

# The Living Word

**Third Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**13 December 2020**

## **First Reading Is 61:1-2.10-11**

*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 the nations.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10**

*(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 Thes 5:16-24**

*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.

## **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 Jn1:6-8.19-28**

*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.

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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## WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**\*\* PLEASE SEE BELOW & CHECK OUR WEBSITE \*\***

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

## BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



**Recently Deceased:** Rosemary (Rosie) Cowell.

### Anniversaries 13- December to 19- December:

Kathleen Kelly, Ollie Bernes, Albie Trask, Kathleen McLean, Kevin Murray and Stanley Taylor.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Alfred Dickinson, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:  
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:  
<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

## \*\* NEWS & EVENTS – UPDATE \*\*

WEEKEND MASSES have started again but some restrictions on numbers and health guidelines are still in place.

### To book to attend:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass, 6pm at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.
- **Sunday Mass, 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** Nan Calnin on 5255 1241.
- **Sunday Mass, 11am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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### PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/)

### RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

### TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

### SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE & RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>



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We congratulate the Year 6 students from St Aloysius Primary School receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

Barwon Heads Community Carols (virtual) on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm. Please see attached flyer for Zoom details and further information.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School – ‘Our Christmas Gift’ Christmas Concert 2020: the school community wishes to spread some Christmas cheer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liw5Xc7ts7Y>.

Columban Calendars are now available for sale at our Churches for \$9.00 each.

Transport for Christmas: we are seeking drivers to ensure everyone who wants to come to Mass is able to. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Prayers of the Faithful: for this year’s Christmas Masses, we would like to include the prayers of all our Parish family. If you would like to post your prayer into the mailbox at each Church, the boxes will then be placed at the altar for Christmas as we say the prayers of the faithful. You might like to pray for absent family and friends, or for those who have struggled this year, or give thanks for the special family times through this year. This can be a family activity, or you may live alone, or not be able to attend Mass but wish to be there in spirit. – Josephine Barnes.

The Swag (Summer edition) is now available. If you are interested in a copy, please contact Sandra Gould 5256 2978 or Bill and Kerin Fox, 0407 519 585.

Melbourne Overseas Mission Annual Sunday Appeal: will be held this weekend on 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please donate if you are able to; as always, thank you for your kind generosity. A message from MOM: Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating. Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information.

- **Cheques:** payable to “Melbourne Overseas Missions” and forwarded to Melbourne Overseas Missions, Cardinal Knox Centre, PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Please write Reference: Holy Trinity Parish, Queenscliff on the back of the cheque.
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If you require a receipt or have any questions, please contact 9337 5760 or email [secretary@mom.org.au](mailto:secretary@mom.org.au).

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## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross (Feast)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent  
Christmas Novena Begins

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Friday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Saturday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### QR Codes and electronic Check-In

We now have QR codes for contact tracing at each Church. These posters are visible when entering the narthex. We ask all parishioners and visitors to “check-in” before entering the Church.

#### How to use QR code for check-in:

**Step 1:** Parishioners will need to scan the QR code using the camera or a QR Code Reader/Scanner app of their smartphones.

**Step 2:** You will be directed to a website where you will need to enter your details (only first name and contact number is mandatory). *If multiple parishioners have the same contact number, you can be checked-in together by entering your first names separated with a comma.*

If you experience any issues with scanning, you may require a “QR Code Reader & Scanner” app on your smartphone. Go to your App Store, enter or search for a “QR Code Reader & Scanner” and download a free version (or any app/version you wish).

The clipboards will remain available.



## Christmas Mass Times

FLYER WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE EMAIL



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