



# Infant Jesus Parish

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**Third Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**12 December 2021**

### First Reading Zep 3:14-18

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with a joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

*(Quiet reflection time)*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Is 12:2-6 R. v.6**

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

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to  
his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel. *(R.)*

### Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in  
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your  
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident

to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is  
no need to worry; but if there is anything  
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of  
God, which is so much greater than we can  
understand, will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

*(Quiet reflection time)*

### Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;*  
*he sent me to bring Good News*  
*to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

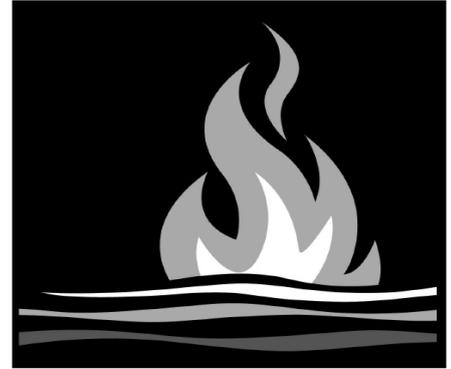
### Gospel Lk 3:10-18

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What  
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has  
two tunics he must share with the man  
who has none, and the one with something  
to eat must do the same.' There were tax  
collectors too who came for baptism, and  
these said to him, 'Master, what must we  
do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than  
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in  
their turn, 'What about us? What must we  
do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No  
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among  
the people, who were beginning to think  
that John might be the Christ, so John  
declared before them all, 'I baptise you with  
water, but someone is coming, someone  
who is more powerful than I am, and I am  
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he  
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his  
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into  
his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire  
that will never go out.' As well as this, there  
were many other things he said to exhort  
the people and to announce the Good News  
to them.

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### Reflection by Greg Sunter

Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient. To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society. John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John. When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

### Entrance Antiphon:

**Phil 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our **First Reading** (Zep 3:14-18) God is 'in our midst' and renews us by his love. Not only that, but God is so exuberant that 'he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival'. Does this match your image of God? God is enthusiastically involved in our lives rejoicing in us and with us! Our response to the reading today is not a psalm but a hymn of joy and gratitude to God from Isaiah (Is 12: 2-6).

In the **Second Reading** (Phil 4:4-7) Paul tells us that the presence of Christ in the church is the cause of our joy. This joy comes from a sense of being loved by God in the midst of the ups and downs of life. The experience of the Spirit is that one is loved by God (Rom 5:5; 8:15; Gal 4:6-7). So, we are called to an abiding sense of gratitude and thanksgiving which leads us to act with gentleness and graciousness

Today's **Gospel** (Lk 3:10-18) focuses on John the Baptist. John is not a professional. He is outside all religious institutions. So, he has no official power except the truth of what he says. He invites people to change how they think and to re-order their priorities. Professions which were notorious for swindling the poor are called to act justly. He calls everyone to be compassionate towards the poor and marginalised. John insists he is not the Messiah he is simply preparing the way by his preaching repentance with a symbolic washing of people in the Jordan to mark their conversion. John's thinking is apocalyptic: the end is nigh, the people will be divided into the good and the bad. The bad will be punished. His description of the role of the Messiah is frightening.

But Jesus does not have the style of ministry that John sketches. Instead, he heals, reconciles and forgives. He does not judge or condemn but celebrates the mercy of God (Lk 5:27-32; 15:1-2). Jesus' experience of the Spirit at his Baptism where the Father tells him: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you' [Lk 3:22]) is, in fact, extended to all those who are baptised and anointed with the Holy Spirit. The Church itself will undergo a 'baptism' at Pentecost when the Spirit comes upon the disciples in tongues, 'as if of fire' (Acts 2:1-4), empowering them to take up the mission of Jesus. Today we celebrate Jesus, the cause of our joy.

*Blessings, Greg*



**Prepare the Way for the Lord  
2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
for Advent  
THIS Wednesday 15 December  
at 7pm**

Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for Christmas. The word of God is proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you. The priest will be in full view of all present. Your confession is kept brief in the communal environment, return to your seat for prayer. Don't go home yet! Stay to rejoice and give thanks together as a community as we return to live our new life.

**Please note:** This is a communal rite, confession to be kept brief, allowing all present the time to access the sacrament. If you feel you will need more time with the priest, please attend the 1st Rite held on Saturdays 10am - 11am or 5pm - 5.30pm.

**The Parish Collectors Ministry**

More collectors are needed for our parish. Women and men 16 years and older are eligible.

Collecting the money for the upkeep of the church and priests is a ministry of service. Please register your interest by contacting the parish office on 9276 8500 or email to [secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au) Our team will be available to have a chat with you and register your name after Mass this weekend. For more information a brief meeting will be held Monday, 13th of December at 7.00pm in the parish hall. Come along and join us in this important work!



