Third Sunday of Advent - Year B  13th December 2020

**Online Mass Bookings for Christmas and New Year Services**

**Updated as of December 14th**

The online links re Trybooking for all Christmas and New Year services in the Parish are **opening for bookings.** The links will remain open until we have reached the capacity permitted within the current COVID-19 restrictions. We request that all our parishioners make their bookings online since numbers will be limited. The booking process is the same as for regular Sunday services.

**MORE SEATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

We have increased the numbers permitted in church for Christmas and New Year as per the new restrictions of one person 2 sq. meters per person from December 14th. Please go online to make your bookings for Christmas and New Year.

**Christmas Mass on Channel 44**

We are pleased to announce that a short carols service and the midnight Mass will be aired from St. Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on Channel 44 on Friday, December 25th at 11am. We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.

**Society of Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal on 12th/13th December 2020**

The SVDP Adelaide Conference will be conducting their Annual Christmas Appeal at all Masses across the Parish on this weekend of 12th/13th December. There will be envelopes available in the foyer and please place your envelopes or donation in the collection basket located in each of our churches in the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

**Diocesan Ordination of Anthony Beltrame and Olek Stirrat**

Anthony Beltrame and Olek Stirrat will be ordained to the Diaconate at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on **Saturday 19th December at 10am.** This is a closed event, however, it will be live streamed and can be viewed at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. This is a significant moment for our Archdiocese and we ask that you keep Anthony and Olek in your prayers in the journey to their ordination. **The Cathedral will be closed to the public from 9.30am to 12.00pm. There will be no 11.30 am Mass. Confessions will take place as the usual time of 12pm in the Cathedral.** For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220.

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent which is called Gaudete Sunday; that is, the Sunday of joy. In the Liturgy the invitation rings out several times to rejoice, why? Because the Lord is near. Christmas is near. The Christian message is called the ‘Gospel’; i.e. ‘good news’, an announcement of joy for all people; the Church is not a haven for sad people, the Church is a joyful home! And those who are sad find joy in her, they find in her true joy! However, the joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It consists in knowing one is welcomed and loved by God.

As the Prophet Isaiah reminds us today (cf. 35:1-6a, 8a, 10), God is he who comes to save us and who seeks to help, especially those who are fearful of heart. His coming among us strengthens us, makes us steadfast, gives us courage, makes the desert and the steppe rejoice and blossom; that is, when our lives becomes arid. And when do our lives become arid? When they lack the water of God’s Word and his Spirit of love. However great our limitations and dismay, we are not allowed to be sluggish and vacillating when faced with difficulty and our own weakness.

On the contrary, we are invited to strengthen the weak hands, to make firm the feeble knees, to be strong and to fear not, because our God always shows us the greatness of his mercy. He gives us the strength to go forward. He is always with us in order to help us to go forward. He is a God who loves us so very much, he loves us and that is why he is with us, to help us, to strengthen us, help us go forward.

He is waiting for you, he is close to you, he loves you, he is merciful, he forgives you, and he gives you the strength to begin again from scratch! Everybody! And so we are able to open our eyes again, to overcome sadness and mourning to strike up a new song. And this true joy remains even amid trial, even amid suffering, for it is not a superficial joy; because it permeates the depths of the person who entrusts himself to the Lord and confides in him. Christian joy, like hope, is founded on God’s fidelity, on the certainty that he always keeps his promises. The Prophet Isaiah exhorts those who have lost their way and have lost heart to entrust themselves to the faithfulness of the Lord, for his salvation will not delay in bursting into their lives. All those who have encountered Jesus along the way experience a serenity and joy in their hearts which nothing and no one can take away. Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love is inexhaustible! Therefore, when a Christian becomes sad, it means that he has distanced himself from Jesus. But then we must not leave him alone! We should pray for him, and make him feel the warmth of the community.

(http://www.popefrancishomilies.com/advent)

**Many Blessings,**

Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM. Administrator - Adelaide Cathedral Parish.
Worship

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

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!


Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

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Next week: Third Sunday of Advent.
First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16.
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27.

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Liturgies & Activities (14th - 20th Dec)

Mon St. John of the Cross.
Sun Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Reminder: Cathedral Closure on Dec 19

The Cathedral will be closed to the public from 9.30am to 12.00pm on Saturday, December 19th and there will be no 11.30am Mass due to the Diaconal Ordination of Anthony Beltrame and Olek Sitrrat.

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Steven Chua (St. Patricks) and Anthony Artini (Cathedral)

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Janine Wood, Giuseppina & Adriano Esposito and Patrick Sniatynskyj.
Holy Name: Pasquolina Porcaro.
St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Barry Maloney, Laura Sabine and Jillian Burns.

Sick: Emeritus Archbishop Philip Wilson, Hayley Reilly, Anton Sylvester, Joseph Bauer, John Taylor, James Hann, Maria Carroll, Alana Roscio, Kate Hall, Nikki Bowler, Wanda Nowak, Stanley Lynch, Angela Musico, Philip Harding, Emily Swan, Elizabeth Romeo and Julie Nelson.

