



# ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

**Second Sunday of Advent - Year C**

**5th December 2021**

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

Last Sunday, the liturgy invited us to experience the Season of Advent and of anticipation of the Lord with an attitude of vigilance and also of prayer: "be mindful" and "pray". Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are shown how to give substance to this anticipation: by undertaking a journey of conversion, how to make this anticipation concrete. As a guide on this journey, the Gospel presents the figure of John the Baptist who "went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Lk 3:3).

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us. What are these requirements for conversion? First of all we are called to fill the 'valleys' caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention which takes on the needs of our neighbours.

To fill the valleys caused by coldness. One cannot have a relationship of love, charity and fraternity with one's neighbours if there are 'gaps' just as one cannot travel a road with many potholes. This requires a change of attitude. And all this should also be done with special attention to the neediest. Then there is the need to curtail the indifference caused by pride and arrogance.

The believer is someone who, by being close to his brothers and sisters, like John the Baptist, opens pathways in the desert, that is, he indicates perspectives of hope, even in those existential contexts that are arduous, marked by failure and defeat. We cannot give up in the face of negative situations of closure and rejection: we must not allow ourselves to succumb to the mentality of the world, because the centre of our life is Jesus and his word of light, love and solace. It is He!

The Baptist invited the people of his time to conversion, with force, with vigour and with firmness. Nevertheless, he knew how to listen, he knew how to perform gestures of tenderness, gestures of forgiveness toward the multitude of men and women who went to him to confess their sins and to be baptized with the baptism of repentance.

The witness of John the Baptist helps us to go forward in our witness of life. The purity of his proclamation, his courage in proclaiming the truth were able to reawaken the expectation and hope in the Messiah that had long been dormant. Today too, Jesus' disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let each of us ask ourselves: how can I change something in my attitude, in order to prepare the way of the Lord?

*(Pope Francis homilies)*

## **12th Dec: Special Collection Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021**

Each year the St. Vincent de Paul Society assists more than 100,000 South Australian men, women and children, offering those who need it a hand up. This help is not limited to providing material goods, food and shelter, but extends also to providing support and encouragement for people to help themselves. Our members and volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable within our community. By helping the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal, you will assist in two ways.

**A special collection will be taken up across the Parish on December 14th for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. By giving to the Appeal you can help others enjoy Christmas. You can also donate through the envelopes that are available at the entrances of the Cathedral.**

## **Adelaide Conference Vinnies Giving Tree and Christmas Cards Sale**

The Vinnies Giving Tree has been placed next to the left hand side of the Cathedral Altar. Please place your donation in bags below the tree. Kindly do not wrap any items up. We thank you for your generous contribution.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards will be available in the Cathedral foyer for purchase after all Masses from the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

## **Dulwich Burnside Conference Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

The Conference invites non-perishable foodstuff suitable for packing in Christmas hampers to be left under the Advent wreaths in either St. Peter Claver or St. John Vianney Churches. The conference makes up over 40 hampers for both local distribution and to assist other conferences in need. Goods which you yourself would like to receive in a Christmas hamper may be left under the wreaths from this, the first Sunday of Advent, up to and including Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please help us to make this Christmas special for a struggling family.

## **12th Dec: Mass for Blessing of the Cribs**

Please note that the Blessing of the Cribs at the Cathedral will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the 6.00pm Mass. We encourage all Parents to attend this Mass along with their Children. Kindly bring along your Family Crib which will be blessed at the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

**Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide**

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide

Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside

Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney

Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich

Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton



## **Volunteers needed for Morning Tea at the Cathedral (starting in 2022)**

We are looking for Volunteers to begin Morning Tea early 2022 after 9am and 11am Mass at the Cathedral. All volunteers that are selected will need to undergo a Working with Children Screening prior to undertaking the role. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, serve, wash and clean please contact the Parish Office with your details.

## **Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. John Vianney's**

There will be Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. John Vianney's Church on the third and fourth Sundays of Advent, 12th and 19th December at the 9.00 am Mass. This will be a preparation for Christmas for younger members of our congregation.

## **9th Dec: Divine Will Holy Mass**

Divine Will Holy Mass in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated by Fr. Roman Palma CR on Thursday, 9th December 2021 at 7pm at the Maronite Catholic Church, 379 Goodwood Road, Westbourne Park. Supper following Holy Mass. All welcome.

## **Palms Australia's Neighbours Without Borders Cross-Cultural Training**

Palms' exciting new cross-cultural training initiative draws on 60 years of preparing people for cross-cultural mission. If you would like to attend, please register your expression of interest to Sarah Moffatt: [smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## **Catholicism Today Program – SA Catholics For An Evolving Church**

As part of a program, *CATHOLICISM TODAY*, a series of reflections, study and discussions on "The Meaning of Christmas" are being held during Advent. Based on a contemporary understanding of the Christmas story, this series explores the role of the Gospel and other accounts in the development of faith and a mature spirituality.

As an experience of Catholics travelling together on the Way of Jesus, it will deepen your relationship with him and broaden your spiritual vision. Each session will include prayer, reading, reflection, sharing and discussion. It will be held at St. Martin de Porres (Hallett Cove) Church Foyer every Monday of Advent. For information and to register, contact Kevin Liston: E: [kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.liston1@gmail.com) or M: 0411 1976 829.

## **Year of the Family placemats**

As we approach Christmas, it is a good time to reflect on the joy and love of family life and to think of those less fortunate than us. You are invited today to take a placemat for each of your children as a gift from the diocese. Please collect a placemat from the church foyer. We encourage you to use this mat at meal times and pray the prayer with your family. Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and live God's joy more fruitfully in family life. We pray for you and your family as we approach this joyful season.

