



St Mary's Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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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The Lord has repealed your sentence;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 a 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.

The word of the Lord.

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.

The word of the Lord.

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 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!'

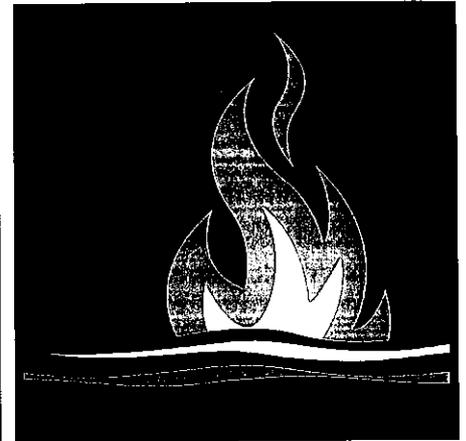
A feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think that
John might be the Christ, so John declared
before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but
someone is coming, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo
the strap of his sandals; he will baptise 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

*Is it any wonder that there was a growing
sense among the people that John might be
the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this
week's gospel might just as easily have come
from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for
us just how much John was preparing the way*



for Jesus: even his teaching was in line
with what Jesus would later say. In this
instance, the people gathered around
John (presumably having been baptised
by him) are asking how they should live
out their new-found conversion of heart.
John's response to the three groups
is about the need for generosity and
justice. It is about not taking more than
your share when someone else does
not have sufficient. To the crowd of
people, he instructs them to give away
a second tunic to someone who doesn't
have one at all and to share their food
with those who are hungry. To the tax
collectors, he cautioned them to collect
no more than what they were supposed
to. Tax collectors made their profit by
overcharging taxpayers. Together with
the fact that they worked for the Roman
occupiers, this made tax collectors one
of the most despised groups in society.
John's caution to them is to be just in their
dealings. He also cautions the soldiers
against intimidation and extorting money
from the people to supplement their pay.
The themes of justice and hospitality that
will echo throughout the gospel of Luke
are clearly evident in this episode with
John. When the people start to talk about
him being the Christ, John is quick to
point them to the one who is still to come;
the one who will share with them more
fully the love of God and the fire of the
Holy Spirit.

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	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	Mass	No Serv (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass
Dunkeld	SAWC 9am	No Serv (To Glen)	Mass 8.30 am	Mass 8.30am	SAWC 9am
Glen 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	Mass	No Serv (To Dunkeld)	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	SAWC	No Serv Ham or Orford 9am	Mass	Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER 20th December	
Lector	Don Adamson
Gifts	Kelly Family
Prayers	Catherine Loria
Special Minister	Helen Brown

Weekday Mass or SAWC
Tue, Wed, Thurs. & Friday @ 10am St Mary's
Parish Hamilton Day Chapel. All Welcome

ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 19th & 20th Dec		
	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurman	Terry Hurley Francis O'Brien
Commentator	Karen Brewis	Ilma Underwood
1st Reader	Maureen Dunn	Maree Bell
2nd Reader	John Duyvestyn	Michael Stewart
Offertory	Marie Grinham Mary Walter	C Storer Family
PowerPoint	Pauline Murphy	O'Brien Family
Ministers of Communion	Peter & Maureen Dunn	V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald & R Taylor
Cuppa	Bob & Julie Roache	Bridget Campell

Church Cleaning DECEMBER
Lia Mailes, Madonna Spong & Carmen Spong

	This Weekend	Ministers of Communion
6 pm	T Grove, J Gustus & M Walter	
10.30am	R Taylor, S Pierce & G McDonald	

Parish Collections
Stewardship: \$43,043 Pledged: \$108,779
Priest Support: \$738
Weekend counters : R Corbett, B Shanahan
& T Oliver.
Next w/end counters: V&F O'Brien, G McGrath,
M Stewart & J Watt.

"The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis
27. I dream of a "missionary option" in the Church, making us more inclusive, more open, and more filled with the desire to go out there and welcome God's people in through the doors.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan Turner, Sam Marsh, Dale Hutchins,
Francis Heaton, Muriel Keneely, Desmond Fahey,
Saro George, Margaret Hatcher.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Val Carter, Claire Kinnane, Marg Lane
Connie McArthur, Sandra Kranz, Heather Boyd,
Kerryn McCluggage, Shirley McNamara,
Bernadette Smith.

NOTICES

- CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Hamilton Singers and Friends
Sunday Dec.13th @ 2:30pm St Andrew's church
Hamilton.
- Anointing Mass Eventide 9.30am
Thursday 17th December



Youth Group Christmas Picnic

When: Sun 20th Dec

@ 12pm-3pm.

Where: Botanical Gardens (BBQ area).

Bring along your family for a lovely
picnic. Please bring lunch to share.

RSVP: Charlotte to 0437 017 296.



CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS 6PM

Thank you to the parents of the 2015
Sacramental Class for responding to



the invitation for your children to take part in the Nativity
scene at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

We have had a practise at school but to make the children
feel comfortable in their role we will have a 30 minute
practise at **3 - 3.30pm Wednesday 23rd** at St Mary's
Church.

On the night **all children** are invited to come dressed as an
Angels or Shepherds the more the better.



**The Giving
Tree**

Helping
those in
Need!



Take a tag from the tree located in St Mary's
Church and purchase the item named.

Place the item at the foot of the tree.

Donations will go towards local Christmas hampers.

Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse

This week's Ballarat hearing is a sorry litany of one account
after another of heads in the sand, of the reputation of the
church taking precedence over powerless children and of
police corruption.

Read more at: Truth, Justice and Healing Council

www.tjhcouncil.org.au

Papua New Guinea Fundraiser Raffle

WINNER -Rita Taylor

Funds raised so far \$165

100% of funds raised go directly to support

Tsak & Pausa villages. **Thank you**

Time & Talent Ministry Roster 2016

Thankyou to all who have returned forms volunteering your
time and or talents to our ministry roster.

Our new Rosters will begin February 2016

Thank You.

PRAYER

O God,
the fountain of life
and rejoicing,
renew us in your love
and baptize us with the fire of your Holy Spirit,
that we may proclaim to all people
the good news of your presence in our midst.
May we delight
to share with them
your peace,
which surpasses all understanding.
We make our prayer thru Christ our Lord
Amen.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 20th December

Masses - Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10.30am

Blessing of Expectant Parents during Mass.



CHRISTMAS MASSES



St Patrick's Dunkeld --- Vigil Mass 6pm

St Joseph's Penshurst --- Vigil Mass 7pm

St Thomas' Glenthompson --- Vigil Mass 7.30p

St Malachy's Macarthur --- Christmas Day 9am

St Mary's Hamilton ---

Vigil 6pm(Children focus) & Vigil Mass 8pm

Christmas Day 9am

Parish Christmas Lunch

Offers of donations for food and drink items for our annual Christmas Day Parish Lunch for the lonely and underprivileged are again being sought. As usual sign-up notices are located on the noticeboard in the old Church for those wishing to make donations or to help out. If you know of anyone who would like to join us for lunch please contact our Christmas lunch coordinators Chris & Kathie Jansen on 0407 719 530

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