



# ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

8th December 2024

## Sunday Reflection

At the time Luke, a careful historian, there was no universal calendar. He is mentioning the exact year of the beginning of Christ's public ministry by mentioning several of the well-known authorities who were in office at that time like Tiberius Caesar and Pontius Pilate. The general consensus is that John the Baptist began to preach in the year 28/29 A.D. which is the time Christ's public ministry begun. John the Baptist has now begun his vocation as precursor-the one who was to prepare the way for the arrival of the Messiah.

John began his preaching by saying that he was the fulfillment of what the prophet Isaiah had foretold (cf Is 40:3-7) concerning the expected Messiah. He was sent to get the people ready for the one who was to come. At that time, when a king or a person of high rank was to visit another king or dignity the host sent his slaves to level the paths and smooth the road for the guest's camels. Isaiah used this simile to describe how the royal Messiah should be received. The people should prepare their minds and smooth their consciences by wiping out everything offensive to God by lowering the hills and filling the valleys.

This calls for a "level playing ground" in the hearts of all believers now waiting for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We are reminded today to prepare our hearts so that where there is the valley of hatred we fill in by love, where there is the valley of offense we bring in pardon, where there is concord we bring in union, error and falsehood we fill with truth that sets free, where there is doubt we bring in faith, where there is despair we bring in hope, where there is darkness we bring in light, where there is sadness we bring in joy, desolation we bring consolation of the Holy Spirit, misunderstanding we bring in dialogue and reconciliation, poverty we fill in with abundance from what God has given us. (Refer to the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi).

When we abandon our bad habits and embrace a new life of virtue then we are making a straight path for the Lord who is coming to reside in our hearts and we shall see the salvation of God. How are you contributing in leveling the path for Jesus who is coming?

## Adelaide Cathedral Parish Young Adults Youth Group invites all our Parishioners:

### Christmas Caroling@Nursing Homes

**7th December: Saturday, 10.30am:** Southern Cross Care JP 2, Klemzig

**7th December: Saturday, 1.30pm:** Southern Cross North, Plympton.

**14th December: Saturday, 1.30pm:** Villa St. Hilarion, Fulham.

Kindly contact Ngoc on 0424643310 if you wish to join in and require transportation to these venues. We look forward to the support of our parishioners to sing along with our Youth Group and bring joy to the residents at these Nursing homes during the season of Advent.

## Christmas Concert Recitals in December

### Pipe Organ Recitals

**7th December: Saturday, 7.30pm:** Christmas Pipe Organ Recital. Amir Robin-Karas and members of Cathedral Choir.

**19th December: Thursday, 4pm:** Young Organist End of Year Concert

### Metropolitan Male Choir of Australia

The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Elder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of **Saturday, 14th December at 7.30pm.**

### Cathedral and Holy Choir Christmas Concerts

A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works by Arnesen, Choplin, Forrest, Gibbs, Gjeilo, Hagenberg, Johnson, Lawlor, Narverud, Mendelssohn, Owens, and Rutter. Codirected by Timothy Davey and Arthur Siow.

**13th December: Friday, 7.00pm:** Cathedral

**15th December: Sunday 1.00pm:** Church of Holy Cross

### Agape Music Collective: Christmas Concert "Total Praise"

The musicians at Agape Music Collective would like to invite you and your church community to a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, 15th December at 4pm in Flinders Street Baptist Church.** AMC is currently made up of around 50 Christian volunteers who offer their time and talent to the glory of God and to raise much needed funds for Gospel partner organisations. The issue of homelessness and financial hardship has really been amplified the past few years and, with this in mind, the income from ticket sales will be going towards the much needed work WestCare is doing amongst vulnerable people in financial, physical and ultimately spiritual need. Bookings are essential to attend. Please purchase your tickets through the trybooking link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1312075>

### Harpsong for Christmas

Join the Harp2Harp duo of acclaimed pedal harpist and soprano Emma Horwood and folk harpist-singer Visnja as they explore Christmas music old and new with their heavenly harps and voices in harmony. "Harpsong for Christmas" on Monday 23rd Dec at 6:30pm in St. Marys Church, 179 Stanley St, North Adelaide. Prior booking is required with Tickets at \$25/\$20conc/\$10 child. Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXJBG>

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide

Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside

Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney

Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich

Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

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**Archbishop of Adelaide** Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD  
**Administrator** Fr. Lancy D'Silva CSC  
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Fr. Matthew Newman Fr. George Ocholla  
Fr. Francis Tawil Fr. My Tran  
Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp Fr. James McEvoy  
**Latin Mass Chaplain** Fr. Michael McCaffrey, FSSP

**Parish Office** (across the lawn from the Cathedral)  
Mon to Fri: 9.30am–4.30pm • 8210 8155  
39 Wakefield St Adelaide SA 5000.  
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Parish newsletter: [www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters](http://www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters)

