

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:6-10

RESPONSE: Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Response

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Response

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Response

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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: Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

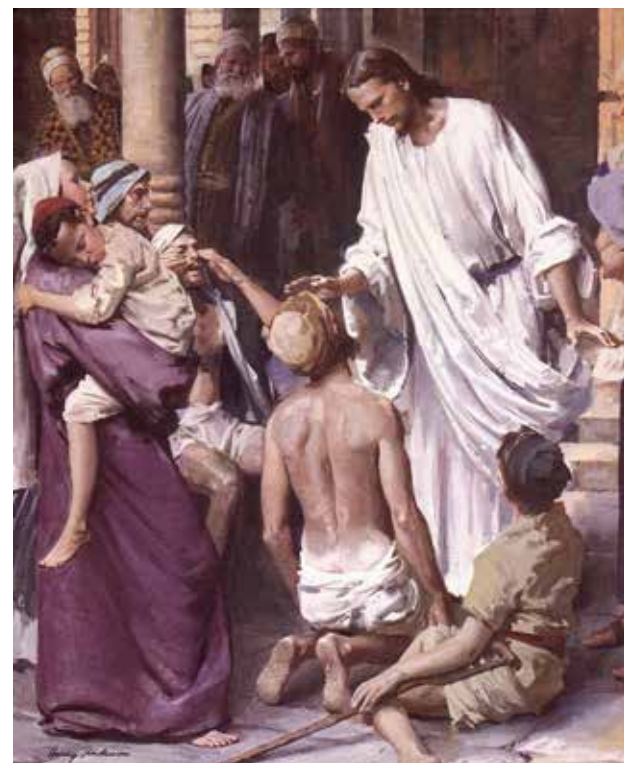
John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are

raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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:

Is 7: 10-14; Rom 1: 1-7; Mt 1: 18-24.

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 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 A) 10th / 11th December 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*God himself will come and save us.***

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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10 / 11 DECEMBER 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	J RAPER	A STANTON
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	T MORFUNI		
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN	A NAGANATHAN	D TAN
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

17 / 18 DECEMBER 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN		B WIDJAYA
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO & NIARA PAREKELEM	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 9: C DABBAH	T DABBAH	A STANTON
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Antonio Monti and Kathleen McElhorne. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Jan Flaton.



THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Join us this year at the Catholic Church of St Therese Denistone to celebrate Christmas.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December: 6pm and 9pm

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December: 8am and 10am

We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends.



Christmas Invitation Drop.

This year we would like to make an extra effort to invite the whole parish to celebrate Christmas here. To accomplish this we ask for you to help us. Please pick a street or two and take one or a couple of bundles to drop the invitation into the mailboxes. You can do it anytime when you are out exercising or walking the dog. It's a small mission work to call everyone to renew their faith in the Lord. Please tick the street box after you pick up your invitations. We appeal to all who are very able and fit to do this. Thank you all in advance for your generosity with your time.



Reconciliation for Christmas.

On the 16th December the parish will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 7.30pm in the church. So make sure you take the time to prepare for Christmas.

Safeguarding Children Training.

Following up from the training session this week please note that resources which support the training are on the Archdiocese website.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

We sincerely thank those who attended the training this week. **For those who didn't attend** please note that more sessions will be provided next year, both induction for those who have commenced their ministries in the past 2 years and refresher training for those who have already completed the induction.



Advent Prayer Reflection – Stay Awake!

The reflection will continue this Tuesday the 13th December in the St Therese School Hall at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale on the paper table at the front of the Church. **A pack of 12 cards costs \$15.** Please put money in the tin provided

Christmas Rosters:

These rosters are being prepared at the moment. If you would like to read the 1st & 2nd readings, present the bread and wine in the Offertory procession or collect the money at the two collections; then please add your name to the list on the paper table at the front of the Church. **Your participation would be greatly appreciated.**



Solar panels for the presbytery.

We are proud to announce that our parish was successful in our application to receive a grant of \$19,500 from the NSW Government to install solar panels on the presbytery roof. This will be a great saving to the parish. We have already made contact with the supplier who quoted, to ensure our quote is still valid and that the installation could occur soon, as required by the government.



Archbishops Flood Appeal.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has announced that proceeds raised at this year's Christmas at the Cathedral event will go directly towards providing relief and recovery to the victims of the NSW flood disaster. Donations can also be made online here:



<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/flood-appeal/>

Christmas Working Bee.

Do you feel as if you're missing your chance to become involved in the parish? Then come and join us for our working bee on Saturday 17th December from 9.30am. You can come for ONE or THREE hours, **the choice is yours.** Bring your feather dusters, secateurs, rakes and enthusiasm as the work will be both inside and outside of the church. **Let us prepare a worthy place for the Lord!** Refreshments will be provided on the day.



OTHER NOTICES:

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL: We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ 8th – 25th December, St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.