



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

17th December 2023

In recent Sundays the liturgy has emphasised what it means to assume an attitude of vigilance and what preparing the way of the Lord entails, concretely. On this Third Sunday of Advent, called the “Sunday of Joy”, the liturgy invites us to welcome the spirit with which all this happens, that is, precisely, joy. Saint Paul invites us to prepare for the coming of the Lord, by assuming three attitudes. Listen carefully. First, constant joy; second, steadfast prayer; third, continuous thanksgiving. Constant joy, steadfast prayer and continuous thanksgiving.

The first attitude, constant joy: “Rejoice always” (1 Thess 5:16), Saint Paul says. This means always being joyful, even when things do not go according to our wishes; but there is that profound joy, which is peace: that too is joy; it is within. And peace is a joy “at the ground level”, but it is a joy. Distress, difficulties and suffering pass through each person’s life, we are all familiar with them; and so often the reality that surrounds us seems to be inhospitable and barren, similar to the desert in which the voice of John the Baptist resonated, as today’s Gospel passage recalls (cf. Jn 1:23).

But the very words of the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on a certainty, that this desert is inhabited: “among you” — he says — “stands one whom you do not know” (v. 26). It refers to Jesus, the Father’s envoy who comes, as Isaiah stresses, “to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (61:1-2).

These words, which Jesus will speak in his discourse at the synagogue of Nazareth (cf. Lk 4:16-19), clarify that his mission in the world consists in the liberation from sin and from the personal and social slavery that it produces. He has come to earth to restore to mankind the dignity and freedom of the Children of God — which only he can communicate — and thereby to give joy.

The joy which characterises the awaiting of the Messiah is based on steadfast prayer: this is the second attitude. Saint Paul says: “pray constantly” (1 Thess 5:17). By praying we can enter a stable relationship with God, who is the source of true joy. A Christian’s joy is not bought; it cannot be bought. It comes from faith and from the encounter with Jesus Christ, the reason for our happiness.

And when we are rooted in Christ, the closer we are to Jesus, the more we find inner peace, even among everyday contradictions. For this reason a Christian, having encountered Jesus, cannot be a prophet of misfortune, but a witness and herald of joy. A joy to share with others; an infectious joy that renders the journey of life less toilsome.

The third attitude Paul points to is continuous thanksgiving, which is grateful love towards God. Indeed, he is very generous to us, and we are invited to always recognise his beneficence, his merciful love, his patience and goodness, thus living in unceasing thanksgiving. Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. Joy, prayer and gratitude. Everyone together, let us say: joy, prayer and gratitude.
(Pope Francis’ Homily)

New Clergy appointments to the Parish

Fr Anthoni Adimai SdM has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Francis Parish, Newton from Friday 9 February, 2024. Fr. Lancy D’Silva CSC has been appointed as Dean of the Cathedral and Administrator of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish, from Friday 9 February, 2024. We welcome Fr. Lancy to our Parish and pray for his ministry in serving the many communities and churches in our Parish.

Fr. George Ochula Oluoch, newly arrived to the Archdiocese has been appointed as Assistant Priest to the Adelaide Cathedral Parish, from Friday 26 January, 2024. Fr Luka Poljak, also newly arrived to the Archdiocese, has been appointed primarily as Chaplain to the Croatian Community from Friday 5 January, 2024, as well as to assist the Archdiocese in other ways at the direction of the Archbishop. We would like to congratulate Fr Lancy, Fr George and Fr Luka on their appointments and thank Fr Anthoni for his leadership and guidance over the last 5 years. We wish Fr. Anthoni blessings as he continues the Lord’s work at the Newton Parish.

25 Dec : Catholic Charities Christmas Day Appeal

The Catholic Charities Appeal will take place on 25 December in all churches of our Parish. Catholic Charities supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick’s Special Schools. These frontline agencies support some of the most vulnerable in the community at a time when many people are doing it tough. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping our fellow South Aussie brothers and sisters.

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 scan the QR code.



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

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Archbishop of Adelaide Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD
Administrator Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM
Assistant Administrator Fr. Peter Rozitis
Latin Mass Chaplain Fr. Michael McCaffrey, FSSP

Parish Office (across the lawn from the Cathedral)
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Parish newsletter: www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters.

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Otherway Centre 8362 3185

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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

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: 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!

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

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next Week: Fourth week of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38.

Liturgies & Activities (18th-24th Dec)

Thu St. Peter Canisius

Sun Fourth Week of Advent. (Christmas Eve)

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Antonio Scopacasa, Anne McGarry and Hugh Webb.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Teresa Vella, Patrick Sniatynskyj, Russell Mills, Teresita Bernardo, Lourdes Recto Escosora and Maria Paglia.

Queen of Angels: Giuseppe Perre, Giovanni Batista and Rocco Fiorenti.

St. Mary's: Bridget McManus, Peter Francis Byrnes, Robin George Storer and Stephen Stefani.

St. John Vianney/ St. Peter Claver: Gertrude Berger, Bart Schulz, Annie O'Sullivan, Patricia Osborne, Mildred Leake, Jack & Nan Walsh, Gerald Lawrence and Mary Fidock.

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 Otille Sheens, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

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.

16-20 Dec: Christmas Music

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 (Sun): 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. All are welcome.

17 Dec: Southern Cross Christmas Edition

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

NOTE CHANGE: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Recess

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 9 January 2024 at 6.30pm.

St. Peter Claver Dulwich

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: 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 and find the link.

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

There will be road closures on 13/14 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 for the map. 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.

7-12 Feb: Young Adult Summer Eco Camp

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more information about the camp please visit: <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

Friday Confession and Prayer for Peace, at St Laurence's

Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at St. Laurence's Church, North Adelaide. The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. St Laurence's Church is on the corner of Hill St and Buxton St, North Adelaide. Confession will be available from 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

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

The Annual Advent Carol Service is tonight 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.) Please note that there will be no Vespers this evening, due to the Carol Service.

The final Scripture class of the year will be tomorrow, Monday 18th December at 7.30pm.

There will be an Advent Movie Night this Wednesday 20th December at 8pm in the Ellengowan Hall. The movie will be *All or Nothing*, a film about the life of Sr. Clare Crockett, S.H.M.

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.

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.

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.

Latin Mass Community Announcements (contd.)

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 Marafiotte, 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.

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. Anthony 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.

**Caritas Australia
Christmas Appeal**



Please share your love this Christmas season to help communities vulnerable to natural disasters around the world to be ready, respond and recover. When the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted last year people fled the tsunami, seeking refuge in a chapel on the top of a hill. This Christmas, the Tongan community urgently need an evacuation centre and a warehouse to store essential supplies including water, blankets, hygiene kits, family tents and more.

This can be made possible with your support. Please give generously this Christmas to support communities in Tonga and other countries around the world that are vulnerable to natural disasters. Together we can help our global family to be ready, to respond and to recover when the next disaster strikes. Please visit to donate at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/ready-respond-recover/creating-a-resilient-future/>

REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR:

Cathedral Car Park and Staircase Driveway on the Cathedral lawns

All pedestrians and parents with baby strollers must use 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 and not permitted. Please do not double park your vehicle in the underground car park driveway. 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. **Please adhere to the above especially when visiting the Cathedral for Christmas and New Year services to ensure the safety and security of all parishioners.**