



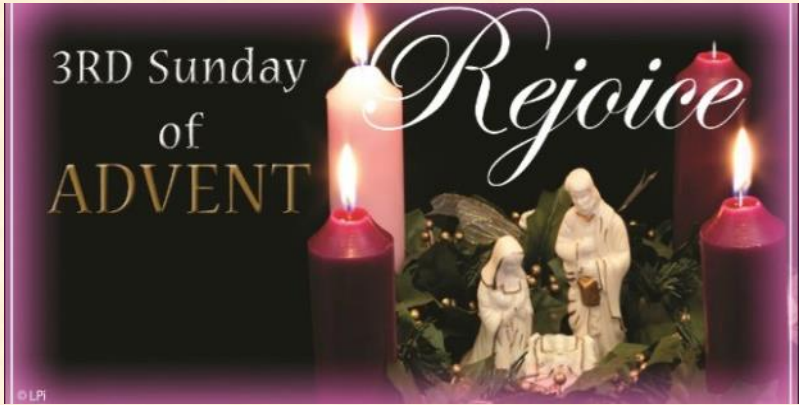
Third Sunday of Advent
15th / 16th December 2018

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Mass Times
SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.30 am
WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:
Tuesday—Mercy Place—Mass of Anointing & Christmas Liturgy 11.00am
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

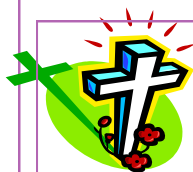
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We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along 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 LORD 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 birth pangs. 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.
(Dianne Bergant CSS)

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Jim Victory, Peter Bartlett, Margaret Power, Sr Marie Duffy, Leesa Hamond, Goldie Bovis, Tracey Robinson, Kit Clancy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Shaun Brady, Peter Gibbs, Kent Van Every, Keith Groth, Michael Murphy, Geoff O'Brien, Wendy Murphy, Annette Power, Linus Drew, Irene Unger, Chris Thumpston, Ruby O'Keefe, Eric Low, Owen Drysdale, Frederick Lindsay, Benjamin Orman, Fr Michael Buckdale, Kathleen Frauenfelder, Marlene Clee, Harry Collins, Beryl Splatt, Norm Frauenfelder, Francis Henry.

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: 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

Sat /Sun: 22nd/ 23rd December		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Leanne Michael
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Volunteer	Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Noelene Cruise Anna Farrell	Pauline Willis Fran Kernaghan Volunteer
Cantor	Margaret & Ed Brown	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Des Lum & Jane Togher		Cleaning Group: Group 1



Prayer for the lighting of the Third Advent Candle at Home

As we light this Advent candle, may its flame be a symbol of hope; its warmth be a symbol of God's love for each one of us; and may it inspire us to live simply and generously, after the example of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you give to our lives in so many ways. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing joy with others. We ask though Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down."

Parish News

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We continue 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.

Fr Kevin's First Anniversary

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.

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.

As a parish community we offer best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Judy Foley who retires from teaching at St Anne's at the end of this school year. For twenty years Judy has taught music and raised the self worth and esteem of so many young people through their participation in school productions. Through helping young people to shine and giving them the opportunity to experience achievement and hope in their lives Judy has been a living witness to gospel values.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper for December has arrived. Please take a copy from church entrances.

St Vincent de Paul

Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards

Are now available for sale at back of Church

Calendars x \$9 each

Fr Jim Victory died last Sunday evening in the Mercy Hospital Palliative Care Unit. Jim was diagnosed with inoperable cancer in September so his journey through death to the Lord was swifter than most expected.

Jim was ordained in 1959 for servant priesthood in the diocese of Wilcannia Forbes. He fulfilled this pastoral ministry with great openness, integrity and faithfulness. Jim retired from full time ministry five years ago and came to live closer to his family in Albury. His willingness to help out sacramentally in this parish and many others was much appreciated.

His sister Kathryn and her husband Paul are much valued members of this parish community. To them and the rest of Fr Jim's family we offer our prayerful support in this time of loss and grief. Fr Jim's body will be laid to rest in his hometown of Broken Hill next Tuesday

Thanks to all involved in the preparation, organisation and participation in the Eucharistic celebration of Fr John Frauenfelder's fifty years of ordination to servant leadership in the life of the catholic church.

Ecumenical Festival of Carols & Readings

You are invited to an ecumenical festival of carols and readings to be held this Sunday 16 December in St Matthew's Anglican Church, central Albury at 5.00pm. Donations from an offertory collection will be shared between Albury / Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre, Carevan & St Matthew's Crisis Care. All welcome to attend.

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

Third Sunday of Advent—Year C

Readings: Zeph̄ 3: 14-18; Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

Responsorial Psalm:

***Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.***

Gospel Acclamation:

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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Communal Prayer for Lighting the Third Candle of Advent

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love.

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope, and Peace)

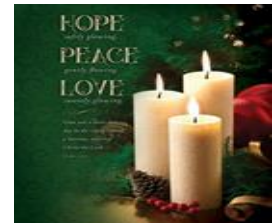
Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show Gods love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(A person lights the Third Candle, the Candle of Love)

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptised them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. **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

