

**GOSPEL**

Jn 1:6-8,19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## SHEER JOY

What brings joy to you? What makes your heart sing? Joy is infectious. Joy rings out today from the beginning of our prayer with the Entrance Antiphon "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil 4:4-5). Isaiah proclaims, "I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God" (Isa 61:10). The psalm, drawn from the Magnificat in Luke, invites us to respond: "My soul rejoices in my God" (Luke 1:46), and we hear "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my saviour" (vv. 46-47). Paul's final exhortation from his First Letter to the Thessalonians begins "Rejoice always" (1 Thess 5:16). What is the cause of all this rejoicing? It is the story of the Good News unfolding from the prophet Isaiah, becoming flesh through Mary's faithful response; it is God's gift of God's son, Jesus, born among us who has been raised. We draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth but we live in the light of resurrection, so we have reason to rejoice.

Today's Gospel reveals the witness to the coming of Jesus, "a man sent from God" (John 1:6). We hear emphatic repetition of the truth with both "witness" and "light" repeated three times. John is the voice in the wilderness confirming "the one who is coming after" (1:27).

Today our hearts lift with joy amid all that might distress us. We are faithful believers in God's saving grace. Take a moment to hear: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks to God" (1 Thess 5:16-17).

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

17 DECEMBER 2023

## FIRST READING

Isa 61:1-2, 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of nations.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

**R.** My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,/ my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour./ He looks on his servant in her nothingness;/ henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

2. The Almighty works marvels for me./ Holy his name!/ His mercy is from age to age,/ on those who fear him. **R.**

3. He fills the starving with good things,/ sends the rich away empty./ He protects Israel, his servant,/ remembering his mercy. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Thess 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 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!





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- MASS TIMES**
- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
  - **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
  - Tuesday: 5.30pm
  - Wednesday: 8.45am
  - Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**Third Week of Advent YR B**  
**17 Sun:** Third Sunday of Advent  
**18 Mon:** No Mass  
**19 Tues:** Weekday Mass  
**20 Wed:** Weekday Mass  
**21 Thu:** Weekday Mass  
**22 Fri:** Weekday Mass  
**23 Sat:** Weekday Mass/ Vigil 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of Advent YR B

- SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**
- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
  - Rosary: Sat 8am
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
  - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- \*For Baptisms & Weddings\***  
Please call the Parish Office

- PARISH FAITH FORMATION**
- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
  - **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
  - **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**

*REJOICING IN GOD, OUR SAVIOUR. Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exists in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery		A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish	
	BSB:	086 006	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		M Carino I Iwansantoso	C Nguyen I Iwansantoso	M & M Coutinho
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am	Andy Nguyen	R Bennett	S Robinson M Smith	L Turuva S Robinson	N Nolan N King
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am	Renato Gomes	V Erskine	T Gomes B Parasuraman	V Erskine A Semaan	A Benjamin Z Chong
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Greg Kempton	See	Christmas	Roster	

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

As of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation'** for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell. Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Mass at Home** available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **16<sup>th</sup> December:** C D'Souza Arlunya Ave, Cloverdale.

**Statue N°2: 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** Tresa Fernandez, 4 Dod Green, Cloverdale; **30<sup>th</sup> December:** Carol Neville, 27 Revelli Cres, Seville Grov.

**Parish Christmas Raffle**

Tickets on sale after all Masses – 3 for \$5.00  
Prizes: 3 Pamper Hampers, Christmas Cake, Ginger Bread House, Nescafe Coffee Machine with cups, biscuits & coffee. Please write your name on the loose side of the tickets & take the stapled side. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Simbang Gabi 2023**

Continues with Mass being celebrated at 8pm. The last Mass for Simbang Gabi will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, with Bishop Donald Sproston, Auxilliary Bishop of Perth finishing the celebrations. All parishioners are invited to attend this Filipino Tradition of Masses leading up to Christmas.

**Christmas & Simbang Gabi Flyers**

Available from both sides of the church, please take one of each home and place on the fridge.

**Christmas Rosters**

Blank Rosters for Christmas have been placed at school side entrance of the church. Please fill in where you are available to assist. The 6pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass we invite children of school age up to 18 years inclusive to Commentate, Read, Altar Serve & Prayers of the Faithful.

**Memoirs of B J Hickey, Emeritus Archbishop of Perth**  
Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled '**My Spirit Land**'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, Priests, Cardinals, Popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia.

This is now available for purchase @ **\$44.95** per copy. Details of how to purchase are on the notice boards.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Perth Racing Mass – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

To be held at Ascot Racecourse Members Lounge commencing at 6.30pm. Park in Members Car Park and follow the signs. Main Celebrant: Mons. Timothy Corcoran. All are invited to attend.

**The Record Magazine & Australian Catholics Magazine** are both available at both entrances. Good articles in both. Please take a copy of each home for a good read.

**Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France – June 2024**

Join Monsignor Michael Keating for 16days, 13 Nights departing on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 returning on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. For more information contact Anawim Journeys on 6118 7313. See notice board for all contacts.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Columban Calendars 2024 & SVDP Christmas Cards**

Are available for purchase at school side entrance to the church. Calendars - **\$10.00 each & Cards \$3.00 per pack of 5**. We only have a small supply of both, so get in quick.

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Raymond Joseph Kessler, Augusta Clark Kessler, Denis and Margaret Saldana, Brian Aitken and Alfred Taylor, John, Victoria and Ralph Jackson, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Molly McGrath, Alessandro Di Filippo, Christopher Gillette, recently deceased Bernardita Montaril, and all souls in Purgatory.*

**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Tina Murace & Alan Jones.*

**Baptism:**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community; *Jaiden Triton Barrington.*

