



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16th / 17th DECEMBER 2023



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### *The Pastor's Pen....*

This Sunday John the Baptist's witness, as recorded in John's Gospel, again holds centre stage. With some small differences the message is very like what we heard last weekend in Mark's Gospel. John comes into the desert wilderness near the Jordan River, calling for repentance and offering people a baptism of cleansing and recommitment. He prepares the way of our minds and hearts for the Greater One who is coming soon to rebirth us in God's Spirit. The First Reading from Isaiah, full of hope and promise, is one that Jesus will later on choose for and about himself at Nazareth when he begins his own ministry.

The following weekend and Fourth Sunday of Advent, a short weekend which then flows that Sunday afternoon and Monday morning into Christmas, puts our attention onto Mary. We will hear the story of her annunciation by the Angel Gabriel, her yes to what God was asking and the commencement of the Incarnation in Jesus' conception. The Greater One, whose way John would prepare for about thirty years later, began in Mary's willing welcome to what God wanted.

All of this means that this year we now have just seven days left of the Advent Season before Christmas is upon us. This will likely be a busy week for most of us; staying local or travelling away to family and friends; preparing for guests and meals or doing last minute shopping and packing up. In the midst of whatever this week holds for you try your best to remember the ministry of John the Baptist and the witness of Mary of Nazareth. Doing so will help keep the reason for this season front and centre in your minds and hearts.

Until next weekend and then the Christmas Feast recall Gabriel's words; Mary, Rejoice and do not be afraid. You have won God's favour. Listen now to what God has to say.....

*Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*

### Mass times over the next two weeks

Normal weekday Masses Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

#### Fourth Weekend of Advent

**5.30pm Saturday 23rd December ~ St Joseph's**

**8.00am Sunday 24th December ~ St Joseph's**

**9.30am Sunday 24th December ~ Christ the King**

**(no Sunday evening Mass at Graceville)**

### CHRISTMAS - The Nativity of the Lord

**4.00pm Christmas Eve Sunday 24/12/22 ~ St Joseph's**

**6.00pm Christmas Eve Sunday 24/12/22 ~ St Joseph's**

**8.00am Christmas Day Monday 25/12/22 ~ St Joseph's**

**9.30am Christmas Day Monday 25/12/22 ~ Christ the King**

**No Wednesday morning Mass on 27th December**

**9.00am Thursday 28th December ~ St Joseph's**

**9.30am Friday 29th December ~ Christ the King**

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**5.30pm Saturday 30th December ~ St Joseph's**

**8.00am Sunday 31st December ~ St Joseph's**

**9.30am Sunday 31st December ~ Christ the King**

**6.00pm Sunday 31st December ~ Christ the King**

### Mary the Holy Mother of God

**9.00am New Years Day Monday 1st January ~ St Joseph's**

The Parish Office will close at midday on Friday 22nd December and will reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. In the case of an emergency or if a funeral is to be planned please phone 0422 107 802.

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass  
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Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's  
9.30 am Christ the King

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

**Other times by appointment.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's  
4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

**All enquiries to the Parish Office**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 17 DEC THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT  
Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
MON, 18 DEC Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24  
TUE, 19 DEC Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25  
WED, 20 DEC Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
THU, 21 DEC St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the church  
- *Optional Memorial*  
Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45  
FRI, 22 DEC 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
SAT, 23 DEC St John of Kanty, priest - *Optional Memorial*  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 24 DEC FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT  
2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38

## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### GATHERING: "O EMMANUEL"

*Refrain:* O Emmanuel come into our hearts  
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel God is with us now.  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

1. We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting all throughout the earth.  
We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting to celebrate your birth.
3. We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready to change and repent.  
We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready for you to come again.



### PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*[And, striking their breast, they say:]*

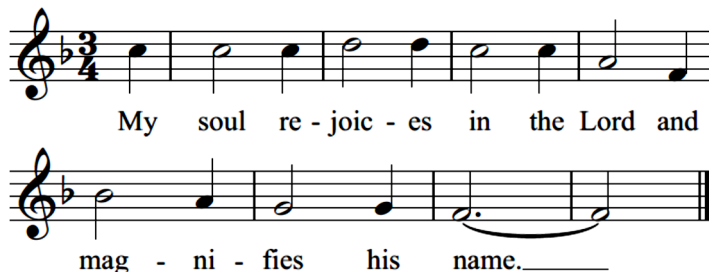
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*[Then they continue:]*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "LUKE 1: MY SOUL REJOICES"



### SENDING FORTH:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"

*Refrain:* Your light will come, Jerusalem;  
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,  
and all nations will walk in your light,  
alleluia, alleluia.

1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness.  
May we, his body, reflect that holy light.
2. His light is mercy and peace, a peace surpassing all telling.  
May we, his body, be instruments of peace.

### ALTERNATIVE SENDING FORTH: "DAYS OF ELIJAH"

1. These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days of great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and sword.  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"



*Refrain:* Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of your servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world.  
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord! *(refrain twice)*

*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of all who are ill. We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care. We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.*

*May the recently deceased rest in peace:* Jean Hurst, Marjorie Eugenie Enright, Sr Jo Scanlon mfc, Bryan Lawrence Kassulke

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:*  
Anne Marie Deschamps, Carmel See, Joyce O'Brien, Gerald O'Hanlon, Dan Augustine, John Brereton, George Brereton, Des Kerwick, Nancy O'Neil, Len Daniels, Margaret Chan, Agnes Thomas, Helena Pine, Shea Tristan Lange, Patrick McKenna, Larry Gillespie, James Hanley, Shirley Dobson, John McNamara, Joan Geeling, John McKeon, Annie Cridland

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