

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Third Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading Zep 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.
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The Lord has repealed your sentence;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.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

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

Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians
The Lord is near.
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.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Is 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 Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke
What, then, must we do?
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.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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We are at the midpoint of Advent.
Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday.
The principal theme of the day is joy.
According to Paul, joy is one of the
fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such
joy is a religious sentiment, not
emotional happiness. Along with
gratitude, it is the heart’s response to
God’s goodness. Zion is told to shout
for joy because it has been saved by
God from its enemies and because God
is in the midst of the people. The psalm
response proclaims the same message;
the reading from Philippians announces

that the Lord is near. This is cause for
joy. Advent is a time for joy, not
primarily because we are anticipating
the anniversary of the birth of Christ,
but because God is already in our midst
(Immanuel). The readings for this
Sunday assure us that God is with us,
not as a judge but as a Saviour. We
rejoice over the saving acts of God that
make us confident of God’s care and
unafraid of whatever may cross our
paths. We rejoice in the peace of God
that surpasses all understanding. Advent
joy is like the delight that fills a woman
who has just given birth, even if it
occurred in the throes of birthpangs.
Advent joy springs from the realisation
that the presence of God in our midst
can so transform our lives that the
promises of peace and security will be
fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live
in the tension between already and not
yet.
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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 13th - St Lucy, virgin
& martyr



Tuesday 14th - St John of the
Cross, priest, doctor



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

A JOYFUL HEART

As we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent,
also named ‘Gaudete’ or ‘Rejoicing’ Sunday,
we light the rose coloured candle.



The scriptures today are filled with pro-active
invitations: ‘Shout with Joy’ ... ‘Shout aloud’;
‘Rejoice, exult with all your heart [for] the
Lord your God is in your midst ... he will
renew you by his love!’ [Zephaniah 3:14-18]
and in the second reading from Philippians 4: 4-7 we read: “I want you
to be happy; always happy in the Lord! I repeat what I want is your
happiness.’

God desires for us a well grounded and spiritual joy that is open to God
working in our lives. ‘A famous Jesuit priest says there are two hands of
God. One works on the inside of us and the other on the outside.

When someone is using clay to make a jar, they need to use both hands.
One to shape the outside and the other the inside. [Fr Trevor Trotter ssc].
This shaping and constant renewing by God is seen when we are tolerant
towards others, when we are not consumed by useless worry or anxiety
but knowing, if we have a genuine need, we simply ask for it in prayer and
thanksgiving and God’s peace will fill our hearts with an unspeakable
peace, guarding our hearts and thoughts. [Philippians 4:4-7] ‘The person
who is spiritually mature trusts in the presence of a loving God to bring
this moment, whatever it is, to ripen in the soul’ [Joan Chittister,osb].
‘WHAT MUST WE DO?’

In the Gospel this question rings out from the people who are following
John the Baptist. His message still rings true for us: generous care of
those in need, fairness in business practice, and no violence - are
just some of the challenges. As Bishop David Walker states: ‘No
hunger, no cheating, no violence. What a challenge for us and our
society. Paradoxically, accepting this challenge of discipleship leads to
authentic joy.’ As we embrace the third week of Advent, in the midst of
stress, busy-ness and consumerism, how do we respond to the message
of John and Jesus? ‘What then shall we do?’

Marie Weatherall

**Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
December
Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 14th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 15th: 9am Mass
Thurs 16th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 17th: 9.15 am Mass
Sat 18th: 9am Mass/Rosary 9.30am Reconciliation
6pm Mass
Sunday 19th: 9am Mass
5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

**11/12 December
Church Cleaning**
Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent (13-17)
Commentator
6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Brown
5pm S Ebejer
Readers:
6pm J Mackay
9am A Skinner
5pm M Devine
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm M Bridges
9am Sr Marie
5pm D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm G & M Weatherall
9am M & C Lowe
5pm N Beatty

