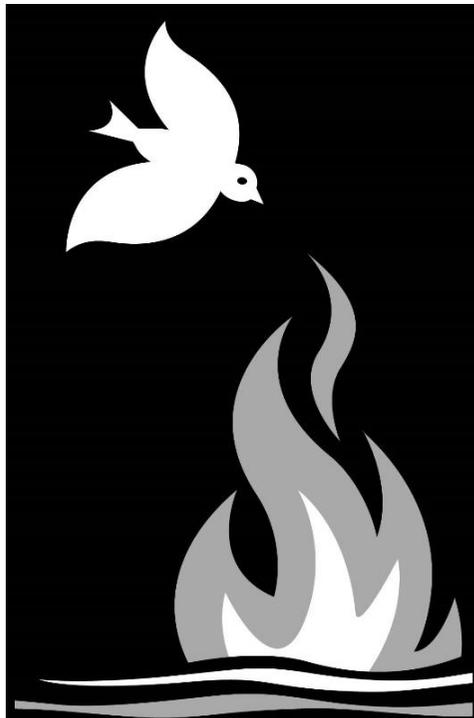


rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

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.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Is 35:4
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



Prayer against Coronavirus

O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Edmund, patron saint of pandemics, *pray for us.*

St Sebastian, patron saint of plague sufferers, *pray for us.*

St Roch, invoked against the plague *pray for us.*

St Godeberta, invoked against drought & epidemics, *pray for us.*

St Luke, patron saint of doctors, *pray for us.*

St Agatha, patron saint of nurses, *pray for us.*

St Damien, patron saint of chemists, *pray for us.*

St Anthony of Egypt, patron saint of gravediggers, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Lourdes, *pray for us.*

Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney. Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, *pray for us.*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *pray for us*

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Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

12 December 2021

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4:4-5
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading Zep 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.

Responsorial Psalm Is 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.

Gospel Acclamation Is 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!

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



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Exposition	Thursday – 8:00 -9:00am
Adoration	Sunday 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTION for the weekends 6/7 & 13/14 November 2021

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$778.05	\$487.00	\$450.00	\$76.75
(supports the expenses of priest)	(for day-to-day running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses were offered for: pro populo, members of the Ribeiro and Marques Antonio families, all the souls of Purgatory, an unknown intention, Joe Pereira (RIP).

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)*

COVID restrictions. We are currently in STAGE 2:

The Archdiocese has re-opened churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations; the 2 sqm rule applies, and masks must be worn indoors. Vaccinated parishioners are permitted to sing but masks must be worn (a fully vaccinated socially distanced choir of 10 is allowed).

STAGE 3 95% are fully vaccinated, estimated date 15 Dec. There will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens, including weddings and funerals (unless even one person is unvaccinated). Masks will not be required inside the church.

We thank Di for the Advent wreath and for organising and contributing towards the cost of the new galvanised steel grotto gate. **We thank the Advent group** for the Christmas decorations.

Parish Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15 December 7-9pm, Southern Cross Hotel, St Peters. RSVP to Sophia by 12 December: 0421 741 331. Dine & Discover vouchers welcome.

Christmas Mass schedule Vigil (Friday) 6pm, Day (Saturday) 9:30am. *Please note:* due to Christmas being on Saturday there is no Vigil on 25th December.

Cathedral Christmas Celebration 17 December 2021 11am and 7pm
 The St Mary’s Cathedral Choir and the Sydney Youth Orchestra perform some of the most loved Christmas music at two concerts that have become an annual tradition. Tickets available online: www.cathedralchoir.sydney/concerts

Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary’s Cathedral forecourt, 9-25 December
 Join in Sydney’s favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected onto St Mary’s Cathedral. Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

Please keep a respectful atmosphere after Mass by going outside to chat.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022 Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you’ll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> "Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.

EthicsFinder is a free, global, digital resource which will be of immense value to interested parishioners. Wish you could easily find Church teaching and the best articles, books and videos on bioethics, business ethics, cancel culture, human rights, marriage, subsidiarity, and 100+ other topics? Try ACU’s free digital tool www.ethicsfinder.com.

Message from Caritas Australia Thank you for supporting this year’s Catholic Mission Appeal. Please pass on my sincere thanks to all those parishioners who contributed to the appeal. With their help, The Good Shepherd Sisters of Thailand can continue to support women and children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds by providing critical programs like the Mother and Babies Home. *Total amount raised \$55.*

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: This month can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi? Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.