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## MASS TIMES

### St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday:

9.00am English/Italian

5.30pm English

### St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday evening: 5.30pm

Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian

## Weekday Masses

Mon: No Mass

### St. Joseph's Northcote

Tues: 9.15am English

Thurs: 9.15am English

### St. Mary's Thornbury

Weds: 9.15am Italian

Fri: 9.15am English

## WEEKEND ROSTERS 18/19

### December

#### St. Mary's Thornbury

Altar Society Team TBA

#### 9.00am Mass

Lector: L. Finotello

M. Matisi

POF: E. Vavalà/ D. Marson

Sp. Min: R. De Vuono

#### 5.30pm Mass:

Lector: G. Roslind

POF: A. Mathew

Sp.Min: B. Long

### St. Joseph's Northcote

#### Saturday 5.30pm:

Reader: John Curry

Musician in charge: Teddy

#### Sunday 10.30am:

Reader: Naomi Brammer

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

### Feast Days this Week

13 Dec: St. Lucy

14 Dec: St. John of the Cross

### Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Rosario Azzaro, Mario Imbriano;

Evelino Zampieri; Daniel Hanna Fakhry;

Sam Maatouk; Maroun Hanna Taouk;

John Walter Scott; Terri West; Maria Teresa

Italiano; Giuseppe Di Stefano

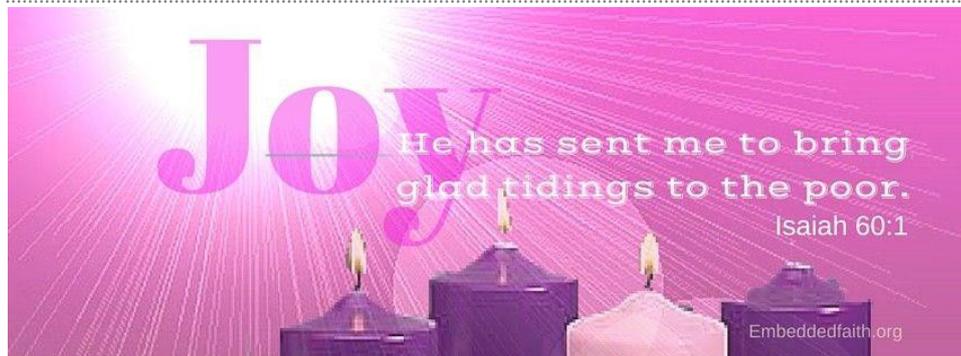
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3 Sunday of Advent

11/12 December 2021



On the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as 'Gaudete Sunday', we light the rose candle on our wreath. The word gaudete comes from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always).

Throughout the first reading from Zephaniah, we are encouraged to exult, rejoice and shout for joy. Moreover, we are told that it is not only the people of God who are rejoicing; **God is also shown to be rejoicing with his people.**

In the second reading, Paul says that we should always be happy in the Lord and that there is no need to worry – all we could need can be provided by God. In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells the people that the Christ is coming, as they themselves had expected.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.

The theme for the third week of Advent is very clear. We must rejoice and know that we are approaching the moment of the birth of Christ. This is reflected in the Scriptures. John's whole mission was to prepare for the coming of the Messiah, who is "the Lord, the king of Israel" about whom Zephaniah prophesied. The prophet tells Israel that the Lord is in their midst; Paul reminds the Philippians that "the Lord is very near."

On this Gaudete Sunday, we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Messiah and welcome this thought with joy.

Congratulations and blessings to  
**Fr. Shabin and our Partnership  
Parishes of Northcote and Thornbury**  
on our 2 year Anniversary.  
May we continue to grow in Faith, hope  
and love and build up God's kingdom of  
love, justice and peace in our Catholic  
parishes.



**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

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

All: Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 12

**Response: Sing and shout for joy for great  
in your midst is the 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.

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.

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.

**Response: Sing and shout for joy for great  
in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 4: 4-7

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

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.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Is 61:1

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do, then?' 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prima lettura** Sof 3,14-18  
Dal libro del profeta Sofonia

Rallègrati, figlia di Sion,  
grida di gioia, Israele,  
esulta e acclama con tutto il cuore,  
figlia di Gerusalemme!  
Il Signore ha revocato la tua condanna,  
ha disperso il tuo nemico.  
Re d'Israele è il Signore in mezzo a te,  
tu non temerai più alcuna sventura.  
In quel giorno si dirà a Gerusalemme:  
«Non temere, Sion, non lasciarti cadere le braccia!  
Il Signore, tuo Dio, in mezzo a te  
è un salvatore potente.  
Gioirà per te,  
ti rinnoverà con il suo amore,  
esulterà per te con grida di gioia».  
Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo e diverso del foglietto.**

**Salmo Responsoriale** Is 12

**Rit: Canta ed esulta, perché grande in mezzo a te è il Santo d'Israele.**

1. Ecco, Dio è la mia salvezza;  
io avrò fiducia, non avrò timore,  
perché mia forza e mio canto è il Signore;  
egli è stato la mia salvezza.

2. Attingerete acqua con gioia  
alle sorgenti della salvezza.  
Rendete grazie al Signore e invocate il suo nome,  
proclamate fra i popoli le sue opere,  
fate ricordare che il suo nome è sublime.

3. Cantate inni al Signore, perché ha fatto cose  
eccelse,  
le conosca tutta la terra.  
Canta ed esulta, tu che abiti in Sion,  
perché grande in mezzo a te è il Santo d'Israele.

