



Second Sunday of Advent

8th / 9th December 2018

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Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare *our* hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God. (Fr Michael Tate)

Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This week: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.30am. Also Thurs 5.30pm Mass of thanksgiving for members & supporters of St Vincent de Paul.

Friday 9.30am Xavier High School End of Year thanksgiving mass at Creative Arts Centre

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

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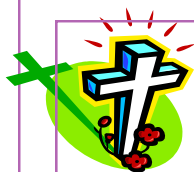
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Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Power, Sr Marie Duffy, Tracey Robinson, Tony McNamara, Kit Clancy, John Grogan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Imelda Phegan, Marie Carter, Ernest Elias, Geoffrey Jervois Snr, Jason Farrell, Susan Guy, Joff Hutchinson, Lillian Clear, Len Syphers, Maris Klaus, Gerarda Van Dijk, George McShane, Nell Seymour, Msgr Hatswell, Charlotte Roberts, Lucy Freeman, Nell Martin Jason Black, Francis Clancy, Noreen Low, Louis Dimitrijevic, Ray Corrigan, John Muldoon, Peter Guthrie.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 8th/9th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Rosalie Martin
Lector 1	Ed Brown	Roy Thompson
Lector 2	Pat Hickman	Jane Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Lyn Hamilton	Gemma Whitehead Richard Parkinson Trish Parkinson
Cantor	John Van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters:	Michael Byrnes	Cleaning Group: Group 6

Sat /Sun: 15th / 16th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	MACE Sisters
Lector 2	Brian Waters	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Catherine Cutler Michael Regan	Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	Brian Waters	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters:	Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon	Cleaning Group: Group 7



Prayer for the lighting of the Second Advent Candle

*Loving messenger God,
Hope is coming among us!*

As we wait for the birth of Jesus we pray for those who continue to bring our world messages of the good news of God's love. May we be among them! Help us to make this time of Advent a time when our messages of hope for world are louder and stronger than ever, especially to those who so desperately need to hear a message of peace and love. We ask this prayer through Jesus our hope.

Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! ... Let us think about and feel this beauty."

Parish News



Gratitude is expressed to all those who helped out in any way while Fr Martin was on holidays. Special thanks to Narelle Naughton & Sr Anne Hagan for their assistance in the sacristy. The willingness of Sr Carina Morton to lead our parish community in a weekly liturgy of the word was much appreciated. Thanks to all involved in the working bee to help prepare the parish grounds and gardens in anticipation of our Christmas festivities.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This weekend and next we will collect to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations of gifts (unwrapped) suitable for children up to 12 years, \$20 Gift Vouchers, monetary donations or non-perishable food items would be most gratefully accepted. Please leave these gifts in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church.

The first anniversary of the death of Fr Kevin Flanagan Parish Priest of Sacred Heart North Albury 1977—2017, occurs on Friday 21 December.

Eucharist on that day in memory of Fr Kevin's life and priestly devotion to this community will be celebrated at 9.30am. Shared morning tea to follow in our Parish Hall.

We congratulate Justin Clancy on his pre-selection to stand for the seat of Albury in the upcoming NSW state elections. Obviously, being chairperson of the Parish Council has equipped him well for life in politics!

Choir Practice

For the 9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass to be held on Thursday 20 December at 7pm in the Church.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Christmas Roster

Sign up sheet for those available for Christmas Masses at back of church.

St Vincent de Paul

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

Are now available for sale at back of Church

Calendars x \$9 each

Pk of 10 cards x \$6

This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Bailey Michael Ryan son of Samuel & Bridgette; Ayla May Ryan daughter of Joshua & Courtney; Matilda Belle McLeod daughter of Alec & Kelsey.

This weekend we welcome back to our parish community Fr John Frauenfelder. Fr John was ordained to the service of ministerial priesthood in Sacred Heart North Albury on 10 December, 1968. He was resident here in this parish for many years working closely with Fr Kevin Flanagan. Let us thank Fr John for his 50 year commitment to pastoral ministry, breaking open God's word and his genuine concern and care for those in need. It is with deep gratitude that we join with him in prayer and celebration of our Eucharist this Sunday at 9.30am. Please share morning tea with us in the hall afterwards.

Plenary Council

Many thanks to Catherine Cutler for facilitating our parish communities listening and dialogue sessions. The collated responses will be emailed to the national and diocesan bodies. The range of responses will also assist the Parish Council as it attempts to help identify, clarify and stimulate our mission and action as a community of faith in 2019.

Outreach Group

A short meeting of the Outreach Group will be held after morning tea this morning. If unable to be present please ring Barbara on 6021 7868.

Outreach Visitation

It is planned to begin visitation of Parishioners who are ill, unable to come to Mass, bereaved, live by themselves etc in mid February 2019.

If you would appreciate seeing a friendly face or two, we would love to call on you in your home or nursing home.

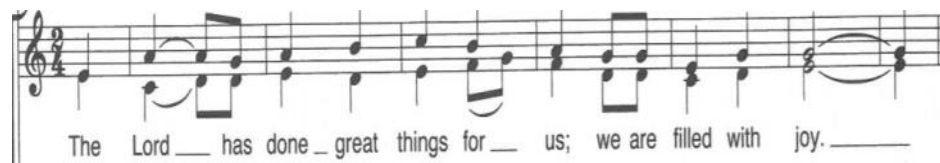
So that plans can be made can you please contact the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9am to 2pm on 6025 1516. Please leave your name and phone number and preferred day for visitation.

Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Advent—Year C

Readings: Bar 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 3-6,8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm:



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

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Communal Prayer for Lighting the Second Candle of Advent

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations. *(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. *(A person lights the Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)*

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's School Hall

9.00pm Mass in the Church

Christmas Day – 9.30am

