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GAUDETE SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday. The dour violet of Advent gives way to the brighter colour of rose as she looks forward in joy to the birth of our Lord.

The word *gaudete* comes from the Latin word *gaudere* meaning “to rejoice” because the Mass today opens with the words “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.”

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (11 November), when it was often called “St. Martin’s Lent”—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved

most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord’s coming.

The spirit of the Mass all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are suspended on Gaudete Sunday to symbolise that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His

final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord—Christian joy—as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

There is a difference between happiness and joy. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing can take that love away. Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven’t” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.”

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Counters

Bus Driver

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Latin Mass

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3: Mary Dao
and the Vietnamese Community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac and
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac and
Ingrid Bifulco

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

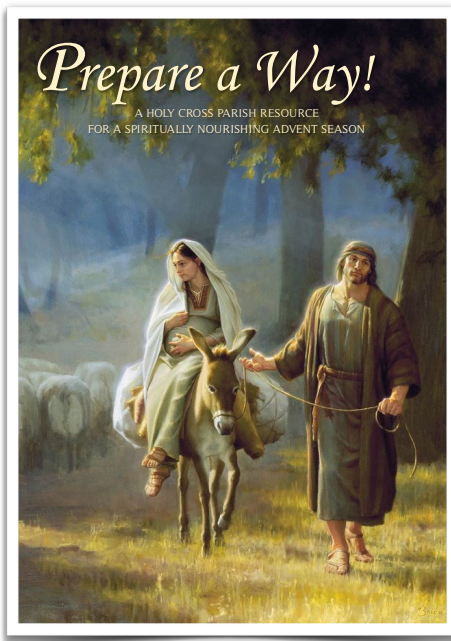
Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Ruth La Rosa, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Haydee Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Alby, Pius Ari, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Carmelo Galea, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joseph Gibrine, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Lam Hatran, Maria Kim Hoang, John Ibrahim, Laila Ibrahim, Nouhad Khoury, Betty McGrath, Jack McIntyre, Giovanni Molinaro, Sam Moussa, Samantha Moussa, Des Miller, Neville O'Sullivan, Edward Pidgeon, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, Francis Tran, Peter Doan Van Tran, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Joseph Vella, Miriam Welangoda, Dib Zaiter.

**“Prepare a Way”
A Holy Cross Parish Resource
for a Spiritually Nourishing
Advent Season**



“Prepare a Way” is a book written specially for Holy Cross Parish for parishioners to pray each day the prayers of Advent and to faithfully look forward to the proper celebration of Christmas.

This book of devotions has been prepared by John Portelli to assist individuals and families to use this holy season as a way to draw closer to almighty God so that we can truly and faithfully celebrate the birth of Our Lord and look to His coming again.

The book includes devotions for every day of Advent including:

Beautiful images for each day

Introit from the Mass of the Day

Gospel of the Day

Daily Prayer

The Litany of St. Joseph

Ancient Hymns

Traditional “O Antiphons”

14 Tips to Make Advent Meaningful

Printed editions are available at the doors and a digital edition is available for download by visiting our parish webpage or our Facebook page.

**CAROLS
BY CANDLELIGHT**

TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

We will be holding our annual solemn Carols by Candlelights service at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday, 21 December, at 8:00 p.m.

The service is one of stunning traditional and contemporary carols with readings telling the history of our salvation and the coming of the Messiah with images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the baby Jesus projected in the church. Those who have attended in previous years have said it was one of the most beautiful carols services they have seen and so make sure that you come along that evening as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. To see videos of previous year’s carols, check out our Facebook page under the videos tab.

The evening will also include the blessing of the nativity scene, which itself has become a well known attraction across the diocese and even in Sydney.

**Holy Trinity Church
and Holy Family Church
Piety Shops**

With Christmas only a few weeks away this is the time to visit the piety shops at Holy Trinity Church and Holy Family Church and to have a look at the wonderful arrangement of gifts.