Parish office Closure from Dec 23 to Jan 2

The Cathedral Parish will be closed from 23rd December 2020. 1pm and reopen on January 4th, 2021 at 9.30am. The Parish office staff wish you and your families a Blessed & Holy Christmas and a Happy 2021.
Latin Mass Community

Sunday 13th 3rd Sunday in Advent
Monday 14th Feria
Tuesday 15th Feria
Wednesday 16th Ember Wed in Advent
Thursday 17th Feria
Friday 18th Anniv of Consecration of Holy Name Church
Saturday 19th Ember Sat in Advent
Sunday 20th 4th Sunday in Advent

Please respect the social distancing norms, sanitise your hands and either scan the QR code displayed at each door or record your name by hand each time you enter the church.

As a public health measure the Archbishop has also asked Catholics to refrain from congregational singing at mass for the present. The Covid Marshalls for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Sunday Peter Balan.

Please note that today Sunday, 13th December there will be no tea/coffee after the 9.15am mass, due to the St Lucy Festa. Thank you for your understanding.

From tomorrow we will be allowed 202 people at mass. For the rest of 2020 the Sunday mass times will continue to be 8am Low Mass, 9.15am Sung Mass, 5pm Low Mass. If you are able to come to the 8am mass, please consider doing so.

**Mass times for Christmas Day**

**Midnight:** Solemn Mass *(Registration is Essential)*
7am: Low Mass
9.15am: Sung Mass

*(Please note that there will be NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day.)*

Registration for Christmas Midnight Mass will open tomorrow, Monday 14th December at midday. Details on how to register can be found on the blogspot.

The Young Adults Group will hold its last meeting for this year 6.30pm. All Welcome.

Next Sunday, 20th Dec the children will perform their Christmas Play at 11am in the Ellengowan Hall. Also next Sunday the Choir will celebrate our annual Advent Carol Service at 8pm at St Patrick’s Church in Grote St. All Welcome.

2021 FSSP calendars are now on sale for $15. Christmas cards are also on sale for $5/pk of 10.

If you are interested in being part of a group who would be prepared to cook the occasional meal for any families in need, please let Lucia Snelling know (mob: 04073 781 596)

Date claimer for next year: Wednesday 20th January, Catechism and Activity day for children. Details to follow.

There is a Holy Hour on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11am. Please see the community blogspot for other information.

Latin Mass Community

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Miki Caputo, Anne Russell, Christopher Boast, Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh’s father), Thomas Smyth, Charlene Armour, Germaine Miernik, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson’s mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Christmas break for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter Claver Church Dulwich**

Adoration of the blessed Sacrament at St Peter Claver Church will take a Christmas break from Tuesday, December the 22nd to resume again on Monday, January 4th 2021.

**Holy Hour moved to St. Patrick’s Church on Tuesday, December 15th 2020 at 6.30pm**

Due to an annual novena celebrated by the Filipino community, Holy Hour will be moved from the Cathedral to St Patrick’s Church (268 Grote St) on Tuesday, December 15 at 6.30pm. The current capacity for St. Patrick’s church is 180 people.

**Christmas Appeal on Dec 24th/25th for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**

Once again we will be conducting the annual Christmas Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with a special collection at all Christmas Masses. This Appeal is an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its range of programs and services. We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

**The Free Southern Cross Christmas Edition**

Once again the December issue of *The Southern Cross* will be inserted in *The Advertiser* with additional copies provided to all our churches for distribution over the Christmas period. The insert will appear in *The Advertiser* this Saturday (12th December). Please pick up your free copy from the church foyer once it is available.

**Christmas Shopping at the Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop**

The *Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop* has some great stock for your Christmas shopping – suitable for children and adults – including Advent candles and calendars, St. Mary MacKillop books and memorabilia, plus a wide range of religious gifts, Christmas cards and gift tags, many of which have been handcrafted by our volunteers. The new Mary MacKillop Café adjacent to the gift shop is also open again. The **on-line store** is almost ready to be launched. You will soon be able to either **click & collect**, or have your purchases mailed to you! Watch this space or visit: [www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au](http://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au). Phone orders are also welcome! Simply call: 08 8130 5910.
Compliance with Revised COVID Protocols

- Please enter your names and contact details in the sheets provided at the entrance of the church.
- It is mandatory for all public activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code from Tuesday December 1. The app makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy. You may also keep a paper recording template for those who don’t have a mobile phone.
- The four-square metres per person rule is to be observed in determining the total numbers allowed in the space.
- Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 1.5 metres apart.
- There should be no physical contact outside one’s family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the church.
- Hand sanitiser is to be available at church entrances. Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be observed in determining the total numbers allowed in the space.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- Please follow the safety instructions of the designated COVID Marshals when you are attending services in all churches of the Parish. Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID-19 Protocols as on December 14th

The latest information from December 14th 2020 provided by the Premier includes:

- Funerals are capped at 200 guests, with density requirements of 1 person per 2 sqm total.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people and also only requiring 1 person per 2 sqm. The digital contact tracing form is still required.
- The provision for church services stands at 1 person per 2 sqm.
- It is mandatory for all public activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code from Tuesday December 1.
- The app makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy. You may also keep a paper recording template for those who don’t have a mobile phone.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keeping our communities safe. Any changes to these restrictions will be communicated as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

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