*"This action is an integral part of the liturgy because our offering links us to the sacrifice of the cross and the money will be used in the mission of the Church"*



**Christmas Raffle  
Next weekend—18/19 December**

Everything you need for Christmas Entertaining; Christmas treats, chocolates, confectionery, sweet and savoury biscuits and snacks, and cool and/or hot drinks. Two prizes to be won—First prize is valued over \$300 and Second prize is over \$100 with delicious goodies. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Don't forget to bring some cash next weekend for the raffle!

**Church Cleaning Team**

Our Saturday team is looking for another member to join the group to help with vacuuming the church. If you can help an hour each month, please contact Billie on 9276 5000 in the parish office.



## MORLEY/DIANELLA CATENIAN CIRCLE

This Sunday the 12th December, at the 9.30 Mass, many of the members of the Morley/Dianella Catenian Circle will be in attendance to celebrate their annual President's Commemorative Mass to celebrate the lives of the deceased members and their wives. Sadly, during the past year, two of our members being Frank Parry, a long time parishioner of the Morley Parish and John Starcevic of the Dianella Parish entered eternal life.



Following the Mass, a special morning tea will be hosted by the Catenians in the Parish Centre and interested parishioners are welcome to attend. If you wish to know more about the Catenians, please direct your questions to members in attendance and brochures will also be available, after Mass.

Catenians are committed to their Catholic faith and strongly support family, widows, young people and enjoying friendship based on their shared faith. Lou Daily, the membership officer can also be contacted on 0419 953 507.

## LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

*"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it."*

Bring the light of Christ to your neighbours by inviting them to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear the message of hope that is the Christmas story. Be part of our parish letterbox drop and take some fliers to deliver to the streets around you. Please cross off the streets you will deliver to from the list of our parish streets in the foyer. Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed). This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, as well as a good excuse to go for a walk!



## PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of  
Sandra Haney  
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## PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently Deceased:** Gerald Wright,

**Deceased:** Edwin Bowers, Deceased family members Peters and Matthews family, Bill and Nettie Beukelaar,

**Anniversaries:** Roy Lane, Pat De Cruze, Arthur Chemello, William Henry Pierce Slyth, Bosco Lu;

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

*The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior"*

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS

**13 Dec:** St Lucy, virgin, martyr

**14 Dec:** St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

## THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION



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The total amount donated by the Morley Parish for the 2021

Appeal was \$6,227.35. Thank you to all who have supported our missionaries and their work throughout the world. Please hold them in your prayers.

If you would like to participate in God's mission more fully by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission and the vision of Pope Francis, in a voluntary capacity in your own parish, or by leaving a bequest, please email Francis Leong at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) to arrange for a chat about the possibilities.

## Christmas Message from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe

To read the Archbishop's Christmas message, please visit the Archdiocesan website. For your convenience, a limited printed copies are available on the bulletin stand.

## 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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 9.30 - 10.30am  
**Eucharistic Prayer:** Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm

## Parish Bank Account Details

### First Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Carmelite  
**BSB:** 066 132      **Account Number:** 0080 0015  
**Reference:** Your name

### Second Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Infant Jesus Parish Morley  
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## Our Parish Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Greg Burke - [pp@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:pp@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
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## Expressions of Interest for Enrolments at Infant Jesus School

The family is the first and most important influence in the development of religious faith in the child. Parents who enrol children at our school are asking us to share with them the responsibility of bringing up their children as Christians under the guidance of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The school supports parents in this important role. Infant Jesus School welcomes expressions of interest for enrolments in all year levels from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six. Please contact Infant Jesus School (Cheryl) on 9276 1769 or visit the website [www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au](http://www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au) for information regarding an enrolment pack. #ExpectGreatThings

## CONGRATULATIONS...

We welcome our recently baptised little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them— Ava McPartland;



Samuel Ferrer Guerrero; Kane Joseph; Cassandra Misquitta; Hugh Trinh; Parker De Mello; Enzo Bruno; Alaina Fitzpatrick; Alex Gentile; Emma Jones; Macy Lyons; Gabriella Barker; Valentina Pham; Axel Ricciardello; Rachel Guinan; Daniel Cho; Louie Hlaing; Pia Frayling; Mason Lawton; Oliver Lawton; Remi Lawton; Henry Bernabe; Mia Heneghan; Elle Magneterra; Zoe Pedretti.

### THIS WEEKEND —3rd Sunday of Advent—11/12 December 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Chris Wray	David Pham	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia and Royce	Madeleine and Frank	Crissant; Cesar and Leah	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Clare and Marian F	Sally and Tang	Mike and Julia	Marion W and Paul
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Noeline and Bryan	Anna and Marlene	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Barb and Veronica	Marion O and Zina	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 11 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.**

### NEXT WEEKEND — 4th Sunday of Advent—18/19 December 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan and Megan	Cyril	Andrei; Jules and Manuel	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Sjen and Nikita	Mark and Josephine	Fely and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Delia and John S	Magdalene and Errol	Thuy and Ivor
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Lyn and Mavis	Deborah and Pauline	Joanne and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 17 December @ 10.30am			

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