

# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Third Sunday of Advent Year B - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### "Rejoice always"

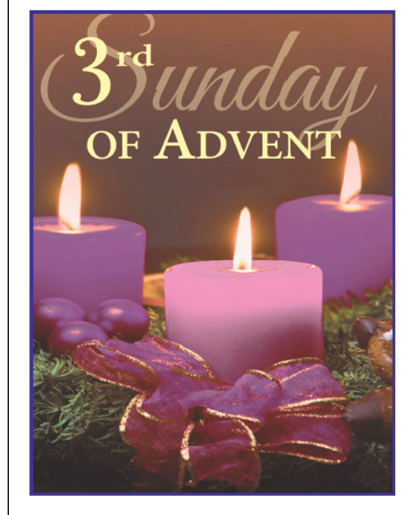
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice". It is a command taken directly from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, as in today's second reading: "**Rejoice always**" (1 Thessalonians 5:16). It is a positive command, one that we are supposed to keep at all times and in all circumstances. It is not a conditional command that we keep only when things are going well with us.

Paul begins by telling us what we must do at all times. "**Rejoice Always, v17 pray without ceasing, v18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you**" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). At all times and in all circumstances we must rejoice, pray and give thanks. He adds that this command reflects the will of God for those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. As followers of Christ we know that life on earth is not always rosy, but life after death is bliss. Our hope is not in this life only. That is why we are able to rejoice in good times and in bad, as Jesus himself did.

It is hard for us to live a life rejoicing always, but the One who calls us to this life is one who always gives us what He commands. He is faithful, and He will do it in our lives. So **Rejoice always!**

God bless,

Fr. Prem



**First Reading:** *Isa 61:1-2, 10-11 – I exult for joy in the Lord.*

**Psalm Response:** My soul rejoices in my God.

**Second Reading:** *1 Thess 5:16-24 – May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



### Gospel Acclamation

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

**Gospel:** *John 1:6-8, 19-28 - There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**You never know  
which footstep  
will bring a good  
twist in life...  
So keep on walking!  
Happiness comes when  
it is most unexpected!  
That's life.**

### Next week's Readings

**First:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,16

**Second:** Rom 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

### Roster

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
December

**6:15pm** (1st) Tanina D  
(2nd) Pauline P  
(POF) Pauline P

### Readers

**8:00am** (1st) Matthew K  
(2nd) Lorraine K  
(POF) Lorraine K

### Music

**6:15pm** Gp 1 **8:00am** Gp 3  
**Powerpoint**  
**6:15pm** Alan B **8:00am** Clinton T

**Christmas Mass Times:** NOTE the number of attendees at each Mass will be in accordance with the Government requirements at the time (currently 200 people inside the Church).

**On-line bookings for Masses are required for ALL ATTENDEES.**

### Christmas Eve Mass Times

7:00pm and 11:30pm

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BNGHP>

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** By appointment only

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am to 2:00pm.

**Parish Council Members:** Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans,  
Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

### Christmas Day Mass Times

8:00am

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BNGHQ>

### A VOCATION VIEW:

There was a man sent by God, who came as witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe.

Is your name in the Gospel today?

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Ellen Montgomery, Sam Catavitello.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances December:** Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, David Kearney, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Llewellyn Mills, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland.

*Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk*

**Mass Celebrations** Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**Sundays** at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

**Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation:** Our Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place on Thursday 17 December 2020 at 6.00pm. There will be no mass on this day.

**Christmas Appeal The St Vincent de Paul** Christmas Appeal will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December. Funds raised provides the community with a chance to help change lives by adding a little comfort, dignity, hope and warmth to the lives of those who are struggling. All money donated stays within the Birkdale Conference. Donation envelopes will be in the Church.

**EAST TIMOR RAFFLE** Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Many thanks for your support.

**Christmas Tree** Donations of food items for St Vincent de Paul to prepare hampers will be gratefully received. If donating presents, (wrapped with a tag indicating the age and gender of the recipient). Gifts suitable for secondary aged students and mums and dads are always sought after. Donation baskets are in the Church. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Children's Christmas Pageant 2020** This year has seen lots of changes to how we do things at school, at Church and in our everyday lives. The good news is that this Christmas, we still plan to continue the Parish tradition of children presenting the story of the birth of Jesus. At this stage, we will be recording the presentation but if restrictions change over the coming weeks, we will consider the option of performing at Mass on Christmas Eve. There are a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles suitable for various ages. Costumes are available. Children will need to attend the following rehearsals at the church:

**Tuesday, 15 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Thursday, 17 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Monday, 21 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm (dress rehearsal), Wednesday, 23 December**

**9:30 – 11:30 am (final rehearsal and filming).** For more information, please contact Lisa Knight in the Parish Office or Tania Logan on 0407436643 or [britania@optusnet.com.au](mailto:britania@optusnet.com.au)

#### **Parish Office**

will be closed from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December for Staff Annual Leave. All urgent enquiries to Manly Parish, phone 3131 2610 or [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### **Parish Diary:**

##### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

*St John of the Cross*

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

##### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

3:30pm Pageant Rehearsal

##### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

7:30am HeartFIT

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

##### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

1:00pm Baptism Celebration

3:30pm Pageant Rehearsal

6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (no Mass)

##### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

9:30am Mass

##### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

6:15pm Mass

##### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00am Mass

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

*Reconciliation is by appointment only. Please contact the Parish office to make a booking.*

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

##### **First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

##### **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

##### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.