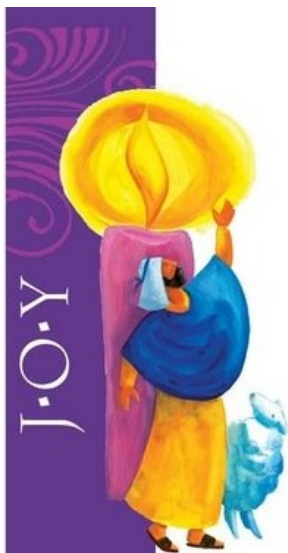


Fr Alo writes...

Gaudete

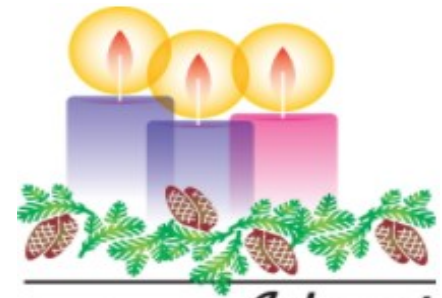
The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" or "Sunday of Joy". Isaiah in the first reading of this weekend, tells us the reason why we need to have "joy". It is because the Lord has empowered him. He said: *"The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me to..."*. We too should live in joy for we have been given the Spirit. St Paul also reminds us of living in Joy: *"Be happy at all times, pray constantly, and for all things give thanks to God..."* And the "Voice" in the wilderness also keep reminding us of "salvation" is near. The good news is that the one who is coming will baptise us with the "Holy Spirit". *"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."* So these three readings encourage us to be "Joy-full" because the Spirit is given to us.

In order to be happy and joyous, a person needs be aware of the works of the Spirit and to constantly tell himself or herself:



*"to live deeply, with purpose,
to live freely, with detachment,
to live wisely, with humility,
to live justly with compassion,
to live lovingly, with fidelity,
to live mindfully with awareness,
to live gratefully, with generosity,
to live fully, with enthusiasm".*
(Joyce Rupp: Anchors for the Soul)

Have a nice day. Be Joyous and be happy.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

SATURDAY 12 DEC

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 13 DEC

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 14 DEC

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 16 DEC

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 17 DEC

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 18 DEC

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 19 DEC

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 20 DEC

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is hear.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News
to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come,

and he will save us.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina,
Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj,
Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci,
Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton,
Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family,
David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson,
Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco,
Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L.,
Plutarco Cadornigara, Olga Nasser, Lynne
Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella,
Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John
Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard,
Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker,
Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin,
Lucienne Radzyninski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

John Nasser, Clare Georgey

ANNIVERSARIES

Monica Mary McCaughan, Ana Neil,
Charles Munevar, Alexander Balatbat,
Maximo Balatbat, Jack Moon,
James Maher msc, Mollie Brereton,
Fr Peter McGrath ofm, Pam Boreham,
Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy,
Keira Donnelly, Maureen & John Lawlor,
John McClusky

PARISH ROSTER

12/13 Dec	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
Acolytes	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Br Paul Rogers	Scott Murcutt Michelle Alimhamzah	Bella Siauwidjaja Mandalena Hermawan
Comm to sick	Nubia Suarez		
19/20 Dec	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolytes	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Diana Hayes	Lily Murcutt Ana Corpuz	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
Comm to sick	Robyn Kildea		

COLLECTIONS - 5/6 DECEMBER

1st Collection	\$600
2nd Collection	\$135
Env Collection	\$780

OTHER

Caritas	\$ 50
Catholic Mission	\$240



HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday 14 Dec
6pm-7pm (call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour)

2020 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve, Thursday Dec 24

6:30pm - Family Mass
9:00pm Indonesian Community Mass
NO LATE NIGHT MASS

Christmas Day, Friday Dec 25

9:30am - Christmas Day Family Mass

Holy Family, Sunday Dec 27

9:30am: Mass + Morning Tea
Sat 6pm, 3:30pm (Indonesian), Sun 6pm

Mary, Mother of God, Friday Jan 1

9am Mass

Epiphany, Sunday Jan 3

9:30am: Mass + Morning Tea
Sat 6pm, Sun 3:30pm (Indonesian), 6pm

COVID-19 UPDATE

In a welcome step forward for our churches in the lead up to Christmas, NSW Health has announced that from Monday 7 December, churches will be able to have unlimited numbers at all religious services, as long as a two square metre rule is observed. **Following this rule we can have up to 250 people at our Masses.** You'll find more information here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>. Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes and the NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING

Due to Covid we did not have a Winter Appeal this year, nor can we have a Christmas Giving Tree.

