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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

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Mass Times

Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass
and Wed 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays
10am-7.15pm Adoration
6.00pm Rosary
6.35pm Vespers
7.00pm Benediction

Contact for Adoration

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Meditation from Anawim Way

We are in the week of the great feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The light of that feast overflows into this whole week and shines out over the entire season of Advent. By the anticipated grace of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, Mary was preserved free from the corruption of sin. In her, "the glory of the Lord" has already been revealed in a most marvelous way. She shows us what God means when he promises to come to his people with power, to free us from sin and reveal his glory in us. In Jesus Christ he has done exactly that, and he continues to do so in us, that one day we too will shine with the same pure glory with which Mary our Immaculate Mother shines.

This is good news! God is coming with power to save us, his people! This is what God is doing. But as John the Baptist announces this, he also tells us, using the words of Isaiah, that there is something which we must do: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Isaiah explains further what must happen in order for the Lord to have a "straight path" to come to us: "Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low."

We see that John was encouraging the people to acknowledge their sins, repent of them, and be baptized. The liturgy for this week is setting us on this same path. Advent is a season of preparation, a time to do whatever we can to make a straight way for the Lord. Examining our consciences honestly and fearlessly with God's help, repenting and turning away from sin, resolving to avoid anything which leads us into sin, and being cleansed by the grace of the Sacrament of Confession – this is how we do our part to make the Lord's path into our hearts as smooth and uncluttered as possible.

Because of our fallen human condition, we can hear the call of the Baptist as bad news, as something to be avoided. The very sin which makes of our hearts a "wasteland" can blind us to the truth of our situation. In our pride and arrogance, we have a hard time seeing our need for God. Until some hardship befalls us, we can tend to think that we are doing fine running our lives as we see fit. In fact, we enjoy making up our own minds about what we judge as good or bad, about what we will or will not do.

Regardless of how our fallen nature might react, we must make a decision to welcome the Lord's word to us today as the very good news that it is. He did not create us to live in the wasteland of sin and death which we experience in ourselves and in the world around us. St. Peter assures us in the second reading that we are made for "new heavens and a new earth." We are made to shine with glory, like Mary our Mother, and God is coming to us in the Person of Jesus Christ to restore us by his mighty power. The Psalm tells us, "Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land." Let us respond with whole-hearted joy to his invitation to make the way ready for him.

Do I take to heart that the good news is being proclaimed to me?

**During this time of Advent, am I taking time to make straight the way for the Lord in my life?
Are pride, arrogance, and insolence the mountains and hills in my life that must be made low?**

Mary, prepare my heart daily to receive your Son.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O'Keeffe, Stan Puczkowski, Saphia Williams-Barrios, Mikela, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel Rusack, Liliana Jurisevic, Thomas Clarke, Jennifer Bullen

ANNIVERSARIES: Gustavo Baggio, Muriel Bishop, Des Henderson, Tomislav Rusov, Philomena Brady, Mary Moyses, Dietmar Liebrecht, Donald Blowes, Brian Grave, Hilda Comas, Hazel McNamara, Patrick Coburn, Patrick McCrorey, Natalie Fahey, Edda De Lorenzo, Greg Webb & Maria Di Febo, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - 24th December 8.30pm

Christmas Day - 25th December 9.30am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - book early on

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNABV>



For those who are unable to book online, you can write your name on the 'Christmas Register List' provided on the table at the church's northern exit. Alternatively, you may phone the Parish Office on **0499 486 699** or send an email to **edcathpar@adam.com.au** to register.

It is important to register or make your booking asap. Mass attendance is expected to increase during Christmas. If the two dates above reach capacity quickly and there is a demand for it, an additional Mass time can be offered.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-EDWARDSTOWN/PLYMPTON

People's Choice Community Lottery 2020. Tickets for this Lottery are available "online" only and can be purchased now. Search: People's Choice Community Lottery

-Buy Tickets

-Church

-St Vincent De Paul Society Inc.—Edwardstown/Plympton Conference. Money from ticket sales benefits "Vinnies", which, in turn benefits those in need.

<https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/collections/church/products/st-vincent-de-paul-society-inc>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please take home an envelope and return to the collection plate next weekend. Also available are Christmas Cards for \$5 (10-pack) & Columban Calendars for \$9 limited stock available.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for Sunday 9.30am Mass at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNABV>

Please book well before 3pm Friday preceding the Sunday Mass you wish to attend. For those who are unable to book online, please phone the Parish Office on 0499 486 699 **before 3pm Fridays** to confirm your booking. Please note that the Parish phone is **unattended** on weekends.