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**  
Otherway Centre 8362 3185  
**Cathedral Parish Music** 8210 8128

**Any emergency requiring a priest:** 0417 080 955  
**Pastoral Care:** Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



**Regular Mass Timings**  
REFER TO PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILED SCHEDULE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide**  
**Sunday Masses** Sat : 6pm(Vigil)  
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm  
**Weekday Masses** Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm  
Sat: 8am, 11.30am  
**Confessions** Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm  
Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm  
**Holy Hour** Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am  
**Public Holidays** 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral  
Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral  
26 January—Mass at 9am at the Cathedral

**St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide**  
Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am  
**Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton**  
Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 9.30am

**St John Vianney, Burnside**  
Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions: 9.30am  
Sun: 9am

**St Peter Claver, Dulwich**  
Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am  
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 11am

**Holy Name, Stepney**  
Sun: 11am

**St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide**  
Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)  
4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island**  
Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

## WORSHIP

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6,8-11.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6.

**Universal Prayer Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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**Next week: The Third Sunday of Advent.**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18.

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## Liturgies & Activities (9th-15th Dec)

**Mon** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**Tue** Our Lady of Loretto  
**Wed** St. Damasus I  
**Thu** Our Lady of Guadalupe.  
**Fri** St. Lucy.  
**Sat** St. John of the Cross.  
**Sun** Third Sunday of Advent.

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## Prayer Requests for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Clare Bernadette Guthleben,

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

**Cathedral:** Christine Maria Ryszawa, Dumon family, Bruce Mclean, Don Shelton & Dona Princy Totawatte, Barbara Maria Chetcuti, Charles Dias, Christian Collantes, Nemesio Jr. & Constancia Terremal, Dr. Sarath Goonetilleke,

**Queen of Angels:** Domenico & Michalia Morabito, Anna Marafioti, Saverio & Anna Sergi and Ielasi family (Antonio, Rosario & Caterina).

**St. Mary's/ Holy Name:** Giuseppe & Teresa Romeo, Ruth Power, Domenico Barbaro, Stanislaw Kapinski and Bridget McManus.

**St. Peter Claver/St. John Vianney:** Gerald Laurence, Mary Fidock and Sr. Ursula Johst.

## Prayers Requests for the Sick

Steve Gleeson, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Emily Swan, Angelina Musico, Carol Giles, Domenica L. Musico, Vilma D'Cruz, Joshua Jose, Madison Musico, Carol Giles, Beverly Garton. Peter Slobodian, Domenica L. Musico, Joshua Antony, Denis Cranswick, Gloria Bundal, Maresa, Fidel Ruivivar and Araceli Suzara.

## 21 Oct-31 Jan: IMPORTANT TO NOTE: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Re-roofing

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will be undergoing a complete re-roofing over the next 2.5 months in different phases (21 October 2024-31 January 2025). We request all parishioners to please note this information when visiting the Cathedral during this time.

Areas in the church will be cordoned off over different periods of time due to dust falling from the ceiling. Keeping in mind the safety of all our Parishioners, we request you to kindly avoid these areas at all times. If you need to wear a mask when attending Mass on weekdays, please do so. We request you to please adhere to all safety protocols in place and any requests made by staff when visiting the Cathedral during this period of time. Please be aware of the external scaffolding when entering and exiting the Cathedral.

Please **DO NOT PARK** your vehicles during this period of time on the driveway next to the Cathedral lawns and observe the No-Parking and Danger Signs installed. Children should not be allowed to play on the lawns and must be accompanied by a parent/adult at all times. The Handicap parking spot is also not available till further notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

### December Advent Time-table 2024

The Advent and Christmas Time-table for December 2024 and New Year 2025 is now available on the Parish website. The schedule of services including confessions and Masses for all churches of our Parish is also available on all church notice boards. You can also download a detailed copy of the schedule from the link: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/find-a-church-mass/christmas-mass-times-2024>

### 1-20 Dec: St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Giving Tree: Adelaide Conference

This week, we begin our Christmas Giving Tree at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. We invite you to place gifts such as dry goods (pasta, canned food, and Christmas treats), toiletries, children's and adult's gifts under the tree. Your generous donations will support our Vinnies Adelaide Cathedral Conference and help provide Christmas Hampers for those in need this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in spreading Christmas cheer to those who need it most. The last day to make a contributions to the Giving Tree will be 20th December 2024.

### 1 Dec: Advent Reflection Booklets 2024

Advent Reflection Booklets for 2024 are available online. A PDF version of the booklet is available online at: <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html> The booklet is a very useful resource for personal or group reflection during the season of Advent. We welcome you to take home a copy to share with your families and communities.

