

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



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

15 DECEMBER 2024

SHARING THE EARTH'S GOODS

This Sunday's Gospel continues with John Baptist. His voice now becomes more demanding, urging his audience to live in ways typified by generosity, kindness and justice, themes which will appear throughout the Gospel. Those whom John addresses reflect the audience of Luke's Gospel, including tax agents and soldiers, with a focus on wealth. This will be a major theme in the Gospel.

Luke intends to speak to those who have rank and influence, to bring about change and status reversal, themes that begin here in today's Gospel. John responds to his enquirers coming for baptism about how they are to live. He encourages them to share their clothing with those who have nothing and food with those who are hungry. This presumes that his audience (and Luke's Gospel audience) have possessions and food to share. They are not impoverished. When similarly asked by tax collectors—agents of Rome's imperial household—they are told not to extract taxes beyond what is due. In other words, they are not to become wealthy at the expense of others. Soldiers (again members of Luke's community) are told to act without violence and extortion, content with their pay.

All these that John addresses are invited on to a path of economic restraint and generosity. This will allow them to be ready for the coming of the one whom John prepares his audience for, and the focus of the second half of the Gospel. Today's Gospel offers us an Advent moment to reflect on our own use of Earth's goods and possessions and how we share them.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Zeph 3:14-18

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 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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

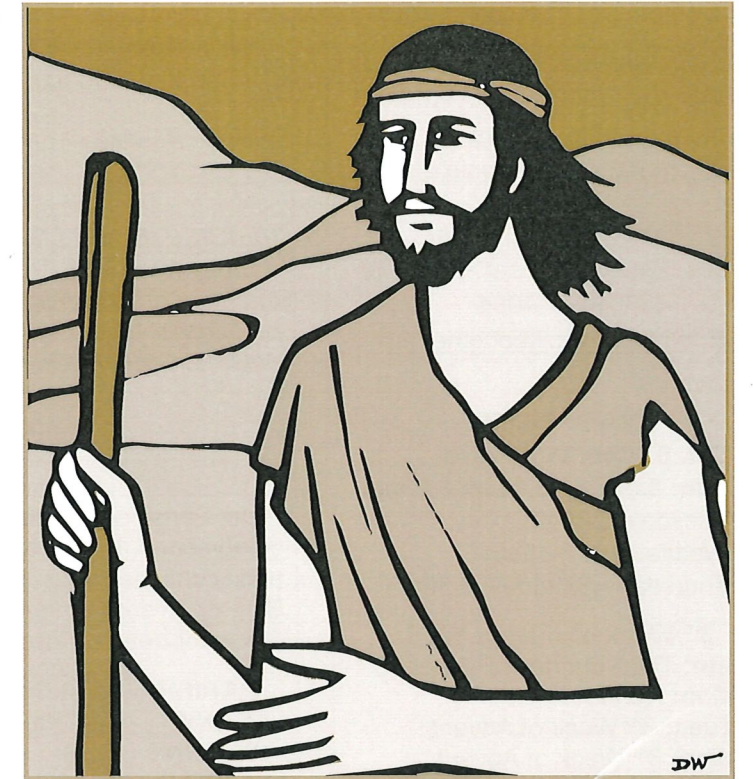
Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

3rd Week of Advent YR C

- 15 Sun:** Third Sunday of Advent
- 16 Mon:** No Mass
- 17 Tues:** 3rd Week of Advent
- 18 Wed:** 3rd Week of Advent
- 19 Thu:** 3rd Week of Advent
- 20 Fri:** 3rd Week of Advent
- 21 Sat:** 3rd Week of Advent/Vigil
Fourth Sunday of Advent YR C

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Notre Dame Catholic Primary**
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au
- St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – YEAR C

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery	A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish
	BSB: 086 006	BSB: 086 006
	Account #: 140 608 771	Account #: 667 172 433
	Reference: Name	Reference: Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 21st Dec 6.00pm	Joy Intervencion		M Jackson Reader Required	T Khoo Sr Margaret	M & M Coutinho
Sunday 22nd Dec 8.00am	Mikaele Piliae	R Bennett	M smith K Nguyen	L Millington M Smith	A/S Required
Sunday 22nd Dec 10.00am	Ashley Bebeiro	V Erskine	J Branchi F Brown	V Erskine R Ratnayake	A Megee Z Chong
Sunday 22nd Dec 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		T Fernandez S Garcia	V Borja J Manning	J Mai M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **14th December 2024:** C D'Souza U2/100 Keymer St, Belmont & A King 320 Sydenham St, Cloverdale.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Four lovely presented hampers. Tickets on sale after all Masses. Tickets \$3 each or 4 for \$10.00. Donations for prizes towards the raffle can be left at the parish house. Tickets will be on sale after all Simbang Gabi Masses. Raffle will be drawn after the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd December.
Succulent Plants for sale at various prices after all Masses. All proceeds for both go towards the PBF

Baby Jesus' for Christmas

We are after 1 Baby born from September 2024 onwards to be our special guest for one of our Christmas Celebrations. Please see Fr Quynh for more information.

Christmas Roster

Blank Rosters for Christmas have been placed at school side entrance of the church. Please fill in where you are available to assist. At the 6pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass, we invite children of school age up to 18 years inclusive to Commentate, Read, Altar Serve & Prayers of the Faithful. Copies of the readings are available behind the roster sheet.

Bishop Don Sproxtion's Canonical Visitation

We welcome Bishop Don Sproxtion to the Parish this weekend for the Canonical visitation. After the 8am Mass we will be having Morning Tea in the parish centre. After the 10am Mass there will be an early lunch. To help with catering of lunch you are asked to bring a plate of savoury or sweet to share. All parishioners are invited to attend Morning Tea or Lunch.

Simbang Gabi 2024

The 9 Nights Novena Masses in English, will commence this **Sunday 15th December @ 8pm** in the Church with The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth celebrating the first Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this Filipino Tradition of Masses leading up to Christmas.

The Record Magazine December 2024 Issue

Available from both entrances of the Church. Good articles from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don. New Cardinal - designate Mykola Bychok and lovely Nativity picture to colour in for the children. Magazine free to all good homes.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Available from both sides of the Church. The offerings support all the Priests of the Archdiocese.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Employment Opportunities Archdiocese of Perth

Episcopal Services: Admin Assistant - Full Time
Safeguarding Office: Admin Officer - Full time
Personal Advocay Service: Coordinator - Part Time
Visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm for more information and job descriptions.

Notre Dame Community

On Sale Now- School Side Entrance

SVDP Christmas Cards - \$3.00 pack of 5
Columban Art Calendars - \$10.00 each

Christmas & Simbang Gabi Flyers

Available from both sides of the church, please take one of each home and place on fridge.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Alessandro Di Filippo, Ludgarda & Paul Grech, Stella & Charles Bonavia, Rosario Retamal recently deceased Fr Thomas Smith and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Tina & Joe Murace, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty, Andrew Kinnimonth & John O'Rourke.