This Christmas we are asking for GIFT CARDS: \$20 OR \$50 FOR ALDI, WOOLWORTHS, BIG W, TARGET, COLES, MYER, WESTFIELD.

OR Money/Credit Card donations can be placed in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes.

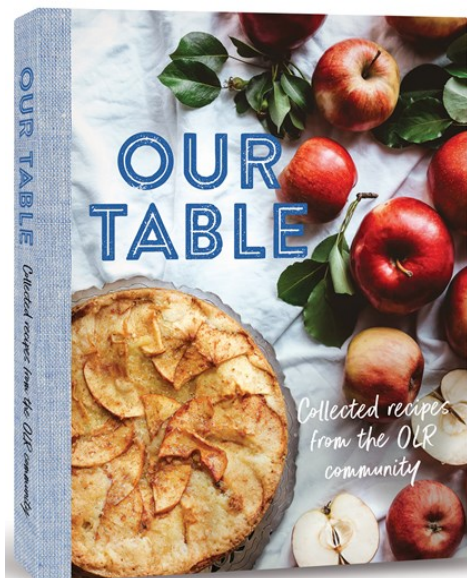
A box will be at the side door of the church where donations can be placed. Please give generously to those in our community who are struggling at this time.

God bless you for your kindness.



OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020 COOKBOOK

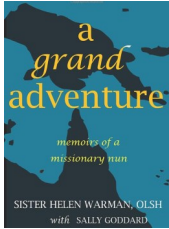
This year, the Parents and Friends Association of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School have been busy creating a community cookbook, filled with over 100 delicious recipes.



Each recipe has been curated by the dedicated families within the OLR community. From simple breakfasts, to crowd-pleasing dinners, lunchbox snacks and knockout desserts. We hope that our cookbook will come in handy and add a little more flavour to your home.

There is even a special recipe from Father Alo.

To purchase a cookbook and support the school's fundraising efforts, please visit the following website: <https://bit.ly/OLRcookbookorderform>.



A GRAND ADVENTURE

A memoir written by Sister Helen Warman, a Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Sister Helen spent sixty years as an educator in Catholic Missions in Papua New Guinea, primarily in Milne Bay Province (including the Trobriand Islands and Alotau) and in Port Moresby.

Sister Helen's book is available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$20. (Profits from sales will go to the "Back Door" Outreach Projects run by the OLSH Convent in Boroko, Papua New Guinea).

GO MAKE DISCIPLES: LAUNCH OF NEW ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION PLAN

This **Saturday 12 December**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will launch the new Mission Plan, *Go Make Disciples*. The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the 'Parish 2020' process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes are true centers of the new Evangelisation so they can nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics. The occasion of the launch will be marked at the 10:30am Solemn Mass on **Sunday 13 December at St Mary's Cathedral**, the third Sunday of Advent, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Attendance at the Mass is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. You'll find a link to register online here: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smcmass/gmdmass/Site/Register> and a link to the livestreamed Mass here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HITfepVdBaI>.

Carols from St Mary's

December 18 11am & 7pm
Free Admission

Featuring
St Mary's Cathedral Choir &
Sinfonia Australis

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Book here: www.cathedralchoir.sydney/concerts



EVANGELISERS NEEDED: CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

If you're interested in helping our evangelising team at St Mary's Cathedral, please sign up using the form at this address: <https://forms.gle/p5nDMiK1J5USBBgr6>. To apply please email chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org. **Dates:** 14, 19 December | **Times:** 6:45 – 9:15 pm
Place: meet at Cathedral house at 6:45 for a short induction. *Successful applicants must have a current volunteer Working with Children Check.*



WHY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

A series of Friday night presentations on the Sunday Mass readings during Advent, followed by questions from the audience. **Where:** 1880 Hall, Saint Peter's Parish, Surry Hills | **When:** Friday night: December 18 from 6pm to 7pm
For whom: Everyone is welcome | **By whom:** Dr. Ken Brimaud, LL. B., STD of the Catholic Institute of Sydney and the Angelicum University, Rome.

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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. 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.