



# ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

15th December 2024

## Sunday Reflection

John the Baptist is not the Messiah but only the prophet of the Messiah; The forerunner, the preparer. He is the setup act, not the main event; The appetiser, not the meal; the bulldozer that levelled the ground for the road, not the road. He points to Jesus and says, "He must increase I must decrease" and "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals". Why? Because John baptises only with water, and that water, the water in John's baptism is only a symbol of moral cleaning up, an external expression of the inner repentance that he preaches. But the Messiah, the promised one, Jesus, will baptise also with fire, with the fire of the Holy-Spirit that is God himself. And the water of Jesus' baptism will be more than a symbol: it will actually give us the life of God, the Spirit of God.

If anyone ever asks you what Jesus gave to the world that it didn't have before, don't answer morality, because the world already had that. God already gave the moral law, both through conscience and through the law and the prophets, through Moses and the Ten Commandments and through a long line of prophets, culminating with John the Baptist. So what did Jesus give us that the law and the prophets didn't give us? The answer is very simple he gave us God.

This sense of joy that the gospel invites us this weekend is not a 'feeling good' joy. It's not like a drink that makes us happy. It requires work to learn to detach ourselves from whatever is holding us back from meeting our Lord. Advent is about waiting, sharing, and joy. Let us share what we have as we wait for the one who is coming. While we wait, let us make this time the most joy-filled experience of our faith by detaching ourselves from what holds us back from being fully joyful. The Church invites us to pray and reflect on what gives us joy other than pouring ourselves out for the poor. We may want to pray with the following questions, What is holding me back in this season? How can I happily empty myself to receive the Lord? How would I feel if I found that my reluctance to share what I have would impact the coming of our Christ in the life of someone in need?

May this season of waiting and giving be our greatest joy of emptying ourselves to receive Jesus.

## 14/22 Dec: Sale of Christmas Cards and Columbian Christmas Calendars

For the next two weekends, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be selling Christmas Cards and Columbian Christmas Calendars after all Masses in the Cathedral foyer. All proceeds go to supporting the good works of the Society within the Adelaide CBD. Your kindness and generosity to support the good work of SVP is greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Concert Recitals in December

### Pipe Organ Recitals

**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.

**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

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

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

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

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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

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

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

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10.

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-44.

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## Liturgies & Activities (16th-22nd Dec)

**Mon** Simbang Gabi Celebration of the Filipino Community  
**Tue** Retreat on the Eucharist.  
**Wed** Retreat on the Eucharist.  
**Thu** Young Organist End of Year Concert.  
**Sun** Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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## Prayer Requests for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Erica Hoffman, Murray Allan Couch and Clare Guthleban.

### Deceased Anniversaries:

**Cathedral:** Annie Oomen, Patrick Sniatynskij, Dumon family, Leonor Solorzano, Vincente Bassano, Vincente Emilio Bassano, Emilio Solorzano, Wilson Long, Teresa Vella, Bernadine Halina Teresa Hagan, Les Lugowski and Audette & Arnold Drego.

**Queen of Angels:** Fortunato Rillota & Domenica Zampogna.

**St. Mary's/ Holy Name:** Stephen Stefani, Peter Francis Byrnes, Anthony Kelly and James Robertson.

**St. Peter Claver/St. John Vianney:** Pellegrino de Filippo, Angelina Perini, Sr. Margaret Fox, Dominic Hill & family and Wellman family.

## 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, BeverlyGarton. 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 is your last opportunity 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 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 contribution to the Giving Tree will be 20th December 2024.**

## **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.

## **Dec: Southern Cross Christmas Edition**

The Christmas edition of the Southern Cross is now available for free in all churches of our Parish. This edition contains several beautiful articles about the Season of Advent and the Spirit of Christmas. Please take home a copy from the church foyer this weekend.

## **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.**

## **24 Dec: 5.45pm Mass is Cancelled**

Kindly note that the 5.45pm weekday Mass is cancelled as the Christmas Eve Family Mass will be held at 6pm.

## **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. There will be no other services during the day in our Parish.

## **1 Jan: New Year's Day Mass**

Kindly note that there will be only one Mass at 10am in the Cathedral on 1st January 2025 after which the Cathedral will be closed. There will be no services in any other churches of our Parish on the day since it is a public holiday.

## **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.



## Latin Mass Community Announcements

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

Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the Youth Group will perform their Christmas Play at 11am in the Ellengowan Hall.

### Christmas Mass times:

**Midnight:** Solemn Mass

**5am:** Dawn Sung Mass

**9.15am:** Sung Mass.

Please note that there will be no 5pm mass on Christmas Day.

Fr. McCaffrey is away this week on his annual retreat.

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

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.

### 'Indulge Responsibly' this Christmas



Ethical Christmas gift-giving has been made super easy through the energetic and collaborative efforts of Young Mercy Links (YML) and ACRATH. Focussing on chocolate and sweet treats, the collaboration has produced a video which highlights a range of ethically sourced chocolates available in local supermarkets and shops. Supporting brands committed to ending slavery in their supply chains has been simplified to a two-step process: look for the rainforest alliance and/or Fairtrade certifications and double-check Be Slavery Free's chocolate scorecard ([chocolatescorecard.com](http://chocolatescorecard.com)). If you would like to know more about Indulge Responsibly, contact [sacoordinator@acrath.org.au](mailto:sacoordinator@acrath.org.au)

### 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 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.

## 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.

### REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

#### Cathedral Car Park and Staircase Driveway on the Cathedral lawns and Driveway in the Underground Car park

**This is a REMINDER NOTICE to all parishioners and visitors when using the underground carpark.** All pedestrians and parents with baby strollers must **ONLY USE** the carpark staircase when entering and exiting the underground carpark. Using the carpark ramp as a pedestrian walkway or for baby strollers is a major safety hazard. Please avoid doing so. **The underground carpark is monitored with cameras at all times.**

**Please do not double park your car in the underground car park driveway. Blocking the entry and exit of vehicles during Weekend Masses is a major safety hazard and the vehicle will be towed away at the owner's cost.**

Parking on the driveway of the Cathedral lawns is also prohibited at all times. Both the driveways (underground car park and on the lawns) must be free for movement of vehicles at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Please donate today: [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)