

Entrance Antiphon Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second reading Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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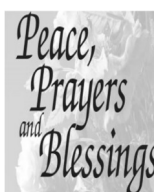
Next Week's Readings 3rd Advent Year A **Entrance Antiphon:** Phil 4:4-5 **2nd Reading:** James 5:7-10 **1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 **Gospel:** Mathew 11:2-11 **Responsorial Psalm:** 145:6-10 **Communion Antiphon:** Is 35:4

(A) WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Ellen Hagan; Clive James; Candido Blanco; David Cusack; Phillip Heffernan (Terry Sullivan's uncle); Kit McCabe (Goulburn); Fr Paul Stenhouse, MSC; Paul McDonald (Neil's brother); Anica Soldo; Kent McKenna;

(B) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Kim Hoe Gan; William Johns; Ewald Klingohr; Josie Manning; Rosie Marzotto; Fr James McDade; Isabel Monge; Robert Naughton; Fr Robert O'Dea; Paul Schneider; Veronica Sheedy; Fr Paul Stack; Juliet Tilston; Graziella Travia.

(C) WE PRAY FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Jackson; James; Janssen; Jayzygadlo; Jeeves; Jeffery; Jenkins; Jepsen; Jimenez; Johnston; Johnston-Bailey; Jones; Jongsma; Jordan; Jorritsma; Joseph; Juchnicki; Jullienne; Jungwirth; Jurd; Jurisevic; Jurkovic; Karatzakis; Karchinsky; Karpfen; Kearnes; Keenan; Kelly; Kennedy; Kerin; Keys; Khaw; Kichenside; Kidd; King; Kinnane; Kireta; Kitney; Klein; Knaus; Knight; Knowles; Kollannur; Komberec; Komorowski; Kraljevic; Krawczyk; Kwiatkowski; Family and Friends.

(D) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OR ASK OUR PRAYERS: for all Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ; Ann Cochran; Jan Leyden; Sean Mullanphy; Cathy Hutton; Sr Catherine Wybourne, (UK); David Lanarch; David Lewis; Paul Smith; Emma Schofield; Madeleine & Ray Thrift; Steven Peterson; Clem Dick; Robyn Horn; Kate & Ian Pritchard; Wilma McQueen; Patricia Evans; Veronica Crowley; Kathaleen Temby; Helen Pudovski; Anne Percival; Myrna Stinziani; John Reid; Valentina Scerri; Catarina Llorens; Lyndsay James; Lorraine Mackay; Wilf Hedley; Thomas Linden; Margaret Marris; Maureen Daley; Verona Hickey; Dr David Lim (Sydney); Raifiel Cyril; Ivan Novak; Beryl Baxter; John & Peter Sullivan; Archbishop Francis Carroll; Marie Wells; Domenica; Terry Mernagh.



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**2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
YEAR A 7/8 DECEMBER 2019**

*We warmly welcome all
New Parishioners & Visitors*

Sunday Mass times:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 5.00pm

St Jude Church,
Mulley Street Holder

Sunday 9.00am

St John Vianney Church,
87 Namatjira Drive
Waramanga

Weekday Masses:

St Jude Church

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 8.00am.

St John Vianney Church

Monday 7.00am

Tuesday 7.00am

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 7.00am.

Confessions:

Saturday 4 — 4.45pm St Jude Holder

Sunday 8 — 8.45am St John Vianney

Sunday 4.30 — 4.50pm St Jude Holder

Anointing Mass

1st Wednesday of the month.

Next anointing Mass 5 February 2020.

Baptism

by appointment

2nd Sunday St John Vianney during
9.00am Mass &

4th Sunday St Jude, 11.00am outside
Mass

Information available on the Parish
website and Qkr App

www.stjvwestoncreek.blogspot.com

Baptism Preparation Class held at
7.30pm, 1st Tuesday of the month
except January @ **St John Vianney
Church**

bookings 02 8331 7611 (Tues-Fri 9-3pm)

Weddings

by appointment.

6 months notice should be given.

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

4.00— 4.40 Saturday before the Vigil
Mass St Jude Church

8.00am—8.40am Sunday before Mass
at St John Vianney Church

Christian Meditation

4pm Fridays

SJV Presbytery Meeting Room
Leigh Greenhalgh 0402148261;
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By and large, the kings of Israel were a disappointing lot. With few exceptions, they used their power to benefit themselves, not the people. It would have been so easy for the psalmist's prayer to be full of complaint about the king. Instead of complaining, however, the sacred writer prays for him.