### 7-8 Dec: Festa at Queen of Angels

The Annual Triduum for the "Festa della Madonna Immacolata" will take place at Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton from 4th to 8th December. The remaining schedule of Masses for the Triduum are outlined below:

Date	Day	Mass Intention	Time
7 Dec	Sat	Vigil Mass	6.00pm
8 Dec	Sun	Feast of Immaculate Conception	10.00am
		Procession	11am
		Festa Lunch	12pm

### 8 Dec: Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross and St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/Parkside invites you to a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, Second Sunday in Advent, 8th December, 5pm at St Raphael's Church, Young Street, Parkside.

### 13 Dec: Adelaide Catholic Ball: Winter Wonderland



Croydon parish would like to invite you to the Adelaide Catholic Ball with a theme of Winter Wonderland on 13th December from 6-10pm. The ticketed fancy dress event will be held at St Margaret Mary's Hall, 280 Tungara Avenue, Croydon Park. Special guests include Fr. Dean Marin, Vicar General and Kaurna Elder John Lochowiak and members of religious orders. Tickets via Trybooking/QR code or contact the Parish Office.

### 14/15 Dec: Blessing of the Cribs Mass

The Cathedral Parish invites families to bring their Nativity Scene to the Blessing of the Cribs Masses which will take place on the weekend of 14th/15th December in the Cathedral. Families can bring forward their cribs as part of the entrance procession and the Blessing Ceremony will take place during the Saturday VIGIL and Sunday: 9am, 11am, and 6pm Masses. There will be no blessing of cribs at the Sunday 7am Mass.

The Blessing of the Cribs will take place on Sunday in our suburban churches as follows:

**St. Mary's:** 9.30am. **Queen of Angels:** 9.30am.

**St. John Vianney:** 9am **St Peter Claver:** 11am

All are welcome to attend with their families and friends.

### 17 Dec: Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Recess at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following Tuesdays: 24th & 31st December will go into the Christmas period recess. The last Tuesday Holy Hour for 2024 will be held on 17th December in the Cathedral and resume on 7th January 2025.

### 20 Dec: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Recess at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich will go into the Christmas period recess after close of Exposition on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and resume on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### 20 Dec: Adelaide Cathedral Parish Office Closure for Christmas and New Year 2024

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year 2025 from Friday 20th December 12pm. The office will re-open on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 9.30am and resume normal business hours. **Kindly note that the phone line 82108155 will be closed and email requests will not be answered during this period.**

**We request all our parishioners who may need Mass intentions or other services during this time to kindly place your requests with the Parish office before 20th December 2024.**



## Latin Mass Community Announcements

2025 FSSP calendars, and FSSP Christmas Cards are now available. \$15 per calendar, \$10 per pack of 10 cards.

Mon. Scripture class concludes tomorrow at 7:30pm. We will conclude St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. All welcome. Class will recommence on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025.

The Youth Group meets this Friday evening.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

The statue of St Joseph with the child Jesus of the Sacred Heart has been relocated into the sanctuary while the stable is in place. The other statue of the Sacred Heart has been relocated to the back of the church.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey, Fr. McGuckin or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Stephen Lawler (Kathleen's father), Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiotte, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION NOTICE: Churches in Adelaide Cathedral Parish

In the unlikely event of an emergency, please follow directions of the Priest who shall act as the Chief Warden and take control of the emergency response. When directed to evacuate the church:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly
- Alert the Priest / Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Priest or emergency services
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Priest or emergency services

ASSEMBLY POINTS IN	
St Francis Xavier Cathedral	Mary MacKillop Plaza
Queen of Angels Church, Thebarton	Grass area
St Mary's Church, North Adelaide	Car Park
St John Vianney, Burnside	Car Park
St Peter Claver, Dulwich	Car Park
Holy Name Church, Stepney	Car Park

## 26 Dec: Boxing Day Public Holiday Feast of St. Stephen

Kindly note that there will be only one Mass at 8am held in the Cathedral on 26th December, Boxing Day which is a Public Holiday. There will also be a Mass at 9am in St. John Vianney Church, Burnside.

### Adelaide Cathedral Parish School Aged Sacramental Program 2025

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2025 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in early 2025. The program will start in February 2025 and enrollments should be completed at the earliest. If your child requires the sacrament of baptism, you will need to arrange an appointment to meet the parish administrator, before they can be enrolled in any other preparation program. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program should contact the Parish Office email: [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or call 82108155.

### Celebrating the year of Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**. The Vatican Dicastery [Department] for Religious or Consecrated Life added 'on the path of peace'. This past year, 2024, was declared a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025.

### Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.

### Safeguarding at Christmas

While Christmas is often a time of joy and family togetherness, it can be a challenging period for vulnerable individuals. The pressure to meet expectations of a "perfect" holiday can create anxiety, particularly for those experiencing domestic abuse, mental health struggles, or a lack of family support. Children and young people, who spend more time online during the holidays, are also at risk of cyber-bullying and exposure to inappropriate content. As we celebrate, let's remember that safeguarding isn't just about protecting against harm; it's about creating safe, supportive spaces where everyone feels valued. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to those who are vulnerable within our communities.



### Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts:

[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)