## **7th Dec: Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass**

All are welcome to join the Thanksgiving Mass for Catholic Charities on December 7 at 12.10pm in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. The Mass will be followed by an expo and sausage sizzle in Mary MacKillop Plaza. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8106 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

## **10th Dec: Cancellation of Exposition and Benediction at the Cathedral**

Exposition and Benediction on Friday, Dec 10th stands cancelled at the Cathedral. Any inconvenience caused to our parishioners is regretted.

## **18th Dec: Cathedral Christmas Concert**

The **St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral Choir and friends** will perform a concert of beautiful music from the Church's treasury of Christmas songs, including *Victoria O Magnum Mysterium* and four of the Australian Carols written by James and Wheeler. The concert starts at 7.30pm in the Cathedral and will last for an hour. It is free and all are welcome to attend.

## **22nd Dec: Cathedral Parish Office Closure for Christmas Holidays**

The Cathedral Parish office will remain closed from 22nd December 2021 to 3rd January 2022. It will reopen on 4th January at 9.30am. Please call 0417080955 in case of any emergency requiring a priest during this time.

## **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**

Presently no bookings are required for any Advent Services, Events or Christmas Masses in all the churches of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish. Please check the Cathedral Parish website [www.adelcathparish.org](http://www.adelcathparish.org) for regular updates or changes.

## **Christmas and New Year Services at the Adelaide Cathedral Parish**

Christmas and New Year Mass timings are now available on our website. Please visit the website or scan the QR code to get detailed information of each church in our parish.



## **St. Joseph's Chapel at Kensington**

Mary MacKillop's St. Joseph Chapel at Kensington is much-loved place of prayer and is a peaceful 'oasis' for people of all backgrounds. You are welcome to come and spend some quiet time here. The chapel is open during the same open hours as Mary MacKillop Museum, i.e. Tuesday – Sunday 10am to 4pm.

## **Safeguarding Children**

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.

## Latin Mass Community

Thank you to all who helped for 40 Hours this weekend. This Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be low Mass at 7am and Sung Mass at 6.30pm.

Br. Bede (a.k.a. Tomas Cannavo, a former parishioner of this community) will make his Solemn Profession as a monk of Notre Dame Benedictine Priory this Wednesday. Please keep Br. Bede, his family and the Priory in your prayers this week as he prepares to make his lifetime vows.

The Youth Group meets this Friday evening at 7.15pm.

There is a working bee this Saturday beginning at 9.30am to get the church and grounds ready for Christmas. All Welcome.

The Confraternity of St. Peter also meets this Saturday at 1pm in the Meeting Room. 2022 FSSP Calendars are now available for purchase after mass for \$15.

Giving boxes for the Hutt St Centre are now available at the back of the church. Non-perishable foodstuffs are appreciated, as are toys. If the toys are wrapped, please indicate age and gender of intended recipient. The boxes will be emptied regularly during Advent. Thank you.

Fr. Sofatzis continues his talks on St. Joseph this Thursday at 7.30pm

### Times of Christmas Masses:

Midnight Solemn Mass (preceded by carol singing from 11.30pm)

7am: Low Mass

9.15am: Sung Mass

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

In addition to the religious picture books for your young children, at the back door of the church we now also have pictures to colour in and word-searches, both based on the Gospel of the Sunday. Please feel free to use these during mass. (We ask that you return the picture books and colouring in pencils to the back foyer as you leave the church.)

Also, in order to help foster an atmosphere of prayer at mass, the following gentle suggestions may be of help to those with young children:

- Please try to ensure that there is no running, eating or climbing during mass.
- If toys are required for your child, can you please ensure that these are soft toys, the use of which will not reverberate through the church (i.e. no matchbox cars, trains, trucks, hard dolls and the like).
- Would you also please encourage your child to stay within your chosen pew and to look forward towards the altar – this is where the (liturgical) action happens.
- If your infant needs to be settled for a few moments during mass, please feel free to use the confessional room where the priests sit if it is vacant.

Once again thank you for your continuing presences in our community. Please know that you are welcome.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the blogspot.

## Latin Mass Timings

**Mon :** 7am & 9:30am.

**Tues:** 9.30am followed by Holy Hour.

**Wed:** 9:30am.

**Thu:** 7am.

**Fri:** 7am & 6:30pm.

**Sat:** 8:30am, 9.15am (Reconciliation).

**Sun:** 8am, 9:15 am (Sung), 5pm (Low Mass).

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. The Archbishop requires that we wear masks inside church. (There are masks available at the doors of the church if you forget to bring one). Thank you for your co-operation.

Congregational singing is permitted, but masks must be worn while singing. The Covid Marshals for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Peter Balan, and Bianca Fisher is the Covid Marshall for weekday Masses. Please see the community blogspot for other information.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Miki Caputo, Jane Carey, Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Luise Obrist (Gaby Freer's mother), Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh's father), Germaine Miernik, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please remember also the recently deceased, particularly Anne Russell, and also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## COVID-19 Protocols Update: 9 Sep 2021

- The density requirement has been updated to **3 people per 4 sq. meters. Please follow the instructions of the COVID Marshals for seating.**
- **Wearing of masks is mandatory in Church. Please carry your own mask. (Celebrants are exempted)**
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances. Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- 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.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No hymn books are to be passed around and congregational singing with facemasks on is now permitted.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches. Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.

**COVID check-in using the QR Code or entering your details into the Register prior to entering the Church and wearing a facemask covering your nose & mouth at all times prior to entering the church is mandatory. Kindly follow the instructions of the Mass Coordinators and COVID Marshals who are here to assist you.**