

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5th, 2021



Luke 3:16

In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

## Saint John the Baptist Word Puzzle

Here is a prophecy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one \_\_\_\_\_ out in the desert:  
"\_\_\_\_\_ the way of the Lord, make straight his \_\_\_\_\_"  
Every valley shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_ and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ ways shall be smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_."

**GOD** **MOUNTAIN**  
**PATHS** **STRAIGHT**  
**ROUGH** **PREPARE**  
**FILLED** **CRYING**

What was St. John the Baptist?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 40:3-5



## Saint Nicholas December 6

## We Joyfully Wait for Jesus

NICHOLAS WAS BORN TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS IN TURKEY IN THE 200'S. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. HE USED HIS MONEY TO HELP THE POOR AND THE SICK.

A MAN WAS GOING TO SELL HIS DAUGHTERS INTO SLAVERY BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO POOR TO MARRY.

WHEN DIOCLETIAN BEGAN TO PERSECUTE THE CHRISTIANS BISHOP NICHOLAS WAS THROWN INTO PRISON.

SAINT NICHOLAS GAVE HIS LIFE TO GOD BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE. THERE ARE MANY STORIES ABOUT MIRACLES THAT GOD DID THROUGH HIM. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, SAILORS, ORPHANS, TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE. IS HE ONE OF YOUR PATRON SAINTS?

TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINS!  
Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.

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## COMING EVENTS

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANKSGIVING MASS

All are welcome to join this Mass for Catholic Charities

**When:- Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 12.10pm**

**Where:- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**

It will be celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and 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)

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHOR

DATE SAVER

**When:- Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 7.30Pm**

**Where:- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.**

The St Francis Xavier's Choir and friends will perform a concert of beautiful music from the Church's treasury of Christmas songs. The concert is free and will last for an hour.

## THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS



### HISTORY

The Germans believed that the world was held in the branches of a tree called "god Odin." Each winter solstice, they worshipped the tree by decorating it with torches.

### CHRISTIAN ORIGINS

It is said that St. Boniface knocked down the tree and planted a pine, symbol of God's everlasting love. He decorated it with apples (sin) and candles (the light of Christ).

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE



### EXPANSION

This tradition spread throughout Europe in the Middle Ages and, with the conquests and migration, arrived to America. Gradually, this tradition evolved.

### NOWADAYS

Apples were replaced by spheres and the candles by lights, which represent the joy and light that Jesus brought to the world.

In Christianity, the Christmas tree is symbolic of birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The tree's branches and shrubs are viewed as an emblem of immortality and are said to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Christ on the cross.

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### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

If you know of any children who are eligible for the Sacramental Program, please contact Anne Dudzinski on Mobile - 0418 847 804.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Deceased:** We pray for Valarie Roocke, Agnes Johnson and Frank Johnson and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:** We pray for the sick or housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

### WORKING BEE Sat 11<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am to 11.30am



The aim of the Working Bee is to clean up the front and rear Gardens and Carpark for Christmas. Please bring your own tools and a trailer if you have one.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this month. If you wish to make a contribution, there are envelopes on the pews. If you require a receipt, please include your name & address with your donation. Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible. Please place the envelopes on the collection plate or in the Poor Boxes at the Church doors.

During the next few weeks, we invite parishioners to donate items for Hampers to be distributed to those in need. Unfortunately, Vinnies cannot accept homemade goods for OHS reasons. **Suggestions** of tinned or packet goods such as ham or puddings, mince pies, or long life milk, vegetables, biscuits etc. but please no chocolate as it melts. There is a list with suggestions at the door of the Church. Please leave your donations in shopping bags at the rear of the Church

### Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

To assist in fundraising efforts – Christmas Cards @ \$5-/pk, and Columban Calendars @ \$10- ea. will also be for sale at the Church Door. Money for these items should be placed in the envelopes provided and placed into the Poor Boxes.



# Parish Bulletin

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C/2

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

**Parish Secretary**  
Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri

**WHS / Finance Officer**  
Karen Taylor - Monday

**Police Checks Unit**  
Hiacinta Msomi - Monday

**Sacristan**  
**Weekdays:** Michael Pierce  
**Sundays:** Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9.30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6.00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Every Friday before Mass

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Every Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary**  
Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Phone: 8431 2834

**Child Safety Contact & REC**  
Anne Dudzinski  
Ph: 0418 847 804

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Chairperson – Alan Tyson  
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**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Ph: 8112 8700, 1300 729 202

**Youth Representative**  
Nancy Ngure

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday to Friday 9 – 12  
Ph: (08) 8431 6932

LOVE HEALS

All people shall see the salvation of God.

**Entrance Antiphon** Isaiah 30: 19, 30

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** Baruch 5: 1-9

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalms 125. R. v. 3

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves

**Second Reading** Philipians 1: 4-6, 8-11

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 3:4, 6.

