



Second Sunday of Advent

In the Gospel given this second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist's invitation resounds: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:2). With these very words, Jesus begins his mission in Galilee (cf. Mt 4:17); and such will also be the message that the disciples must bring on their first missionary experience (cf. Mt 10:7). Matthew the evangelist would like to present John as the one who prepares the way of the coming Christ, as well as the disciples as followers, as Jesus preached.

It is a matter of the same joyful message: the kingdom of God is at hand! It is near, and it is in us! These words are very important: "The kingdom of God is in our midst!", Jesus says. And John announces what Jesus will say later: "The kingdom of God is at hand, it has arrived, and is in your midst".

This is the central message of every Christian mission. When a missionary goes, a Christian goes to proclaim Jesus, not to proselytize, as if he were a fan trying to drum up new supporters for his team. No, he goes simply to proclaim: "The kingdom of God is in our midst!". And in this way, the missionaries prepare the path for Jesus to encounter the people.

But what is this kingdom of God, this kingdom of heaven? They are synonymous. We think immediately of the afterlife: eternal life. Of course, this is true, the kingdom of God will extend without limit beyond earthly life, but the good news that Jesus brings us — and that John predicts — is that we do not need to wait for the kingdom of God in the future: it is at hand.

In some way it is already present, and we may experience spiritual power from now on. "The kingdom of God is in your midst!", Jesus will say. God comes to establish his lordship in our history, today, every day, in our life; and there — where it is welcomed with faith and humility — love, joy and peace blossom.

The condition for entering and being a part of this kingdom is to implement a change in our life, which is to convert, to convert every day, to take a step forward each day. It is a question of leaving behind the comfortable but misleading ways of the idols of this world: success at all costs; power to the detriment of the weak; the desire for wealth; pleasure at any price.

And instead, preparing the way of the Lord: this does not take away our freedom, but gives us true happiness. With the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is God himself who abides among us to free us from self-interest, sin and corruption, from these manners of the devil: seeking success at all costs; seeking power to the detriment of the weak; having the desire for wealth; seeking pleasure at any price.

Christmas is a day of great joy, even external, but above all, it is a religious event for which a spiritual preparation is necessary. In this season of Advent, let us be guided by the Baptist's exhortation: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!", he tells us (v. 3). We prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight when we examine our conscience, when we scrutinize our attitudes, in order to eliminate these sinful manners that I mentioned, which are not from God: success at all costs; power to the detriment of the weak; the desire for wealth; pleasure at any price.

(Pope Francis' homilies)

8 Dec: Child Safe Environments Briefing IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90-minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on 8 December: 6.30-8.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session on 8210 8159 or send an email to childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.

If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RRHAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.

Please note: the content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.

Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. They regularly meet on Sunday evenings after the 6pm Mass:

2nd and 4th Sundays: Group Meetings

6pm - Sunday Mass

7 - 8.30pm - Group gathering in the Cathedral Hall.

If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Samantha David on 0404887964.

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Parish newsletter: www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Otherway Centre 8362 3185

Cathedral Parish Music 8210 8128

Any emergency requiring a priest• 0417 080 955

Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



Regular Mass Timings

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OUR REGULAR AND CHRISTMAS TIMINGS

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses

Sat : 6pm(Vigil)
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,
2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm
Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm
Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour

Tues: 6.30pm, **Fri**: 11am

Public Holidays

8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am
Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Wed: 8.30am (Mass suspended until further notice)
Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | **Vigil**: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | **Confessions**: 9.30am
Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, **Fri**: 11am **Confessions**: 11.30am
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | **Vigil**: 6pm
Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)
4.00pm (Portuguese) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | **Mass**: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion behold, The Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of the God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next week: Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Liturgies & Activities (5th-11th November)

Tue St. Nicholas.

Wed St. Ambrose.

Thu The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin.

Sat Our Lady of Loretto.

Sun Third Sunday of Advent.

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Deceased Anniversaries: Anna D'Agostini,

Cathedral: Brian Pitcher, Balbino & Margaret Aisicolo, William Canada, Venancio & Purificacion Mendoza, Fausto & Mary Loquinario, Mante-Loquinario family ,

Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti, Antonio Schimizzi, Gerard Nicholas & Felician Jeyawardena.

St. Marys: Leo Kelly, Major Rogers and Dick Jordan.

Holy Name: Bruno Bosco and Bosco & Ferraro families.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Tony Trewartha and Gerald Cattanach.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

June Cochrane, Kuranye Owen, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Teresita Agravante, Angelina Musico, Amy Lopez, Julie Nelson, Elijah Oleta, Agnes Sobida Liat, Bebut & Stella Alquizola, Shamie Legaya, Msgr. Robert Egar, Richard Murphy, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, Minguel Rodrigues, Vilma D'cruz, Joshua Jose, Letemichael Mender, Janet Gracey and Patricia Holdcroft.

30 Nov to 4 Dec: Festa of Madonna Immaculata at Queen of Angels

The Feast of Madonna Immaculata will be held at the Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton from 30 Nov to 4 Dec. All are welcome to attend. The details are as follows:

Date	Day	Mass Intention	Time
3rd Dec	Sat	Vigil Mass	6.00pm
4th Dec	Sun	Feast of Madonna	9.30am

7 Dec: Catholic Charities Thanksgiving & Centacare 80th Anniversary Mass

All are welcome to join the Thanksgiving Mass for Catholic Charities and Centacare's 80th Anniversary on 7 December at the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 12.10pm. The Mass will be followed by an expo and sausage sizzle in Mary MacKillop Plaza. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8106 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

8 Dec: Divine Will Holy Mass

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by Fr Roman Palma CR on Thursday, 8th December 2022 at 7pm at the Maronite Catholic Church, 379 Goodwood Road, Westbourne Park. Supper will be served following Holy Mass. All welcome.

8 Dec: Healing Mass at Henley Beach

Healing Mass, Rosary 7pm Mass 7.30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, individual blessings of those present with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. All welcome Enquiries Pauline 0403002240

9 Dec: Golden Jubilee Mass

Friends and parishioners are welcome to join Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood, which was held in the Norwood church on 9 December 1972. We will celebrate it at the 10am Mass on Sunday 11 December at St. Ignatius Church, Norwood. Light refreshments in the Hall. Your presence and prayers for his ministry would be much appreciated.

11 Dec : Festa of Santa Lucia at Church of the Holy Name

The Feast of Santa Lucia will be held at the Church of the Holy Name, Stepney on 11th December at the 11am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

November Holy Souls

Grietje Lena Verstegen, Louise Isler , Rocco Fiorenza & family, Pacetta family, Cirillo family, Edward & Violet Baker, Margaret Baker Genovesi and Florine Colaco.

13 Dec: 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 dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third 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

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2023

Planned giving envelopes are available in the church foyer for your collection. Kindly note people must check their name and address on the label since all the numbers have been reallocated for 2023. Please email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call the Parish office in case of clarifications. Please dispose of all old envelopes that you may have and only use the fresh ones that have been allocated to you for 2023. We would like to thank you for your generosity toward the Parish and are deeply grateful for your contributions.

Pathways Snack-N-Chat

'Snack and Chat' opportunities for young people to gather, meet up with each other and informally consider your life's pathways whatever that may be. For further information contact jenny.seal@olshaustralia.org.au

Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop

The Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop has a Special Christmas gift stall during December. Handcrafted cards for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements, sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, Communion and Marriage) are now available. Most of the above items are also available online: www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au A 'click and collect' option is available for those who would like to use it.

Palms Australia: Roll up your sleeves: make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific.

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Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Latin Mass Community

There will be a special collection today for the suffering people in Ukraine. The moneys collected will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Church for distribution to the needy. Thank you for your generosity.

This Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be Low Mass at 7am and Solemn Mass at 6.30pm.

The Youth Group meets this Friday evening.

There is a working bee this Saturday morning at 9.30am to help prepare the church and the grounds for Christmas.

2023 FSSP calendars (\$15) are now on sale at the bookstore.

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 website.

Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Bill Mamo (Tina Marsh's brother), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Luise Obrist (Gaby Freer's mother), Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, and also those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Miki Caputo.

4 Dec: Agape Music Collective Joy to The World Concert

On Sunday 4 December, Agape Music Collective will present its Christmas Concert '**JOY TO THE WORLD**' at West Adelaide Uniting Church from 2.30-4pm. Proceeds will be donated to **Barnabas Aid** and for this reason we are hoping and praying for a full house. Book via the link <https://www.trybooking.com/CEDHM>

11 Dec: Cathedral Christmas Concert

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday, 11th Dec at 7.30pm. The concert will be performed by members of the Cathedral Choir, Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works.

24 Dec: Christmas Carols at 11pm

There will be Traditional Carols before the Midnight Mass on 24 December. All are welcome to attend. Please join in singing, with the Cathedral choir, all the familiar traditional Christmas Carols followed by a joyous Christmas Midnight Mass.

COVID-19 Protocols Update: 17 June 2022

- **If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services till you have fully recovered.** Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks is not mandatory in Church but is strongly recommended by the Archbishop. Please carry your own mask if you plan to wear one. This includes all religious except when delivering a sermon.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances. Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- Communion is given only in hands and Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.

Cathedral Car Park and Staircase Driveway on the Cathedral lawns and Driveway in the Underground Car park

All pedestrians and parents with baby strollers must use ONLY the carpark staircase when entering and exiting the underground carpark. Using the carpark ramp as a pedestrian walkway or for baby strollers is a major safety hazard. Please avoid doing so. **Please do not double park your car in the underground car park driveway. Blocking the safe entry and exit of vehicles during Weekend Masses and is a major safety hazard.** Parking on the driveway of the Cathedral lawns is also prohibited at all times. Both the driveways (underground car park and on the lawns) must be free for movement of vehicles at all times.

Adelaide Cathedral Parish School Aged Sacramental Preparation Program

The Adelaide Cathedral parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2023 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in 2023.

The program will start with an introductory evening on Wednesday 22nd February 2022. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program or need further information should contact the Parish Office on 08 8210 8155 or email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Ideally, enrollments should be completed by the end of December 2022. Please note that the Parish office closes on 23 December at mid-day. If your child requires the sacrament of baptism, you will need to arrange an appointment to meet Fr. Anthoni Adimai, our parish administrator, before they can be enrolled in any other preparation program.