

Dear brothers and sisters,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, we focus on John the Baptist and his call to repentance in view of the coming of the Lord. Linking with the First Reading (Is 40:1-5, 9-11) John is the 'voice that cries in the wilderness crying "Prepare a way for the Lord".' Isaiah prophesies the return from the Babylonian exile which he sees as a new Exodus from the land of slavery to the promised land. God will liberate and lead his people home like a shepherd. Nature itself will be transformed to ease their path. Today the voice of John, the trailblazer, is a wakeup call for us. In our difficult times, we too are asked to witness to God's saving love and to prepare a way for people in our world today to come home to him.

Today's Gospel, (Mk 1:1-8), takes us to the beginning of Mark's Gospel omitting any account of Jesus' birth or early life. Mark begins the story of Jesus with the ministry of John the Baptist. The mission of John the Baptist preparing a way for the Lord in the wilderness connects with the First Reading. John's appearance and his voice indicate the fulfilment of what Isaiah had foretold: the 'good news' ('gospel') of the coming of the Lord, for whom 'a way' through the wilderness has been prepared.

'The Lord' is Jesus himself, the Messiah and Son of God (1:1) and the 'way' that has to be prepared for him is no longer a path through the desert, but a way constructed in human hearts. The 'way' is conversion from sin which is dramatized in the immersion and washing of people in water. John's appearance – his clothing and his diet – show him to be a prophet after the example of Elijah who was expected to return to preach repentance before the coming of the Lord. So, John points beyond himself. He himself is not the Messiah.

John merely baptises with water but the one who will come after him will 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'. He will bind up the 'strong man' (Satan; see Mk 3:22-27), who holds people captive alienating them from God, from one another and from their own true humanity. Empowered by the Spirit (Mk 1:10-11), Jesus restores human lives from all that binds them (sin, ignorance, disease, despair, anxiety etc) and draws us into his own life-giving intimacy with God. A journey from drifting in spiritual mediocrity to a commitment to growth. This is the meaning of 'baptising with the Spirit'.—*Blessings, Greg*

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 16th December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church



Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose forgiveness is unfailing.

FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

As per government COVID-19 regulations, collections are not able to be taken up during Mass. Any Planned Giving and monetary offerings for the first and second collections may be placed in the box at the back of the church.



HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

There are a number of parishioners who need to have Communion brought to them in their homes. If you can assist with this can you please speak to one of the priests or phone Billie at the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL This weekend 5th/6th December



Our Appeal takes place this weekend at all Masses. The appeal envelopes are on the pews for your conveniences. The demands on our services are ever increasing. We respond to anyone who lives within the Morley and Dianella parish boundaries. A retiring collection will be held after all Masses this weekend.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued generosity.

—Lou Daily, Morley-Dianella Conference President

MANDATORY COVID 19 CONTACT REGISTRATION



All Catholic churches and community halls are venues identified by WA Government to maintain a **mandatory Contact Register from this Saturday 5 December.**

Any person aged 16 years and over is required to register their contact details when attending church and parish centre. Records are not required to be collected for children under 16 years.

At Infant Jesus Parish you may **register your contact details in ONE of two ways:**

- **Paper slip provided:** Please record yours and your family details on this slip and place it in the secure letter boxes located in the foyer. **Only ONE slip required per family.**
- **SafeWA App:** This allows you to check-in by scanning the SafeWA QR code that is displayed in multiple locations at the front of the church. This is a contactless and convenient way for you to check-in.



For your **convenience** you can:

- Take home with you multiple paper detail slips so you can complete the details at home ready to place it in the letterbox at church, on arrival.
- Download the app on your device.

Together, we can ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members.

HOSPITALITY MINISTER TEAM MEETING AND MORNING TEA
Saturday 12th December at 9am
in the parish library



Please attend as it will be a wonderful opportunity for the team to catch up and be informed on the preparation for our COVID's Christmas Masses. Hope to see you there.—*Coordinators, Jo McManus*

CRAFTY PEOPLE WANTED

Do you have sewing skills, craft skills, a creative mind or a willingness to help your Parish to raise funds at the Garden Funraiser? If so please contact Deb Laidler at deb.kimlaidler@inet.net.au



A meeting to discuss ideas will be held on Saturday 23 January at 9.30am in the Parish hall! In the meantime please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas you may have! Many thanks in anticipation!

UNWANTED STATIONERY!

End of year unwanted stationery would be gratefully accepted for use in the parish. Please drop off any supplies to the parish office.



PILGRIM STATUE



This week in the home of Ms Monica Chin; 3/21 Camden St, Dianella. Ph: 6111 0291

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Diego Barzasi, Marian Wee Lopez, Sebastian Trusso, Nazzareno Catalano

Deceased: Doug Bolton, Members of the Nathanielz and Reid families

Anniversaries: Francesca Pananiia, Andrew Pow, Pat O'Sullivan, Giocondo Colantonio, Alfredo De Filippi

The Sick of the Parish: All the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

THANK YOU SO MUCH

To our wonderful parishioners who answered our call for a new freezer. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Our heartfelt thanks.

—*Billie, parish office*



Can you help?

The Parish Office is looking for banana boxes and/or bread crates for use during our Garden FUNraiser. Please bring them to the Parish Office or contact Billie on 9276 8500. Thank you

NEXT WEEKEND — 12/13 December 2020 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Paul Wachtel	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Jamie and Mary	Allan and Akash	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	Donna Marie and Marian	Liz and Brian	Barbara and Rodney	Eloise (Rita) and Naethan (Fely)
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T & Chris T	Delia and John S	Linda and Marlene	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Rose and Mavis	Haydee and Roma	Rita and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 12 December @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am , Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
 Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
 Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
 Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
 Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
 Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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Garden FUNraiser



We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a Mother's Day Garden Fair, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.

Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at gardenfunraiser@gmail.com or phone the parish office on 9276 8500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US:

- Please bring in your unwanted—plastic or other pots of all sizes (very large pots needed too); floral/garden themed fabrics; garden statues; old garden tools, etc
- Offer your help with sewing/craft projects
- Share ideas with us about creating a great Mother's Day garden fair

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU: Moonure, a local company has donated potting mix which you are welcome to collect from parish office to help in potting plants for the fundraiser.



WHAT CAN YOU DO: Bring in any unwanted fabrics for our craft projects, especially green, floral or garden themed materials.

Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)



The Priest, or an assistant, lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms' (First Reading). The Plenary Council invites us to be a Humble, Healing and Merciful community. Like the shepherd may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come (Second Reading). Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit (Gospel). Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout the journey of the Plenary Council.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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