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## 12 December 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

**Parish Mass Times:**

**Monday to Friday: 9am**

**Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)**

**Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm**

**Public Holidays: 9am**

**Rock Mass: Once a term**

**Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment**

**Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice**

**Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am**

**Anointing of Sick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request**

**Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am**

**Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)**



**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated  
by Fr Greg on Zoom

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**First Friday of Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm  
(Recommences 4 February 2022)

**Thursday 16 December**

Parish Reconciliation 7-8pm

**Friday 24 December**

6pm: Family Mass  
9pm: Mass with Carols  
Midnight: Mass with no music

**Saturday 25 December**

8am & 10am: Mass  
No evening mass

**Sunday 26 December**

8am & 10am: Mass  
No evening Mass

**From Monday 27 December**

Normal Mass times



***A man named John was sent  
from God. He came for  
testimony, to testify to the  
light, so that all might believe  
through him.  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

One of the four candles on an Advent wreath is usually a rose-colour. This is the candle lit today, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday also named Gaudete or 'rejoicing' Sunday, a name taken from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass.

Before the birth of Christ people often seemed to be at a loss about how to live in harmony with God. While they received the law through Moses as a gift, they soon tragically reduced this life-giving direction to little rules that served to bind rather than free. Those who are captive struggle to sing songs of rejoicing. Such directionless people flock to John of the Christian era, firstly to the people, then tax collectors, then the soldiers. Afterwards John declares before them all that Christ whom they had awaited was immanent and the era they had long awaited had arrived.

The risk we face is to see the arrival of the Messiah only as a historical event. The reality is that Jesus Christ, who overcame death, is present in our world today, and wherever there is love, there is God. There is no greater cause for rejoicing than awareness of this fact.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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# ADVENT 1:23

## Advent 1:23 – Welcoming our guests

As we continue with the Advent 1:23 initiative this week, please keep praying for the people on your list, and offer invitations to Christmas Mass. As we will be expecting guests this Christmas, it is important that we prepare to receive them so that they feel welcome when they arrive. We are called to be the welcoming face of Jesus to others and to show them the love of Christ. Experiencing this side of community may be the way that the Holy Spirit inspires them into a greater relationship with Jesus.

At Christmas Masses, whilst we will have “Welcome Team” members at each Mass to warmly welcome people as they arrive, I encourage all of you to participate in welcoming all newcomers in the true spirit of Christmas. For those who wish to be part of the formal welcome team, please contact the Parish Office. Come along with a friend at Christmas and let us pray that God may bless them in a special way.

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## Social Justice Corner

### Uluru Statement From The Heart

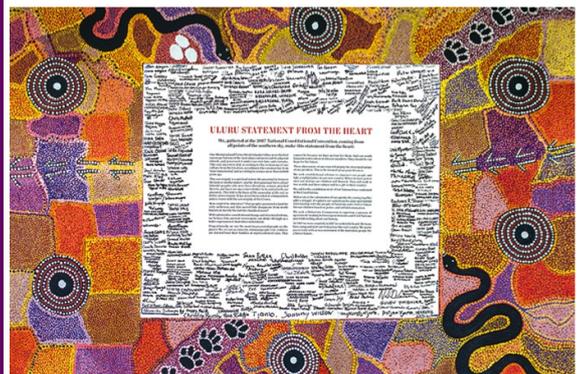
The Social Justice Group warmly invites you to a presentation and discussion about the Uluru Statement From The Heart. The presentation will commence after the 10am Mass this weekend (Sunday, 12 December).

### What Is The Uluru Statement From The Heart?

The Statement was released in 2017, after the 16 member Referendum Council travelled around the country meeting with over 1,200 people representing approximately 800,000 indigenous people. It calls for a First Nations voice in the Constitution and a process of truth telling and 'agreement-making'. It is an invitation to all Australians to come together in this process.

### Why Is A Discussion Needed?

It is important we are all informed ahead of a proposed referendum. The referendum may occur at any time from the next Federal Election.







## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

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## The Word

### Sunday 12 December 2021 3rd Sunday in Advent

#### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah Zep 3:14-18

*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.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 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

From the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 4:4-7

*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

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

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:10-18

*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.