

## FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

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 The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.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 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.

The word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

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.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

*The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty saviour, who will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love (Zephaniah) 3:17*

As we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, we are invited to reflect on and live the JOY that comes from simplicity, from living in the NOW. It also tells us that joy can always be ours, not in the hurriedness around us, but in the simple moments of time with God, of time with others, of enjoying each surprising day – just as it is.

Reading Luke 3:10-18 (Read together)

**Family Prayer:** God of Joy, may we find joy in the simple gifts you give because of your constant presence in all things. May we walk each day, in the simplicity of this Joy, and celebrate it with those we love. Amen

### Invitation to Act:

*How can we as a family, savor the JOY of the simple things in our lives?*

*Make a concerted effort that each member of the family, will find joy in One simple thing that has happened throughout the week. Share it with each other!*

*The Danish word for Joy is 'Hygge' – (Hoog-ee) What would be Yours? Display it for the week.*

## Today's Hymns

### 1. Sing to the mountains

Sing to the mountains,  
sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices,  
lift your hearts.  
This is the day  
the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice  
I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and song.  
Sing to the mountains,  
sing to the sea.

### 3. Joyful in Hope

Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.  
Though the road may not be clear,  
We believe, Lord, you are near,  
In the smile and open heart of a friend.  
Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.  
There's sunshine after rain,  
there's laughter after pain.  
And I am with you always, so rise again.  
Mary, so open to the Lord,  
When you answered "Yes,"  
Our hope was restored.  
Though you couldn't understand,  
In trust you took his hand.  
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

### 2. In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look at God, do not be afraid;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

### 4. City of God

Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.  
Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord our light and our love, has turned the night into day!  
We are sons of the morning;  
We are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us  
has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness  
has called us to be  
A light for his people,  
to set their hearts free  
Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!

## Altar server training

For anyone who has made his or her first communion and who is interested in being an altar server at St Mary's Church, there will be a training session at 5pm on Tuesday 14 December. For anyone who is interested but cannot make this time, please contact the parish office.

## Thought for the week!

Third week of Advent

Take a deep breath

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

-Isaiah 43:18-19

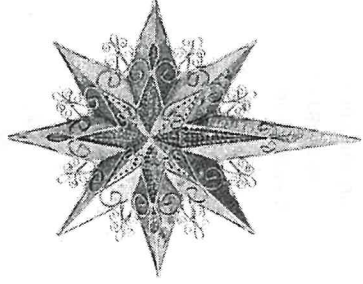


**PLEASE NOTE**

Masks are no longer mandatory, but if you want to wear one please feel free to do so. You must still scan or sign in every time you come to church. Finally, to help keep us all safe, please remember to wipe down your seat and surrounding area.

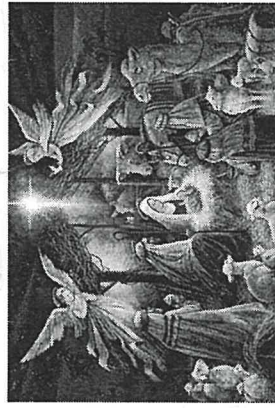
Christmas Masses

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm Vigil Mass St Mary's (vaccinated) 11.30pm Carols St Mary's 12 midnight Vigil Mass St Mary's
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am St Mary's (vaccinated) 10.30am St Mary's (vaccinated) 10.30am Carols St Colman's (vaccinated) 11.00am St Colman's (vaccinated)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	9.15am St Mary's 9.00am St Colman's



Dress up for Mass

We invite any children that are coming to the 7.00pm vigil Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate by coming dressed up! You may choose to come as a shepherd, a king, an angel! It is up to you



**ROSTER - CHRISTMAS EVE/MIDNIGHT MASS/CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES-2021**

7.00 PM	MIDNIGHT MASS	9.00 AM	10.30 AM
<b>LECTOR:</b> Donna Martin	<b>LECTORS:</b> <b>First Reading:</b> Barbara D. <b>Second Reading:</b> Delma	<b>LECTOR:</b> Patrick Bartley	<b>LECTOR:</b> Rica Garcia
<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Volunteer	<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Peter Slavinskis	<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Tony Villanti	<b>COMMENTATOR:</b> Volunteer

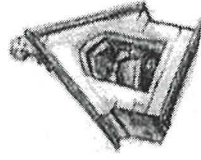
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Fourth Sunday of Advent, YEAR C**

First Reading: Micah 5: 1-4  
 Responsorial Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10  
 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-144

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU!**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C**  
**12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

*The Bell*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**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!

**THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, We proclaim your Death, O Lord Until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am**

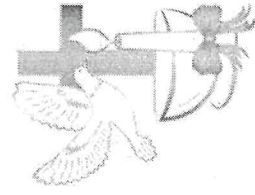
No Mass at St Colman's

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 5.30pm**

No Confession at St Mary's

Due to covid this year's collection for the Melbourne Overseas Mission has been postponed till 2022.

**Please Note:** Next week 19<sup>th</sup> December there will be a collection for St Vincent De Paul and they are kindly coming to speak to us as well.



We welcome

*Lenny*

who will be received into the Church today in the sacrament of Baptism

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**MASS TIMES**

**ST MARY'S**

**Sunday:** 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

**Weekdays:** Wednesday - Friday at 9.15am

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday 6.00pm -6.30pm or before weekday Mass

**ST COLMAN'S**

**Sunday:** 11.00am

**Weekdays:** Tuesday and Saturday at 9.00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am or before weekday Mass

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**Welcome to St Mary's Parish!**

**Parish!**

We encourage new

parishioners to email us at

[stkildaeast@cam.org.au](mailto:stkildaeast@cam.org.au)

We look forward to hearing

from you.