

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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refreshed by God's salvific power. Jerusalem, the royal capital of the Davidic dynasty and the site where the temple was built, is called upon to rejoice, for God is in its midst. The presence of God in the midst of the people is the source of the writer's confidence of future deliverance.

Twice Paul calls the people to rejoice. This is followed by another, perhaps more forceful, admonition: 'Have no anxiety'. The joy that Paul advocates is not merely the happiness that comes from enjoyment of life. It is a special kind of joy, joy in the Lord, the kind that is grounded in faith in Jesus Christ. 'The Lord is near' is an eschatological watchword, acclaiming the future coming of the Lord to set all things right. If the Christians live righteously, God will come as a Saviour. The reward for such commitment to righteousness is peace, which originates from God, transcends everything imaginable, and withstands anxiety that might threaten human equanimity.

Although John himself lives an austere life removed from the ordinary pursuits of people, he does not ask his inquirers to dissociate themselves from their own lives or occupations. Rather, he challenges them to continue where they are, but to carry out their daily responsibilities with concern for others, with honesty and integrity. The expectation that filled the people was eschatological; they were looking for the Christ, the 'anointed one'. John was not this one. His baptism with water was a ritual of repentance and cleansing; Christ's baptism of the Spirit will purge and transform, and his coming will be a time of judgment, when the wicked will be separated like chaff from the wheat and will be thrown into the fire. John's ministry calls for the change of heart required of those who would be saved from this distress.

The exaltation in this oracle of salvation is stated clearly at the outset: 'Shout!...Sing!... Be glad and exult!' The people are told to cast aside all cautious reserve and to rejoice wholeheartedly. The reason for this rejoicing is their deliverance by God from their enemies. 'On that day' is an allusion to the Day of the Lord, a time in the future when the justice of God will be executed throughout the world. The concluding verses express God's love. They describe both the tenderness that God has for this restored people, and the joy that their restoration elicits in God. The people are called to rejoice in God, because God rejoices in them.

In the response, God is declared the source of salvation. Bolstered by this assurance, the writer claims to be unafraid and filled with courage knowing that the source of salvation is the Lord rather than a mere human being. Here water is transformative. It is the water of salvation and all who draw from this well will be

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am

Or any time by appointment
with Fr Anthony

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Anthony
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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

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

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the days of John the Baptist, untying a sandal strap was the work of a slave. People's feet became very dirty every day from walking along the dusty roads. When you entered the home of a person who was rich enough to own a slave, the slave would untie your sandals and wash your feet. Imagine a person so mighty, that even John the Baptist was unworthy to untie his sandals.

Have you ever felt unworthy? Did you ever meet someone you were in awe of? Did you ever receive an honour you felt you hardly deserved? If so, talk about what it was like. If not, can you imagine it? Who would be the person, and what would be the situation that could make you feel unworthy?

The third Sunday of Advent is meant to be a day of awesome, incredible, totally magnificent joy. Rejoice is a key word and concept in the readings.

Has anything ever brought you awesome, incredible, totally magnificent joy? Describe what that sort of joy might be for you.

Jesus – the Messiah, the Almighty One, the Chosen One of God, the Saviour of the Universe – is coming. Does his coming seem to bring on a joy that is awesome, incredible, and totally magnificent?

Do Christmas and even Jesus seem overrated in this world? Why or why not?

Next Sunday Readings

4th Sunday of Advent

22 December 2024 - Year C

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Gaudete Sunday



The third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday; the Sunday of Joy! Draw a picture of something you can do to bring joy into the lives of others during this week of Advent.

ROSTER		Weekend of 14/15 December	Weekend 21/22 December
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	David Handojo	David Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Shirley Whitfield
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

St Pius X Church Masses		
Mon 16	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 17	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Advent)
Wed 18	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Advent)
Thu 19	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Advent)
Fri 20	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Advent)
Sat 21	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Advent))
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
Sun 22	7.30am	Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
	9.00am	Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)



Christmas Schedule
Tuesday 24 December 2024
 No 8.00am morning Mass
 7.00pm Christmas Family Mass
 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25 December 2024
 9.00am Christmas Morning Mass

Tuesday 31 December
New Year's Eve
 Holy Hour + Benediction 7.00pm
 Mass 8.00pm

Wednesday 1st January
New Year's Day
 Mass 9.00 am

Line Dancing Classes
 Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 Wednesday 18 December will be the last class for this year and recommence on 8.1.2025. Merry Christmas to all Francis & Hellen Tay

Tai Chi Group
 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome
 For more information please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Please place your donations in the plastic buckets provided in the foyer of the church. Please note this weekend will be the last one for Donations

The hampers will be distributed on Saturday, December 21

Please give generously to those in most need in our community

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Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church

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Christmas Nativity Play (for Christmas Eve Family Mass)

If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au

Rehearsals will be held on the three weekends in December, beginning on Sunday 8 December after the 9.00am Mass



SPX Parish Office
 The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December - Monday 6 January 2025.
 We wish all our Parishioners a safe and Blessed Christmas

Divine Mercy Holy Hour
 Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm for Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction

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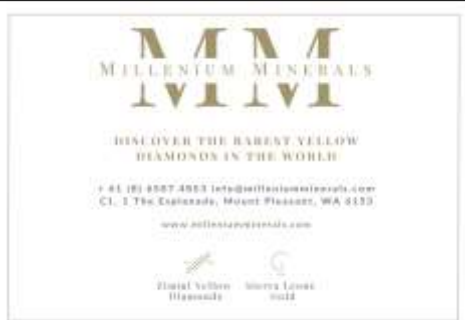


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