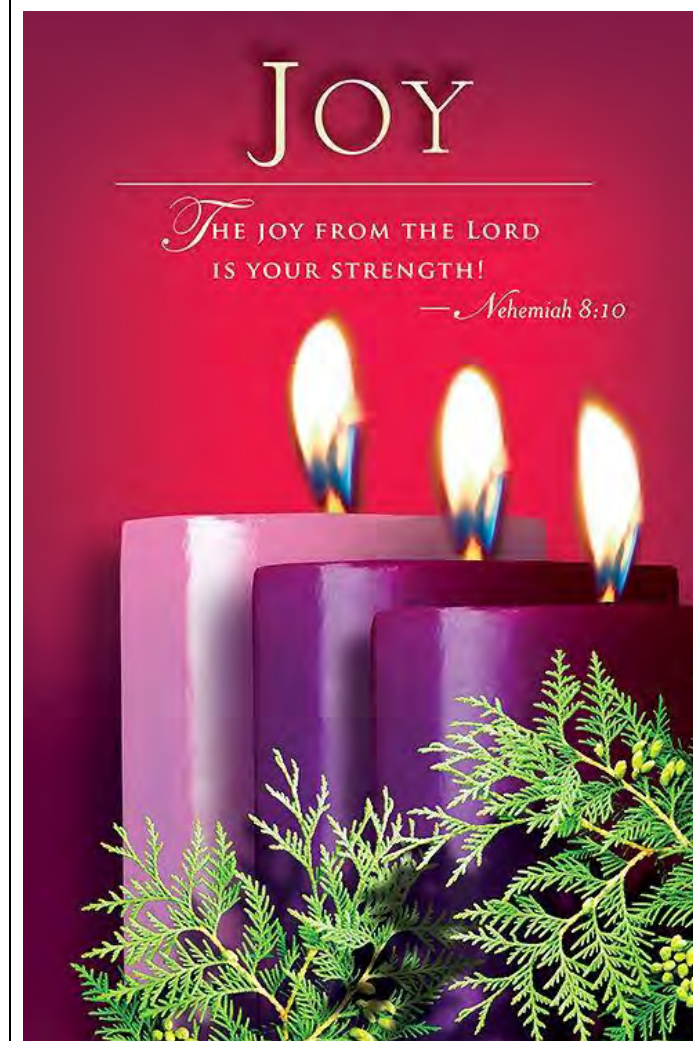
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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10 am.
MONDAY: No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage: By appointment.
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)
11th / 12th December 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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11 / 12 DECEMBER 2021 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	J RAPER
Minister of HC	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET
Minister of HC	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE- DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS
Altar Servers	GRP 1A: IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P. BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

18 / 19 DECEMBER 2021 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	M MORELLI
Minister of HC	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET
Minister of HC	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET
Reader	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 3A: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE	E CONTERNO	M GLEESON
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th Dec Vigil:

5.30pm & 8pm

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th Dec:

8am & 10am

Sunday Masses 26th Dec:

8am & 10am



Reconciliation is available in our local area at:

- St Therese, Denistone on Tuesday 21st through to Thursday the 23rd December at 9.30am.
- St Charles Bommerreo, Ryde on the 16th December at 7.30pm.
- Holy Spirit, North Ryde on Tuesday the 21st December at 6pm.

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died and all the deceased. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



Please also pray for Johanna Bohm who is very sick at the moment, she is a faithful and long standing member of this parish.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Find out more about the work catechists do here at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or talk with Fr Roberto after Mass.

Church restrictions.

Our church maximum is still 140 parishioners per Mass. Masks, QR code check-in and sanitising your hands are still necessary and most important. If you are unwell do not come to Mass.

From the 15th December we believe will have NO limits on the number of parishioners within the church, but we will still have to sign in with the QR code and sanitising your hands is always a good option. Masks will be at your own discretion. Pray that it all happens!

Working Bee.

On Saturday the 18th December at 9.30 am will have a working bee to help prepare the church for our Christmas celebrations. All volunteers are most welcome to attend. So bring your enthusiasm to help prepare for our Christmas celebrations.



Daily Mass books on sale for \$25.

If you wish to purchase one, then please see Fr Roberto after Mass during the week.

Christmas Rosters.

Our Christmas Volunteer roster sheet for all our Christmas Masses is in the front foyer. Please take your time to volunteer and add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses.



Thank you in advance for your support at our Masses over the festive season.

Lighting of the THIRD Candle in the Advent Wreath:

(The Presider, or an assistant, lights the third candle)

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah as the who will exult over us and renew us by your love.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Advent and Lent are very special times of preparations in our Catholic Church. Advent preserved like Lent most of the characteristics of a penitential season. But on the third Sunday of Advent the mood changes.

Rose-coloured vestments are allowed instead of purple. And the third candle of the advent wreath is pink.



This Sunday gives us a breaker and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. Extra signs of gladness are permitted on this day.

The readings incites us to rejoicing and bids us prepare to meet the coming Saviour with prayers and supplication whilst the Gospel John the Baptist warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst though we appear to know him not. The message from John to prepare a way for the Lord is not dull. And we are asked to listen to him. The Baptist is a bit like a road sign, he points the way. And like John the Baptist, we are invited to hear God's call and move away from ourselves and towards Christ. Our task is to point and move towards the one who comes as a little baby in Bethlehem and to point and move towards the one who will come in glory at the end of time.