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

**Gospel** Luke 3: 1-6

**Communion Antiphon** Baruch 5:5; 4:36

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

### PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind after Mass has concluded.



## The Covid-19 plan:

### We are currently Level 1: with some additional Restrictions

Places of worship must be supervised by, and be clearly identified as, a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

**Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:**

### Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please complete the Contact Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. As of August 12, seating restrictions are as follows - 3 person per 4 square metres.
4. **MASKS** are **MANDATORY** for shared indoor public places so **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK OVER THE NOSE & MOUTH WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THERE IS A \$5000-FINE FOR THE CHURCH IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** The Celebrant is permitted to remove their mask while saying Mass.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Everyone must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times. People from the same household may sit together. Please keep the social distancing requirement when processing for Holy Communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Please follow the ENTRY and EXIT rules.
9. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
10. **As of September 9, Funerals & Weddings are now capped at 150 people** but must have an independent COVID Marshal if more than 50 people are in attendance. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM



### Pope Francis Twitter Feed

Let us Pray together for catechists, called to announce the Word of God: that they may be courageous and creative witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Posted 1/12/21

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Tranmere conference extends their gratitude to members of the Tranmere parish for their generous donations to date totalling \$3647.05. This will be added to our Christmas appeal which directly assists 30 families including 25 children. Your ongoing support of the works of the Tranmere branch is very much appreciated. Donations of goods for hampers may still be brought to the church until Wednesday 15 December. Our packing night is Thursday 16 December.

## Rosters for 11/12 December 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent

Time	Commentator / Reader
6:30 pm	Jim Litchfield TBC
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Antonetta Bartley, Mikayla Bartley
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	Nickie and Michelle
<b>Count Team No: 6</b>	Ron Hoogland, Sheila Hoogland, Peter Rees, Indira Seimon
<b>Altar: Mon. 6 Dec to Sun 2 Jan</b>	Sarita Ingham & Bronwyn Gleeson

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

Sunday Collection 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
First Collection	\$ 483.75
Special Collection -	Nil
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 602.00
Open Plate	\$ 223.60
Electronic Giving	\$ 40.00
Parish Account Total	\$ 865.60

### Positions Vacant

#### Campus Minister – Aquinas College

Aquinas College, Adelaide's only Catholic university residential college, is seeking a part-time Campus Minister to begin in February 2022. For further information on the role and details on how to apply, visit the College website (<https://www.aquinas.edu.au/employment/>) or contact E: [stephanie.hamra@aquinas.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.hamra@aquinas.edu.au). Applications close Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>

### MARY MacKILLOP MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

New stock has arrived for Christmas. Open until 4.00pm December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call in for a gift for that special someone.  
**When:-** Closure from 4.00p.m. Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, and reopens on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**Where:-** 19 Phillips Street, Kensington 5068  
**Website:-** [www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au](http://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au)

### CHRISTMAS 2021 MASS TIMES

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>  
6.30pm - Family Mass  
11.30pm - Carols followed by Midnight Mass  
There will be **NO Morning Mass** on the 24<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am - Christmas Mass  
There will be **NO Evening Mass** on the 25<sup>th</sup>

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** – Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am – Sunday Mass



## Homily on second Sunday of Advent Year C

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

**Theme:** The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

**Scripture:** In the first reading, the prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God. During this Advent season, we, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126) offers us a close-up of the exiles who had wept bitterly on leaving Jerusalem but are now returning home, rejoicing. In the second reading, Paul advises the Philippians to prepare themselves for Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives. John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They are to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice and neglect and straightening their crooked ways. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, renewing their lives, and expressing their repentance by receiving the baptism of repentance in the River Jordan and changing their lives.

**Application to life:** We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Saviour to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist living out of our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harbouring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism by practicing the true humility of rendering humble service to others.

### CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

If you are able to assist as a Commentator, Reader or COVID Marshal at our Christmas Masses could you please include your name on the sheets provided at the EXIT DOOR of the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your ministry.

### BLESSING OF THE CRIBS

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, we invite families to bring their Crib to Mass for the Blessing of the Crib.

A Crib is a tangible and meaningful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord as both a Family and a Parish community.

If you do not already have a Crib your family puts out for Christmas please take the opportunity during the next two weeks to work together as a family in creating your own Crib. Please bring your Crib to Mass on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We look forward to seeing you with your Crib.

And THE CHILD *grew* AND BECAME Strong IN Spirit LUKE 1:80

## BLESSING of the CRIBS

In parishes of the Archdiocese of Adelaide

ST. JOSEPH'S TRANMERE  
Saturday 11th December @ 6.30pm and Sunday 12th December @ 9.30am  
Bring your family nativity scene to your parish to be blessed in preparation for Christmas.

### Decorating the Parish Christmas Tree

The Children of the Parish are invited to help decorate our Parish Tree after Mass next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

