



CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2019

Key Theme of Advent: Repentance



Today's Gospel introduces John the Baptist and his preaching of repentance. He was the last in a long line of prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. He prepared the way for the Messiah by alerting God's people to the Messiah's impending arrival and by challenging them to change their lives by repenting for their

sins. A radical abandonment of sinful living was required because God was going to communicate with his people directly through his Son, Jesus, the Messiah. John's ministry focused on preaching conversion and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Repentance is a fundamental change of heart, or attitude, which results in leaving sin behind and embracing God's freely shared life and love. Such change is only possible with the gift of God's grace. There was urgency in John's preaching about repentance. The time for repentance, he said, is now, not in the future. Repentance through prayer, fasting and charitable works leads to conversion, and conversion is an important aspect of people's preparation if they are to meet Christ when he comes. John understood from his own experience in the wilderness, where he spent a long time in prayer and reflection, that repentance and conversion were absolutely necessary. Otherwise their hearts would remain closed by sinful preoccupations and they would not be able to recognise the Messiah when he arrived. And, if they could not recognise him, neither would they be able to acknowledge him as the fulfilment of God's promise to liberate his people. Without a 'change-of-heart', a turning back towards God, there could be no appreciation of the Messiah's presence among them.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord. The reality is that some of us are unrepentant for our sins. We are reluctant to speak about our faith and share it with others. Advent challenges us to become people of hope and expectation as we await Christ's coming.

Usual Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday: 9.00 am

Friday: 10.00 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30—10.00 am or by appointment

Exposition/Benediction

Thursdays 9.30-10.30am

Feast Days This Week

Monday 9th Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 11th St Damasus I, pope

Thursday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday 13th St Lucy

Saturday 14th St John of the Cross

In the Parish this Week

Tuesday 10 December

Zumba in the Hall, 7pm-8pm

Wednesday 11 December

No Legion of Mary meeting

Birthday Blessings

7th Dianca Mitchell,
Jemima Rebello,
Desmond Vessaokar,
Tina Tu'u,

Audrey D'Souza,
Giselle Fernandes

8th Connie Hassan,
Rebecca Pasina

9th Rachel Martis,
Felicia Valladarres

10th Audrey Saldanha,
Chris D'Mello,
Taulua Latunipulu

11th Riona Saldanha,
Maria Brown,
Kevin George

12th Lupe Mataia-Sue,
Naia Tagiilima,
Brent Austre

13th Milton D'Souza



Wedding Anniversaries

8th Lester & Sam Gonsalves

9th Edwin & Riona Saldanha

12th Ralph & Melina Hendricks

12th Frederic & Bellanca Almeida

Happy Anniversary

Advent Reconciliation



RECONCILIATION December from 7pm.

There will be Rite II Reconciliation here at Christ the King Church on Wednesday 18th

St Vincent de Paul

Any donations of Christmas goodies, tea, coffee, small packets of rice and powdered milk for the foodbank would be much appreciated. We will be making up Christmas parcels to give to the needy.



Youth and Young Adults

For information about our parish youth group, Christus Rex, please contact christusrex youthgroup@gmail.com

Check the youth section of the noticeboard in the foyer for any upcoming events or notices.

Christmas in the Car Park

This event will be held at St Mary's Parish, Avondale, 2134 Great North Road on 21 December, 7pm – 9:30pm after Mass at 6pm. There will be live entertainment, food stalls, carols and choirs. For more information see the poster in the foyer.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12



Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Christmas & New Year Mass Times

Christmas Eve—Tuesday 24 December

5.30pm Carol Service followed by

6pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm Carol Service followed by

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Wednesday 25 December

Mass at 9am only

Weekdays and Sunday

Masses as usual

New Year's Eve—Tuesday 31 December

Mass at 11pm

New Year's Day—Wednesday 1 January 2020

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am

Planned Giving Scheme

If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish Registration Form, available from the table in the foyer.

***We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers,
are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:***

Phyllis McDermott, Mary Cloonan, Jamille Burundi, Frank Murphy, Irena Sturch, Trevor Graves, Martha Rush, McLaren Smith, Martin Tiangco, Dean Fallon, Maria Paulo Brown, Erica McBride, James Elliott, Peter Geaney, Yumi Cook, Roseanna Quiney, Sue Curran, Solinuu Nansen, Ropati Tuliatu, Faa'galo Tuliatu, Lo Tukunia, Johan Fernandes, Fatima Rodricks, Beryl Cox, Brian Brown, Marie Simpson, Matthew James, Anita Malcon, Therese Graham, Trevor Mulligan, Delores Gock, Noela Pulotu Faavale, Max Joseph Ng Lam, Sue Whitford, Paul Molloy, Maria Que, Maria Sia, Arnaud Mayall, Veronica Brown, Michael Joseph, Saufua Tuni

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Delphine D'Cunha, Vilami Tuipulotu, Anna Margarida Barneto, David Feki, Walter Fernandes

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord