



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

10th December 2023

This Sunday's Gospel passage (Mk 1:1-8) introduces the person and work of John the Baptist. He reveals to his contemporaries an itinerary of faith similar to the one that Advent proposes to us: that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas. This itinerary of faith is an itinerary of conversion.

What does the word 'conversion' mean? In the Bible it means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching, who in the desert of Judea was "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"(v. 4).

Receiving baptism was an outward and visible sign of the conversion of those who had listened to his preaching and decided to repent. That baptism occurred with immersion in the Jordan, in water, but it proved worthless; it was only a sign and it was worthless if there was no willingness to repent and change one's life.

Conversion involves sorrow for sins committed, the desire to be free from them, the intention to exclude them from one's own life forever. To exclude sin it is also necessary to reject everything that is connected to sin; the things that are connected to sin and that need to be rejected – a worldly mentality, excessive esteem for comforts, excessive esteem for pleasure, for well-being, for wealth.

The example illustrating this comes to us once again from today's Gospel in the person of John the Baptist: an austere man who renounces excess and seeks the essential. This is the first aspect of conversion: Commencing a journey of detachment from sin and worldliness.

The other aspect of conversion is the aim of the journey, that is, the search for God and his kingdom. Detachment from worldly things and seeking God and his kingdom. Abandoning comforts and a worldly mentality is not an end in itself; it is not an asceticism only to do penance; a Christian is not a "fakir". It is something else. Detachment is not an end in itself, but is a means of attaining something greater, namely, the kingdom of God, communion with God, friendship with God.

But this is not easy, because there are many ties that bind us closely to sin; it is not easy... Temptation always pulls down, pulls down, and thus the ties that keep us close to sin: inconstancy, discouragement, malice, unwholesome environments, bad examples.

First of all, remind ourselves that conversion is a grace: no one can convert by his or her own strength. It is a grace that the Lord gives you, and thus we need to forcefully ask God for it. To ask God to convert us to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty,

The goodness, the tenderness of God. Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of his flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. You begin to walk, because it is He who moves you to walk, and you will see how He will arrive. Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.

- (Pope Francis' Homilies)

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree

Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) assists more than 100,000 South Australian men, women and children, offering those who need 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.

The escalating cost of living is creating a crisis for many families in Adelaide. With more and more vulnerable people experiencing poverty and on the brink of homelessness this Christmas, we urgently need your help! Over the last year, the cost-of-living crisis has become increasingly dire as prices continue to soar and inflation reaches record highs.

It's hitting families and other vulnerable people in our community incredibly hard! Many are struggling to keep a roof over their heads as the crisis deepens along with their desperation. How can they begin to dream of buying the little extras that make Christmas so special, when they can't even afford to pay the bills?

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree by the SVDP will be put up in the Cathedral from next weekend. You can place unwrapped non-perishable items and place them under the tree. Your donations will become part of Christmas hampers, which will be delivered to families and people in the city who have fallen on hard times. We thank you for your support and contribution during this Advent season.

Thank you for your support and helping the Society of Vincent De Paul carry out Christ's work.

- The SVDP team - Adelaide Cathedral Parish.

Christmas Time Table 2023

The time-table for Advent reconciliation, Christmas and New Year Services is now available on our website and on the church notice Board. Please download it from our website or take home a copy today.



Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 17 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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles St and Todd St, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

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

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

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



Regular Mass Timings

REFER TO PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILED SCHEDULE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR
OUR REGULAR 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
*Except 26 January and 25 April - Mass at 9am ONLY at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am
Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions (Thu): 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 40:1-5, 9-11.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14.

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

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Next Week: Third week of Advent

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

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24.

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28.

Liturgies & Activities (4th-10th Dec)

Mon St. Damasus I, Pope.

Tue Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Wed St. Lucy.

Thu St. John of the Cross.

Sun Third Week of Advent.

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Antonio Scopacasa and Hugh Webb.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Esme Mcguire, Elizabeth Pangilinan, Barbara Chetcuti

Queen of Angels: Giuseppe Perre and Anna Marafioti.

St. Mary's: Stanislawa Kapinski, Domenico Barbaro & Ruth Power.

St. John Vianney/ St. Peter Claver: John Dinan, Theresa Du Moulin, Evelyn Smith, Sydney Cochrane, Mary Jordan, Jean Murray, Barbara Shield and Lorna Fyfe.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Leling Suzara, Antonio Romeo, Smith family, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Ingrid Rebmann, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Shemmeld, Daphne Bizell, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Pilar Lopez, Adelina Ciavarra, Baby Ottile Sheens, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

10 Dec: Festa of Santa Lucia at Holy Name

The Feast of Santa Lucia will be held at the Church of the Holy Name, Stepney this Sunday, 10 December at the 11am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

15-20 Dec: Christmas Music

15th December at 7.30pm (Fri): Christmas Choral Recital with orchestra (at SFX Cathedral)

16th December 7.30pm (Sat): Organ Carols Recital – Dr Amir Robin-Karas (at SFX Cathedral)

17th December at 12.30pm (Sun): Christmas Choral Recital with orchestra (at Holy Cross Church, Goodwood)

19th December 1pm (Tues): End-of-Year Organ Students' Concert

20 December 7pm (Wed): Christmas Carols – James Lloyd. Congregation participation encouraged.

24 December 11pm (Sunday): Christmas Carols with the choir. Congregation participation encouraged.

Please contact music@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information or check the Church notice board.

16 Dec: Advent Retreat

An Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday, 16 Dec from 9.15am – 3.30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.

The topic: "Don't be Afraid, Mary".

Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS.

The day will include talks given by Fr. Manu, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Reflection, Reconciliation, Benediction and Prayer Ministry. Please bring your own lunch; tea/coffee provided. For enquiries and bookings phone Pauline:0403 002 240 by December 14. Cost by donation. All welcome

17 Dec: Blessing of the Cribs Mass

The Cathedral Parish invites families to bring their Nativity Scene to the Blessing of the Cribs Mass on Sunday 17 December at 6pm. Families can bring forward their cribs as part of the entrance procession and the Blessing Ceremony will take place during the Mass. Check with your local parish for similar events involving local schools and blessing of the cribs. For more information, contact the Parish office on Tel: 82108155.

19 Dec - 31 Jan: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Recess at the Cathedral and St. Peter Claver, Dulwich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesdays at 6.30pm at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral will go into recess after close of Exposition on Tuesday, 19 Dec 2023. Tuesday Adoration and Benediction will resume from 6 Feb 2024 at 6.30pm.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich will go into the Christmas period recess after close of Exposition on Friday, 22 December 2023 and resume on Monday 15th January 2024.

Effective Friday 2nd of February, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 7.00pm with Rosary and Benediction each **First Friday** of the Month.

21 Dec - 7 Jan:

Cathedral Parish Office Closure for Christmas and New Year 2024

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year 2024 from Thursday 21 December 2pm and re-open on Monday, 8 January 2024 at 9.30am, resuming normal business hours. **Kindly note that the phone line 82108155 and email requests will not be answered during this period.** We request all our parishioners who may need Mass intentions or other services during this time to kindly place your requests with the office before 20 December.

23 Dec: Southern Cross Christmas Edition

The Christmas edition will be inserted in The Advertiser newspaper on Saturday, 16th December. Free copies will be available in all churches of our Parish from the weekend of 16th-17th December. Please take home a copy from the church foyer once available.

23 Dec: Christmas Through the Ages

Renowned harpist Emma Horwood will be having a concert called "Christmas Through the Ages" on Saturday, 23 December at 3pm in St Mary's Catholic Church, 179 Stanley St North Adelaide. Tickets available on <https://www.trybooking.com/CNVDT> or purchase at the venue on the day. Tickets are: \$30 full price /\$25 concession/\$10 student or child.

24/25 Dec: Livestream of Christmas Masses

The Christmas midnight Mass and the Christmas Day 11am Mass will be livestreamed on the Adelaide Cathedral Parish website. Please visit our website: adelcathparish.org to view the livestream.

13/14 Jan: Road Closures and change in the access road to the Cathedral

There will be road closures on 13th/14th January 2024 around Victoria Square and Wakefield Street due to the Santos Tour Down Under. No services are affected at the Cathedral, but there will be restricted access to Wakefield St. therefore, check the notice board or visit the Cathedral website for the access roadmap. You can enter the Wakefield St via Chancery lane to then enter the Cathedral carpark. While exiting you will have to turn left onto Wakefield Street and turn left again at Victoria Square to proceed. Please plan your travel to the Cathedral accordingly.

26 Jan: Australia Day Mass

There will only be one Mass in the Cathedral at 9am to commemorate Australia Day. No other services will be held in any other churches of our Parish. All are welcome to attend.

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 washrooms, lawns and carpark at all times.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

The Italian Community is holding its St. Lucia Festa today at the 11am. Please take extra care when in the carpark this morning.

There will be no Scripture Class this Monday. The final class of the year will be next Monday 18th December.

Fr. Sofatzis continues a 5-week course on Dr. Brant Pitre's Book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* this Thurs. 7:30-8:30pm. All welcome.

The Children's Christmas Play is next Sunday at 11am in the Ellengowan Hall. All welcome.

The Annual Advent Carol Service is next Sunday at 8pm at St Patrick's Church, Grote St. All Welcome. (There will be a leaving collection after the Carol Service to support the work of MaterCare – helping mothers and babies in the developing world. Thank you for your generosity.)

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday 24th Dec:

8am Low Mass,
9.15am Sung Mass.
Please note that there is no 5pm Mass on Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve)

Monday 25th December:

Midnight Sung Mass, with confessions from 10.30pm & Carols from 11.30pm
5am & 7am Low Masses
9.15am Sung Mass
Please note that there is no 5pm Mass on Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th December:

8.30am Low Mass.

Wednesday-Sunday 27th-31st Dec: Mass times as usual.

Monday 1st Jan: 11am Low Mass.

Fraternity Calendars and Christmas Cards are on sale at the bookstall. Calendars are \$15, and packs of Christmas Cards are \$10.

Giving boxes for Christmas are now at the back of the church. Non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletry items and unwrapped toys may be left in them. These will be distributed to the needy of Adelaide this Christmas by the Hutt St. Centre. The boxes are emptied regularly. Thank you for your generosity.

A single man is looking for rental accommodation somewhere in Adelaide. Please see Fr. McCaffrey if you are able to assist.

Please refrain from bringing food items into the church. Thank you.

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.

Latin Mass Community Announcements (contd.)

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 Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiote, Hannah McCaffrey, Michael Turnbull (Bob Turnbull's brother), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Mgr Robert Aitken, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

1st and 3rd Sundays : Choir for 6pm Mass

4pm - Choir Practice

6pm - Sunday Mass

7pm - Dinner in Chinatown

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 or Julian Stewart after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Cathedral. **Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years.**

WWCC Clearance Compliance for all Cathedral Parish Volunteers

It is a mandatory requirement that all regular volunteers 14 years and older to have a current Working with Children Check issued by the Department of Human Services, South Australia. There are no exemptions. It is the responsibility of each volunteer to ensure that your WWCC clearance is up-date. Please contact the parish office on **email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au** or call 82108155 if you need further information about the process.

School Aged Sacramental Program 2024

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2024 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in early 2024. The program will start in February 2024 and enrollments should be completed by the end of December 2023. 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. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program should contact the Parish Office email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155.