Have a look to see if there is anything you would like to give as a gift for someone or maybe you would like to have as decoration for your home this Christmas season. Sales from the piety shop support the parish.

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who volunteered last Sunday to assist at the Mass for the silver Jubilee of Sr. Theresa.

In particular, thank you Mercier Ajith, Lorraine Bains, Reanne Chidiac, Rosette Chidiac, John Portelli, Spiro Portelli, Claudette Takchi, Paulette Zaiter and Richard Zaiter for volunteering at the doors to help people to check-in.

Thank you to the altar servers who served with such solemnity and allowed us to worthily celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

**N.S.W. Government Public
Health Restrictions
from 15 December**

From Wednesday, 15 December, the N.S.W. Government public health restrictions will be amended.

Face masks will no longer be required in churches but be highly recommended. Checking-in by use of the government QR code or by manually completing the sign-in sheets will remain **mandatory** for churches. Whilst it will no longer be required for other places, such as shops, the government has stated that it will remain in place for places of worship.

Please be aware that if you do not check-in on arrival that the N.S.W. Government can impose fines on individuals. N.S.W. Police and N.S.W. Health officials may conduct spot checks on individuals to ensure compliance.

How to Check-In

1. Download the Service NSW app
2. Select “Covid Safe Check-in”
3. Follow the prompts

If you do not have the app, write your full name and telephone number on the manual sign-in sheets.

Prepare a Way!

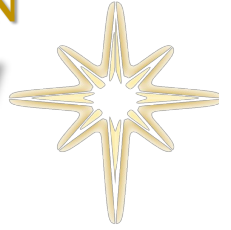
A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE
FOR A SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT SEASON





MAKING THIS ADVENT SEASON

Meaningful!



'Prepare a Way!' is an Advent resource designed to assist the reader set aside some time each day throughout the 4 weeks of Advent to reflect and allow the grace of this holy season to be ingrained into our daily lives. The resource offers daily reflections including antiphons, scripture and prayer.

The resource also makes use of the '*O Antiphons*' 7 in total, traditionally prayed in the 7 days leading to the Solemnity of Christmas. These Antiphons have been described as a "unique work of art...filled with the Spirit of the Word of God."

This resource is ideal for families, who may wish to meditate on each day in a family setting by sharing around the readings or alternatively for individuals seeking an exercise to help them further contemplate on the season by spending quiet time in solitude and prayer to focus deeper on each day's scripture.

It is hoped that this resource will help add an extra layer of prayer to your personal preparation for Christmas.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR A SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT

- * Attend Sunday Mass
- * Acts of Good Works (Almsgiving in support of the church and in support of those in need),
- * Fast one day each week or fast from one meal
- * Seek the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
- * Add a Weekday Mass to your spiritual devotions
- * Attend the December First Friday of the Month Devotions (including Adoration)
- * Attend the December Traditional Latin Mass
- * Pray the Holy Rosary in your homes as a family
- * Set up a prayer space in your home which can help to focus thoughts on Advent
- * Create or set up an Advent wreath in your home and light a candle each week of Advent
- * Pray daily for the Souls of the Faithful Departed, the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all Forgotten Souls.
- * Pray for Persecuted Christians who are forbidden from celebrating Christmas.
- * Pray the Litany of St. Joseph
- * Set up a nativity scene in your homes

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HOLY CROSS PARISH PRESENTS

CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

Holy Trinity Church, Granville

Tuesday 21st December

8 p.m.



Christmas

HOLY MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. *Holy Family Church*

7:00 p.m. *Holy Trinity Church*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight *Holy Family Church*

