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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 15th December 2024 Gaudete Sunday

Our journey through advent continues and find ourselves today at the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. These same words are echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. To mark the occasion, this Sunday we are lighting the rose coloured candle instead of a purple one on our Advent wreath, and wearing the rose coloured vestment, instead of the purple one. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

When we talk about Joy, it is far more than just a sense of "feeling good" or pleased. It's not like a drink that makes us happy, or some activity that takes our minds of things, this kind of joy or happiness is fleeting. The sense of joy that the gospel invites us to experience requires work and fortitude, because it calls on us to learn to detach ourselves from whatever is holding us back from meeting our Lord. Advent is about waiting, sharing, and joy. In the Gospel today, the people came to John and asked him what they must do and John implores them to share what they have with those who have not, that they should be fair in their dealings with others and not seek to take advantage of others and to not use the power one may have over another for personal gain. Instead we are called to share what we have as we wait for the one who is coming and in doing so experience the Joy that only Christ can give.

The Joy we are called to is that which allows us to stand tall in times of sorrow, for we know what is to come. The Prophet Zephaniah in our first reading calls to the people to shout for Joy, not because everything was perfect in his time, the majority of Zephaniah writing had to do with the Judgement that was to come to Judah and Jerusalem, and yet with hope he called on the people to rejoice because "The Lord, the king of Israel is in your midst; you have no evil to fear." So while we wait, let us make this time the most joyful experience of our faith by detaching ourselves from what holds us back from being fully joyful.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday

5.00pm: Saturday

10.30am: Sunday (Mass Livestreamed)

6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday

8.00am: Saturday

8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

Mass Time for 2025

10.30am: Friday 7th February 2025

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS

AND MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9am Mass: Wednesday

7.30am: Saturday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact 62086236

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Children's Corner:

John, the son of Zechariah baptized people in the River Jordan to prepare them for the arrival of God's chosen one, Jesus. Draw John baptizing one of the people in the river.



CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024



The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



From Our Anniversary Book:

Alice and Thomas Smythe, May Westbrook, Mary Parkinson, Maureen Rice, Theresa Dwyer, Panfilo Di Giovanni, Stanislaus Rose, Thomas Lacey, Dorothy Steward, Sr. Brigid Barry, Irene Cundari, Mary Johnston, Mary McDonald, Joan Dempsey, Rosa Schiro, Kenneth Grubb, Patricia Jones, Michael Waters, Grace Donnelly, Ellen Baker, Leona Fulton, Cynthia Parker, Augustine Bravo, Marguerite Harris, Sr de Sales Boylson (PBVM) and Sr Anthony Burke (PBVM)

May they rest in peace!



[Registrations are now available for the 2025 St Mary's Cathedral Sacramental Program](#)

For all children in Year 3 and upwards (Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). Register at the Parish Office by:

Phone: 03 62344463 or

Email: cathedral@aotat.org.au

Sacramental Preparation



Information and Enrolment Night is 6pm **Tuesday 11th February 2025** at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Children's Christmas Nativity Play

Dear Parents I would like to invite all interested primary aged children (or younger) in our parish to a **Nativity rehearsal at the Cathedral at 10am on Tuesday 24th December 2024**



The children will then perform their enactment during the 6pm Cathedral Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Costumes will be provided, for further information please contact, parish office on 62344463 or 0408778152. **Fr Bernard Perera**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

[Tuesday 24th December 2024](#)

6pm St Mary's Cathedral (Family and Children's Vigil Mass)

11pm: Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass St Mary's Cathedral

[Wednesday 25th December 2024](#)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

Please note NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day





IN THE DIOCESE

THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The **December** edition of the **Catholic Standard** has arrived. Please take your own copy home to read.

Here are some of the highlights from this edition:

- The show must go on! Wet weather doesn't stop Carols on the Hill
- Shining a light on beauty of stained-glass at historic church (Launceston)
- Community 'devastated' by sudden passing of Br Stephen
- Ember Day provides unique space for young men of faith
- 25 years a priest: Fr Guy Riolo SDB celebrates silver Jubilee
- Six honoured with Guilford Young Medal



Elizabeth Street Mall, 50 Elizabeth St, Hobart

Archbishop Julian warmly invites you to light a candle and say a prayer for loved ones at the annual 'Light a Candle for Christmas' event in the bustling heart of the city. There will be a large nativity scene and the opportunity for passersby to light a candle, pray in front of the crib and listen to Christmas carols. Please contact the Archbishop's Office on (03) 6208 6223 if you would like to help either by singing in the choir or by being available to chat to passers-by and encourage them to light a candle if they would like to. It is a great opportunity to witness to our faith in the middle of the city just before Christmas!

ARCHBISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Maronite and Melkite bishops have united with Caritas in launching a special Lebanon Appeal prior to Christmas. Financial donation to:

Name: Archdiocese of Hobart
 BSB: 067 000
 Account: 10320689
 Reference: Lebanon Appeal

This appeal is for Christin Communities in Lebanon and the funds forward as an expression of our solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters of Lebanon. The bishops said "As we approach the joyful season of the Birth of our Lord, may this appeal be a sign of hope for the people of Lebanon.

Samaritan Projects Tasmania

What is the Project?



The Samaritan Projects Tasmania is a charitable foundation set up by the Archbishop of Hobart in 2002 to assist and respond to Tasmanian families in need. It is also commonly referred to as the Archbishop's Samaritan Fund.

Who is supported by these funds?

The Samaritan Projects Tasmania supports Tasmanian families and community groups through its association with Catholic schools, parishes and by supporting a wider range of charitable organisations in their works on an annual basis.



Who raises the funds?



Since its commencement, Catholic Education Tasmania has supported the works of Samaritan Projects Tasmania with all Catholic schools undertaking annual fundraising events to raise money for the foundation. Currently schools are encouraged to commence their fundraising activities in Term 3 every year, in conjunction with Catholic Education Week celebrations.

How do the funds help people?

Over many years, the Samaritan Projects Tasmania has provided support directly to Tasmanian families in need in a variety of ways. Some examples include:

- Providing emergency vouchers for groceries
- Assisting families who have lost everything in house fires
- Providing payment for people to see optometrists and obtain glasses
- Assistance with funeral costs
- Assistance with getting families back on their feet after natural disasters, such as flooding events, bushfires etc.

**Making a difference:
Supporting families in need in Tasmania**

For more information, please contact: samaritan@aohtas.org.au



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact Jane McKeown (03) 6234 4463.

READINGS OF THE DAY – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading 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 Isaiah 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 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 Luke 4:18

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

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.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 16th December	- Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday 17th December	- Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday 18th December	- Mt 1:18-24
Thursday 19th December	- Lk 1:5-25
Friday 20th December	- Lk 1:26-38
Saturday 21st December	- Lk 1:39-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading	- Micah 5:1-4
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19.R.v4
Second Reading	- Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel	- Luke 1:39-44

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.