At this stage, bookings are not required for the Saturday Vigil Mass or weekday Masses. You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive.

If you are able to, we encourage you to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass so we can more evenly distribute attendance to both Mass times. We've found that Saturday Vigil Mass does not reach capacity and there are always plenty of vacant seats available. Thank you.

QR CODES are displayed at the church and hall entrance for those with smartphones. This makes it easier for SA Health to find where people have been in the event of a coronavirus outbreak.

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone must still book for Mass and tick your name on the list, or register your name and contact number upon entry. Procedures have **not** changed with the introduction of the QR codes.

Please regularly check our website and FaceBook page for recent news and updates.

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MORNING TEA AFTER MASS RESUMES—Please ensure that COVID19 RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES are followed whilst enjoying morning tea with others. All Covid Marshals present are asked to please ensure that guidelines are strictly followed.



MONDAY ROSARY GROUP

The Monday Rosary Group will hold its last prayer session on Monday the 14th December and will resume on the 11th January 2020 at 6.20pm.

CALLING ALL MEN 16YRS +

The next ***Into the Breach session*** will be held on **Thursday 10 December at 7pm in the parish hall**. Please see flyers at the church porch for further details.



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5. Enter your email, you're in!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, 8th December 2020

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am
School Mass at 10.15am
The Church will remain open afterwards for the
Hour of Grace Prayers from 12pm to 1.00pm.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Immaculate Conception

490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

492 The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love".

Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the Word and, inseparably, woman of silence. *Verbum Domini (2010) 66*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.



GLOBAL GIFTS

This Christmas, bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable. Families struggling with poverty and injustice need your help to make Christmas shine for them. The Caritas Australia Global Gift cards are an opportunity to bring the gifts of education, food and protection to families struggling with poverty, disability and the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Global Gifts can be purchased for as little as \$15 and come in both printed and e-card version. They come with a card for a friend or family member, meaning you give twice – joy and hope to people in need and to your loved one. To learn more or to purchase



a Global Gift visit: www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of the Lord; and reparation is the essence of the preparation.

Let us "make straight" the way of the Lord by making a thorough, thoughtful, prayerful examination of conscience, make a worthy Confession and ready our hearts to receive him with joy.

*Anawim, Advent and Christmas Season
2020, pg 41*

Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

CCC 1427

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism

INTROIT

VII
P Eople of Zi-on behold, * the Lord is coming to
 save all na-tions; and the Lord shall cause you to hear
 his ma-jes-tic voice for the joy of your heart.

1. O shepherd of *Israel*, hear us, *
 you who lead Joseph like a *flock*:
 enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth †
 upon Ephraim, Benjamin, *Manassch*. *
 Rouse up your might and come to save us.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kind-ness,
 and grant us your sal-va-tion.

OFFERTORY

III
Y OU will turn toward us, O God, * and restore
 our life again, and your people will re-joice in you.
 Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us your salva-tion.

1. O LORD, you have favored *your land*, *
 and brought back the captives of *Jacob*.
 You forgave the guilt of *your people*, *
 and covered all *their sins*.
 You averted all *your rage*; *
 you turned back the heat of *your anger*.
2. Bring us back, O God, *our savior*! *
 Put an end to your grievance *against us*.
 Will you be angry with us *forever*? *
 Will your anger last from age to age?

COMMUNION

II
A - rise, O Je-ru-sa-lem, * and stand on high; and
 be-hold the joy that shall come to you from your God.

1. O Jerusalem, glorify *the LORD*! *
 O Sion, praise *your God*!
 He has strengthened the bars of *your gates*; *
 he has blessed your children *within you*.
 He established peace *on your borders*; *
 he gives you your fill of finest *wheat*.

Glory Be to the Father....

COMMUNION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem how sweet we see thee lie.
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;
 for Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep the angels keep
 their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him,
 still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Refrain

In faith and hope and love
 with joyful trust we move
 t'wards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road
 to the Father's high abode. **Refrain**

Christ, our bread along the way;
 Christ, our rescue when we stray. **Refrain**

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
 our beginning and our end. **Refrain**