**Rit: Canta ed esulta, perché grande in mezzo a te è il Santo d'Israele.**

**Seconda lettura** Fil 4,4-7  
Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippési

Fratelli, siate sempre lieti nel Signore, ve lo ripeto:  
siate lieti. La vostra amabilità sia nota a tutti. Il  
Signore è vicino!  
Non angustiatevi per nulla, ma in ogni circostanza  
fate presenti a Dio le vostre richieste con preghiere,  
suppliche e ringraziamenti.  
E la pace di Dio, che supera ogni intelligenza,  
custodirà i vostri cuori e le vostre menti in Cristo  
Gesù.  
Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Canto al Vangelo** (Is 61,1)

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me,  
mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio.  
**Alleluia!**

**Vangelo** Lc 3,10-18  
+ Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, le folle interrogavano Giovanni,  
dicendo: «Che cosa dobbiamo fare?». Rispondeva  
loro: «Chi ha due tuniche, ne dia a chi non ne ha, e  
chi ha da mangiare, faccia altrettanto».  
Vennero anche dei pubblicani a farsi battezzare e gli  
chiesero: «Maestro, che cosa dobbiamo fare?». Ed  
egli disse loro: «Non esigete nulla di più di quanto vi  
è stato fissato».  
Lo interrogavano anche alcuni soldati: «E noi, che  
cosa dobbiamo fare?». Rispose loro: «Non  
maltrattate e non estorcete niente a nessuno;  
accontentatevi delle vostre paghe».  
Poiché il popolo era in attesa e tutti, riguardo a  
Giovanni, si domandavano in cuor loro se non fosse  
lui il Cristo, Giovanni rispose a tutti dicendo: «Io vi  
battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di  
me, a cui non sono degno di slegare i lacci dei  
sandali. Egli vi battezzerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco.  
Tiene in mano la pala per pulire la sua aia e per  
raccolgere il frumento nel suo granaio; ma brucerà  
la paglia con un fuoco inestinguibile».  
Con molte altre esortazioni Giovanni evangelizzava il  
popolo.  
Parola del Signore

**A: Lode a Te O Cristo.**

## Parish Notices

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

#### St. Joseph's

1st Collection: House: \$ 403

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$

#### St. Mary's

1st Collection: Thanksgivings: \$ 574

2nd Collection: House: \$ 707

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

*Jasminka; Mary Cassar*

### HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin.

### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto contact Parish Offices **9484 2907** or **9489 8008**

### CHILDREN'S

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms.

This is a way for school

aged children to gather and understand the

Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at 2pm

Via Zoom.

**ALL WELCOME!**

Contact: Mirella at [Thornbury@cam.org.au](mailto:Thornbury@cam.org.au)

### BAPTISMS: by appointment only

#### First Wednesday of the month.

**St. Joseph's:** 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

**St. Mary's:** By appointment only please call parish Office

### SENIORS

#### Last Friday of the month

**St. Joseph's:** 2.00pm: Seniors Mass at the parish Centre.

#### First Friday of the month

**St. Mary's:** 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick.

### Catholic Religious Education

**St. Joseph's: Weds: 4-5pm** R.E. classes for Children for State & Secondary Students in the Parish House.

**St. Mary's: Thurs: 4-5pm** R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

### Safeguarding Children, Young

#### People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person:

Moses El-Fahkri **0417 383 923**

St. Vincent de Paul's poor box is situated in the High St. entrance to St. Mary's church. Donations welcomed.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

Just a reminder that next weekend is the last weekend for you to return the items purchased for the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. This deadline is to ensure we have time to stock take what we have received and to purchase additional items as needed. So far the parish response has been great and we extend our thanks to those who have already returned their gift(s) or donation. If anyone is interested in helping with the hampers on Christmas eve at 9am please call Brendon on 9484 6932.



A big Thank you to **Tania Calabrese** for her commitment and dedication as a member of the Partnership Parish Leadership Team over the past two years and for the many years of service before that as a member of St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council and the Partnership Transition team. We wish you well in your future endeavours and know you will be present in our Parish Community in other ministries.

### PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

*Do not fear.* Is 41:10



*"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"*

POPE FRANCIS



### Sacrament of Baptism at St. Joseph's Northcote

We welcome into the Christian Community  
**Hugo Atticus Smith**

who will be baptised this weekend.

We congratulate his family & pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated on **Tuesday 21 December** at 7pm  
at **St. Joseph's Church**  
Please take this opportunity to truly prepare for Christmas by receiving this Sacrament of forgiveness and mercy.

**Riconciliazione in Italiano**  
sarà nella Messa del Mercoledì  
9.15am 22 Dicembre  
a St. Mary's



## Carol Singers Wanted — Invitation

An invitation is extended to all parishioners who would like to join the St. Mary's Choir for Christmas Carol Singing on Friday, 24 December at 9.00pm. You might like to sing a Christmas Carol in a different language. Please contact the Parish for times of practice 9484 2907. We are also looking for musicians/Singers for 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's on Christmas Day

## Registration Procedures for Weekend Masses

Please remember to bring your Vaccination Certificate. There is no need to book for Weekend Masses just come along and show your Vaccination Status to the Covid Marshal and use the QR Code to register before entering the church.

Please give your name to the people at the door if you do not have a smart phone as everyone must register using the QR Code.

**You must wear a mask from now during Mass.**

**There will be no more Mass for the unvaccinated at St. Mary's**