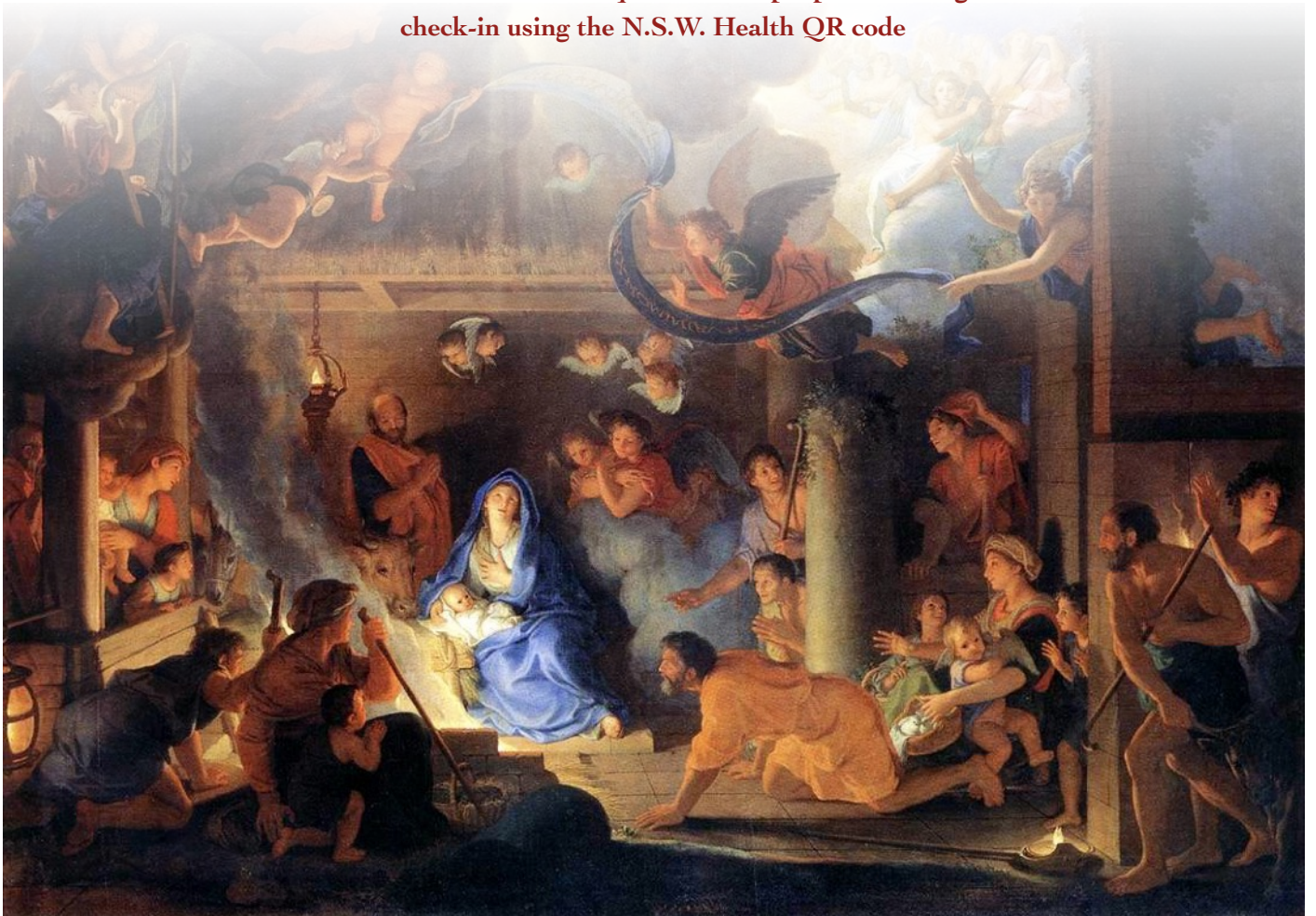
Midnight *Holy Trinity Church*

8:30 a.m. *Holy Family Church*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Trinity Church*

5:00 p.m. *Holy Family Church*

Public health restrictions will require that all people attending a church check-in using the N.S.W. Health QR code



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

The Readings

Introit (Phil 4:4-5)

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

First Reading

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

The 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.

Gospel Acclamation (Is 61:1)

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

Gospel of 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 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.

Communion (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.

*“Gaudete in Domino semper:
iterum dico, gaudete.”*

*“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.”*

Philemon 4:4-5
