



Vox Populi

14 December 2023

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice. We continue to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy participation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as His promised second coming.

Although the year has presented turmoil and challenges, both here and overseas, taking the time to pray and reflect will help us focus on the hope, joy and peace God gives us in the gift of his Son.

The Advent candle we light this Sunday is rose coloured, a symbol of joy, and the priest will wear rose vestments. As people who put our hope in God's love and promises, we are all called to adopt an attitude of joy, and it is in joy we find the ability to anticipate the future within our present reality.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has prepared a Christmas Message for all those within the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The video will be available for every parish this weekend and will also be on the Diocese website from Monday at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

Christmas Mass Times for all our parishes are also available on the website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/christmas-mass-times>

Have a joyful Sunday!