

# The Living Word

**Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**12 December 2021**

## **First Reading Zep 3:14-18**

*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The Lord has repealed your sentence;  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 a 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.

## **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. (R.)

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. (R.)
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.)

## **Second Reading Phil 4:4-7**

*The Lord is near.*

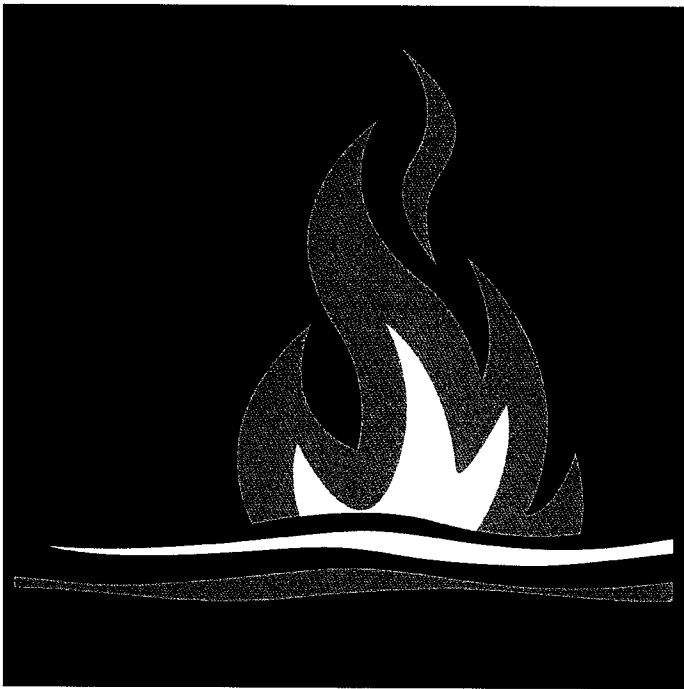
I want you to be happy, always happy in  
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident  
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is  
no need to worry; but if there is anything  
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of  
God, which is so much greater than we can  
understand, will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## **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

*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.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

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 Philipians announces that the 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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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:      Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
                                 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for  
                                 St Mary's Syro-Malabar  
                                 Community (Malayalam  
                                 language)  
OCEAN GROVE:      Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF:      Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Please see below:** Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass  
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

## Third Sunday of Advent Year C

**Recently Deceased:** Raymond Blake and June Crane.

### Anniversaries 12- December to 18- December:

Francis Kerley, Phyllis Pritz, Kathleen Kelly, Hilda Denneman, Albie Trask and Kathleen McLean.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Santa Sutera, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,  
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

**COUNTERS:** Tuesday 14- December at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

*For up to date and current information, please call the parish office or visit the parish website.*

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES and information are available on our website and billboards. Bookings are not required.**

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

**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.**

### **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.

### **ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:**

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

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**Columban Calendars** now on sale at all churches. \$10.00 each.

**TAR grocery collection boxes** for Refugees in Geelong will be available at each church until Christmas. Your generosity is always most appreciated. TAR contact: Shirley 0409 424 243.

**Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday**

**SAVE THE DATE – Earth Fest 2022** will be held on **Friday 18 February 2022**. Hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School. For more information and if you are able to volunteer, please see the Church noticeboards in the narthex or Parish website.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea School 'Mission Fete 2021'**: a total of \$10,500 was raised, which is tremendous! \$10,000 will go directly to Bulbula (Ethiopia) and \$500 to Catholic Mission. Sr Abeba in Bulbula sends her thanks and gratitude to Marianne Caddy, Lib Macpherson, Rebecca Nancarrow and school community for their support and generosity.

**All Saints Anglican Op Shop, Barwon Heads**: the Op Shop is seeking support through donations or purchasing goods, volunteering to assist in the shop, providing assistance with rubbish disposal, or repairs and maintenance. Please note, if you are considering donating goods, the Op Shop is unable to accept electrical items, mattresses or children's car seats. We encourage as many of our parishioners as possible to support if they are able to. Contact Margaret and/or Lyn via email: [margaretpowell4@bigpond.com](mailto:margaretpowell4@bigpond.com) / [lyn\\_kerr@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lyn_kerr@yahoo.com.au).

**Thirupiravi 2021** – Christmas Celebration meaning Holy Nativity. This is a cultural night with delicious Indian dinner heralding the Christian message of Christmas. **The event will take place at Geelong West Town Hall on Thursday 30 December at 5:30pm.** The entry is ticketed at \$20 per person above the age of 5yrs. We would like to invite your parishioners also to participate in the event.

Tickets can be booked through the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVVKH>.

Abin Koovaplackal, Parish Secretary  
St Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Mission, Geelong.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St Lucy (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross (Memorial)**

9:15am Lay-led Liturgy at Our Lady Star of the Sea,  
Ocean Grove

**\* For Unknown Vaccination Status \***

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius  
Graduation Mass, Year 6 students & families attending

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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*Thought for the Week:*

Life is an adventure  
in forgiveness.

- Norman Cousins.

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