



*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*7th December / 8th December 2019*

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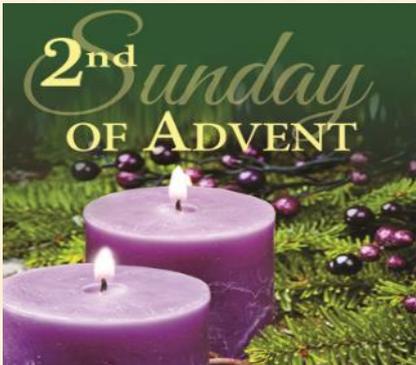
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**Mass Times**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**  
**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**WEEKDAYS: This Week**  
**Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am**  
**Friday: Xavier High School . Gift giving and end of year Mass 9.30am. All Welcome**

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



Today’s readings are like Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer’s characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one’s religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

( Dianne Bergant)

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jim Burke, Angela Lynch,

Marlene Mirani, Ellen Hagan, Shane Fifield, Paul McDonald, Sr Cabrini Knott, Simon Harders.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Jim Victory, Imelda Phegan, Marie Carter, Sr Therma, Geoffrey Jervois Snr, Jason Farrell, Ernest Elias, Susan Guy, Joff Hutchinson, Maria Klauss, Malcolm Nicholson, Gerarda Van Dijk, George McShane, Nell Seymour, Msgr Hatswell, Charlotte Roberts, Lucy Freeman, Nell Martin Francis Clancy, Noreen Low, Brenda De Hennin, Louis Dimitrijevic, Ray Corrigan, Lesley Beach, 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: 7th December / 8th December**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Anthony Foley Ed Brown Kellie Gordes	Rosalie Martin Roy Thompson Lorraine Willis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Sue McLaurin Richard & Trish Parkinson Kevin Kennedy Fran Kernaghan Pamela McIntosh Ann McIntyre
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Margaret & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Catherine & Judy Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

**Sat /Sun: 14th December / 15th December**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b> <b>Lector 1</b> <b>Lector 2</b>	Nano Clancy Justin Clancy Brian Waters	Chris Lewis MACE Sisters Wendy McFerran
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins Catherine Cutler	Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Kansas Michael Cathy Nyhan Sue Betts Sr Patricia Weekes
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John van Lint Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Gordon Bryant		



## **Prayer for the lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.

Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen



## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“ In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey ... across the paths of time.”

# Parish News



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Gifts for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal can be placed in the baskets at the entrances to the Church over the next two weeks. Unwrapped gifts for children, non-perishable food items or gift vouchers would be most appreciated.

Envelopes are also available for monetary donations.

## Random Acts of Kindness

Advent is a season of preparation and a time to be aware of others. In front of our Advent Wreath is a basket containing a card on which is an act of kindness. Please take one and during these days put this act of kindness into practice. You can take another card each week.

## Music Ministers & Choir Practice

Music ministers and choir members are invited to attend a session on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm to look at a new Gloria and other hymns.

Will end session with a practice for the Christmas Eve mass for those who are available to help out. Contact Val Hayes 0422 953 771.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our choir.

## Xavier High School

Our St Vincent de Paul Gift Giving and end of year Mass will take place in the main auditorium at Xavier High School Friday 13 December at 9.30 am. All welcome to attend.

## Christmas Greetings

Murray Conservatorium will present its concert of carols and Christmas music on Saturday 7 December at St Matthew's Church Albury at 7.30pm and Sunday 8 December at St John's Church Wodonga at 2.30pm. Tickets: \$25 (\$20 conc) under 18 free, available from Cinema Centre of Murray Conservatorium.

## Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish community on Tuesday 17 December at 6.00pm. An opportunity to receive and extend to others God's merciful love, healing and forgiveness. All welcome.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Reg l'Anson celebrates his ninetieth birthday in the coming week. As a parish community we offer him and his family our prayers and best wishes. We thank him for being a model to many of cheerful and committed faith.

**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 Chloe Margaret Barr daughter of Cory & Kelly; Linkin Ray Graham son of Kris & Monika; Audrey Lauren Quin daughter of Ryan & Courtney.

## 2020 Plenary Council Discernment Session for Advent

A meeting will be held at the Mantra Conference Room (1st Floor) 7.30pm Wednesday 11 December for Advent, following the "Let's Listen and Discern" format provided. Everyone is invited to participate and join one discernment group to discuss and deepen the Report Topic which are as follows:

1. Missionary and Evangelising
  2. Inclusive Participatory and Synodal
  3. Prayerful and Eucharistic
  4. Humble, Healing and Merciful
  5. A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community
  6. Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
- Pens & paper, tea & coffee provided on the evening. Facilitated by Rosemary Farrell.

## St Patrick's Advent Christmas Carols and BBQ

To be held this Sunday 8 December.

**5.00pm** Mass; **6.00pm** Formal church Carol Service with the Artes Christi Group. Entrance by donation.

**7.00—9.00pm** Informal outdoor BBQ & Carol Service.

**Cost:** \$5 per person or \$10 per family for bbq dinner & dessert. **Drinks:** \$1 per can.. All welcome

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Roster for Christmas Masses

Please put your name down on roster provided (Swan Street entrance to church) if you are available for 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass or 9.30am Christmas Day.

## Community Festival of Carols, Lessons and Readings at

St Matthew's Anglican Church Albury on Sunday 15 December at 5.00pm. All welcome.

## Men's Breakfast Advent Special

St James Hall, Cnr Schneider & Heriot Streets, Lavington. Saturday 14 December. Welcome and Grace 8am. Donation \$5.

## Christmas Mass Times

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

(Liturgy adapted for families, children and teenagers)

**9.00pm** Mass in Sacred Heart Church

**Christmas Day** - 9.30am Sacred Heart Church

# Liturgy of the Word

*Second Sunday of Advent—Year A*

*Readings: Is 11: 1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Matt 3: 1-12*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



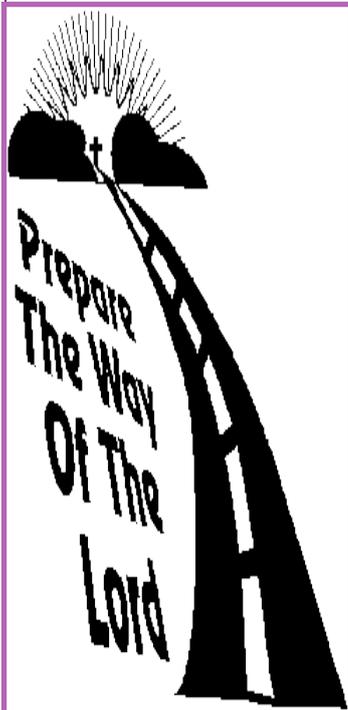
**Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**



## 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.**



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