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Mass Times

9am Friday and 8am Sunday

Reconciliation - By appointment

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Advent – Year A

FIRST READING Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just—but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus an-

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swered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’



HYMNS

ENTRANCE

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Tune: Firmly I Believe & Truly

Hark! A herald voice is calling:
“Christ is near”, it seems to say;
“Cast away the dreams of darkness,
Waken, children of the day!”

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

See, the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon now from heav’n’
Let us meet him with repentance,
Pray that we may be forgiv’n.

So, when next he comes in glory,
And earth’s final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heav’n appear.

COMMUNION

Where There Is Charity and Love

Refrain:

Where there is charity and Love,
There the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, His love and peace.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

RECESSINAL

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

Tune: All People that on Earth Do Dwell

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away,
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

Then cleansed be ev’ry heart from sin,
Make straight the way for God within;
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24 Dec - 5.00pm

(Followed by refreshments on the lawn)

Christmas Day - 25 Dec - 8.00am

We hope you can join us.



NOTICES

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Celebrant: Today, as we gather on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we light the third of the candles, rejoicing in God's love that was made manifest through the ministry and preaching of John the Baptist.

The Third Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant: Dear sisters and brothers, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory, let us pray that God will make us witnesses of the Lord of light, who has taken on our humanity to bring salvation to all people.

Silence

Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O Lord:

All: For we have sinned against you.

Celebrant: Show us, O Lord, your Mercy:

All: And grant us your salvation.

Celebrant: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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FEAST DAYS

Tue - St Lucy
Wed - St John of the Cross

ADVENT WREATH THE SHAPE

Christ is eternal; He has neither a beginning nor an end. We can say the wreath itself reminds us of Christ's eternal presence with its circular shape. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God.

Tidbit: As far back as the seventh century, wreaths were used in baptismal and wedding ceremonies.

THE NUMBER

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Typically, an Advent wreath has three purple and one pink candle. A Christ candle might also be included (as we have on our Wreaths). The four candles symbolise HOPE, FAITH, JOY, AND PEACE.

Tidbit: The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, call Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" means rejoice.
(source: [catholicknowtheanswer](http://catholicknowtheanswer.com))



CATHOLIC LEADER LATEST ONLINE HEADLINES

1. Brisbane launches Centre for Catholic Formation.
2. Deacon Clinton McGoldrick becomes first Indigenous man ordained to serve in Brisbane.
3. Dr Maeve Heaney's new book asks questions.
4. Fr Bernie retiring after 53 years of parish ministry.
5. Pope Francis: Advent reminds us it's never too late to begin again.

(Please let us know if you would like to receive the Leader each month—\$4)

CONTAINERS OF CASH

Please continue to support this initiative. Bring along your containers and remember to check for the 10c refund mark on them. Money raised to date will go to Catholic Mission. **649** containers have been saved from going to landfill. **\$64.90** raised. Thank you.

Please contact the parish office to find out more about Baptising your child. We are here to answer all your questions.



ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the first Friday of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. The next one will be on the **6th January**. Any changes will be notified via the newsletter.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

PENTITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*
*Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God*

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