**18/19 December
Church Cleaning**
D & L May(20-24)
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am A Skinner
5pm B Maynard
Readers:
6pm P Nolan
9am M Lowe
5pm J O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Y Oerder
9am L Stevens
5pm M Devine
Computer Screen
6pm A Jackson
9am D May
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm P Jobs
9am G Norris
5pm M Devine

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday 9am Mass:
https://www.facebook.com/StBernardBatemansbaychurch/live_videos/



PARISH CHRISTMAS

The Parish will hold a Christmas Morning Tea on Sunday 19th December @ 10am after the 9am Mass.

We will be saying *farewell* to our 2021 Youth Minister, Liarna Miller on the day with the tea being hosted by the Croatian Community.

All are welcome

**RITE II ADVENT
RECONCILIATION**
*Will be held on Wednesday
22nd
December @ 6pm.
All are welcome.*

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Christmas Appeal Continues

Can you help spread some kindness this Christmas by making a \$ donation if you are able, to our Christmas Box or take a tag from the Christmas tree and provide a \$ donation for that particular child. Tax deductible receipts are available. NOTE: We are not collecting tinned food or toys. Appeal ends December 19th.

**VINNIES
christmas
APPEAL**

Parish Advent Retreat/Reflection Group

Every Wednesday after 9am Mass in the Meeting Room

Advent Resource Booklet provided

Facilitators:

Sr. Marie and Marie Weatherall

All Welcome.



ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES IS IN THE FOYER - IF YOU CAN ADD YOUR NAME WHERE YOU CAN ASSIST IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. Those who have volunteered online have been included on the list it will be updated each week.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc: 000012939 Ref: Family Name

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Friday December 24th
6pm Children & Family Mass
8.30pm Christmas Carols
9pm Mass
Christmas Day Saturday Dec 25th
9am Mass
4pm Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday Night Vigil Mass
Dec 25th**
6pm Mass
Sunday December 26th
9am Mass
5pm Mass



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**Congratulations
to the 48 boys
and girls who
graduated
Year 6 2021**

**Volunteers are needed for the
Combined Churches Christmas Luncheon**
to be held at the Salvation Army
Christmas Day at 12 midday. Please put your name down on the sheet in the church foyer if you can help or contact Angela Horsfall on 0449 103 603

Christmas Edition of the **Catholic Voice** is available to pick up - take a copy for a friend or neighbour as it includes the times for Christmas Masses.

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Anticipating the Joy of Christmas

Advent is a time for conversion. Conversion can only come from a desire to change. John the Baptist recognised this in the people's question. "What should we do?", they asked him. These were people not unlike many of us trapped in our worldly desires, for money, power, recognition and greed: tax-collectors, kings, prostitutes, community elders and priests.

The Baptist's response invites change:
Stop collecting more than what is prescribed. [...] Do not practise extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone and be satisfied with your wages. How difficult it is to hear such advice in these times?

The Baptist's words insist on reform. Let us consider our own lives - where does the Baptist's call to change the practices that deny life resonate?

The Lord loves us, deeply. The Lord knows us intimately and still he knows that there is something so much deeper that is good and whole in each of us.

**Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully,
O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!**

Let us use this remaining time of Advent to share what we have, to give graciously and to see things anew — in ourselves and in others

– to experience Joy



Death Anniversaries: James McArdle, Votja Schor, Mary & Jim Boque, John Gallagher, Stephen Sly, Adalbert Planinsic, Sean Griffin, Maureen Noyeaux, Susan McNamara

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Joan Herne, Dr Bryan Chester, Lorraine Grace, Waine Williamson, Pat Cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton, Ingeborg Fissler, Danielle Kempton, Wendy Bowell

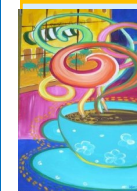
Remembering the Sick:

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Kathryn King and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose
Between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country.
Let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.
Amen.

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