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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

12 December 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Leonie Bashall, Peter Piggot;
Deceased:

Anniversary: Peg Lawson; Colin Gee; John Donovan; Thelma Reaper; Patrick McCulloch; Frank Conroy; Maude Press; Margaret Harrison; Bernard Perkins; Patricia Callinan; Vincent Lantry; Dawn Davidson; Fred Barr; Florence McNamara; Jacqueline Sharpe; Allan Sinson; Patrick Barr; Barbara Plunkett; St. Mary White RSL; Vera Graham; Margaret Doolan; George McGregor; Esther Whittled; Dulcie Withers; Bert Carpenter; Edward Eisey; Mabel Lobsey; Terrance Austin; Calrina Stolk; Eric Robinson; Andy Robinson; Sarah Robinson; Bob Robinson; Max Eveleigh; Barry Donnelly; Walter Janssen.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill: Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Mavis Burraston; Mary Smith; Pat Reidy; Paul Murphy; Craig Lawrence; Ivy Taylor; Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Fr. John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ross Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Joan Greenlee; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster
18/12/2021 R: B McNamara
19/12/2021 R: D Keeklaan
C: M & P Perkins

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8:15am - Quirindi
Tuesday 9:30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9:30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 9:30am - Werris Creek
Friday 9:30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5:00pm - Quirindi
6:30pm - Werris Creek

Sunday: 8:00am - Willow Tree
9:30am - Quirindi

Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11:00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9:30am mass until 5:00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Coming Events

Thurs 16 Confessions at St Brigid's at 6.00pm with visiting priests
Fri 17 Confessions at Werris Creek at 6.00pm

Planned Giving \$700.00 + \$50.00 = \$750.00

First Collection \$248.30

Third Sunday of Advent

The Presider or an assistant lights the third candle

Presider

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah as the one who will exult over us and renew us by your love.

R. Come, Lord Jesus

V. Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

R. Come, Lord Jesus

V. Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

R. Come, Lord Jesus

Presider: Let us pray,

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

To all Parishioners and Friends Next Thursday 16

December, you are all invited to come share the company of your community and enjoy the delicious "Brunch" that is being planned and prepared by some members of your Parish. The purpose is to come together before as a Catholic Caring Community and share the joy in preparation for Christmas. Do bring a friend if you wish. We have much to share!! Lets do it in the relaxed atmosphere of the Fr Stan Campbell Hall from 11:00am. Do home you are able to come.

Raffle: the winners of the raffle were 1st Quincey Scanlon and 2nd Joan Eisey. Congratulations. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Thanks again to the Gunning for the superb morning tea.

Save your Postage Stamps With Christmas Cards circulating soon perhaps a reminder about the Stamp Saving. Save your Postage Stamps with used Stamps with funds going to the Josephite Mission in Peru. Box for them at the back of the Church.

Saints to Remember

St Lucy - Memorial - 13th
St John of the Cross - Memorial - 14th

Saint Michael the Archangel: defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Carols in the Park at Willow Tree

Commencing with Carols at 7:30pm on Thursday 16th December. Deacon Paul Marvell will be giving the address. Please bring a chair or a rug. Supper will be provided. Willow Tree Lions Club will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at 6:30pm. There is also late night shopping at Willow Tree, the shops will stay open till 7:00pm. All welcome to attend.

Reconciliation Will be held on Thursday 16th December at 6:00pm at St Brigid's Church with Father Vince and a visiting priest.
Werris Creek will hold Reconciliation on held on Friday 17th December at 6:00pm.

Blessing of Christmas Manger (Crib)

Priest/Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All Reply: Who made heaven and earth.

Let us Pray.

God of every nation and people, from the beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever an ever. Amen.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve Mass Friday 24 December
6:00pm - St Brigid's Quirindi
7:30pm - St Thomas More Werris Creek
Christmas Day Mass Saturday 25 December
8:00am - Immaculate Heart of Mary Willow Tree
9:30am - St Brigid's Quirindi
6:30pm - St Thomas More Werris Creek (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday 26 December
9:30am - St Brigid's Quirindi
No Mass at Willow Tree on this Sunday



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

GOSPEL

Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 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.

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Breaking Open the Word

PREPARE WELL

All of us have been involved at one time or another with preparing to meet a special guest. It is often a time of mixed emotions as excitement and joy vie with some measure of anxiety about the quality of our preparations. As Paul's Christians at Philippi waited for the return of the Lord, he knew that it could be for many a time of anxiety; would they find acceptance on his return? Would they find a place in his kingdom? It was a time of trepidation because it was feared that he would return unexpectedly, like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:2), and find them unprepared. In the face of such anxiety, Paul encourages them to put their trust in the Lord who loves them. Even now they are called to experience the Lord's peace and joy as they wait for his return. Especially, they are called to pray with confidence and trust.

John the Baptist knew that the Messiah was soon to be among us, and we see how he calls those who listen to his message to prepare by taking a hard look at themselves and how they live. In order to be ready when the Messiah comes he calls for a concern for others that expresses itself in generosity, fairness, and compassion.

As we prepare for the Lord's coming among us, today's readings call us to make ready with the confidence of Zephaniah, the peacefulness of Paul, and the justice and compassion of John the Baptist.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

12 DECEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Zeph 3:1-4-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

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 repeated 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.