O God, give your judgement to the king,' the psalmist prays. That is, 'give your gift of wise judgement to him that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement'. The psalmist knows that if the king is humble enough to submit to the guidance of God, justice will flourish in the land and there will be lasting peace.

John the Baptist was not a king but he was a great leader because he recognised and submitted to the authority of the coming messiah: 'the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals,' he told the people.

We can sit back and criticise the leaders of our day. Or we can imitate the psalmist and pray for them, that they may be filled with the spirit of God, a spirit of wisdom and insight. And we can pray for ourselves in our own leadership roles in our families and community, that Christ, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas, will bless us with wise judgement and compassion for the poor, the needy and the weak who need our help.

THE ECUMENICAL CANTATA CHOIR presents "*Sing Hosanna.*" Conducted by Clinton White on Sunday 8th at 9am at Weston Creek Uniting Church and on **Sunday 15 December at 2.30pm at St John Vianney Church** Please show your support of the choir and come along. Please bring a plate of food to share for supper afterwards. Gold coin donation.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS will be held Wednesday 18 December 7.00pm at St John Vianney Church Waramanga.

24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.00pm Vigil Mass both Churches Children & Family Liturgy; 8.30pm Carols, 9pm St John Vianney Church

NO MIDNIGHT MASS IN THE PARISH

25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY: 8.30am Carols. 9.00am Mass St Jude Church Holder

26 DECEMBER BOXING DAY: 9.30am Mass St Jude Church Holder

Copies of the timetable will be available this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS STALL AT COOLEMAN COURT Once again we invite everyone to join our parish team on our Christmas donation stall at Cooleman Court during December. Volunteers are required for two hour periods: 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, and 3pm-5pm. Dates for the stall this year will be Sunday 8, Sunday 15, Wednesday 18 and Sunday 22 December. Contact Stephen Utick on 0421972287 or see Mike Trevethan at the Waramanga Sunday Mass piety stall and put your name down.

WORKING BEE at St Jude's Church Saturday 14 December 10am—12noon for a general clean-up before Christmas. Please bring your own tools, though some will be available.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS Once again the Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections Booklets are available for sale from St Jude and St John Vianney Churches. The booklets provide very thoughtful commentaries on the Scripture readings for each day of Advent beginning on 1 December, the first Sunday of Advent. The cost of each booklet is \$5.



Lighting of the Two Candles

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR WESTON CREEK AND SOUTH MOLONGLO This communique is in relation to the provision of Catholic Education in Weston Creek and Molonglo. Given the continuing uncertainty with regard to the provision of land in Molonglo and in the spirit of planning for the future at St Jude's School Holder and St John Vianney's School Waramanga, the Catholic Education Office would like to provide the opportunity for a community consultation regarding the provision of Catholic Education in Weston Creek and Molonglo. The Catholic Education Office will work closely with Parish Priest, Father Michael Lim and the school principals and their school communities. The consultation will begin this year, 2019 and there will be community gatherings early in 2020. The hope is to be able to provide a strategic direction for Catholic Education in Weston Creek and Molonglo prior to the enrolment period next year. *Catholic Education-Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.*

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2020 are available at the Piety Stalls in both Churches. Rrp \$9 and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards 8 for \$7 or 5 for \$5.

GOD'S WORD 2020 have now arrived please contact the parish office (8331 7611) to pay if you haven't or to let us know which church you wish to collect your copy from.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): commences on Tuesday 28 January 2020 @ 7.00pm in St John Vianney Church Meeting Room. Those who are keen to further their knowledge of the faith or are enquiring about becoming a Catholic are welcome to join this weekly journey until the end of May 2020. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

FUND RAISING: After Masses this weekend Doreen Hurst will be selling jewellery (\$15-\$40) made in Vietnam to assist the villagers who produce the beautiful, unusual items and for the Franciscans in the Middle East who have direct contact with persecuted Christians. All monies will go to these causes.

ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL: You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro who is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. Free Entry or by Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. DETAILS: Mon 9 Dec (6pm), St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** at www.voicefromassisi.org.au

NORTH CANBERRA ECUMENICAL NATIVITY FESTIVAL 11 December. An exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes from 40 countries showing diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. 11 - 13 December, 2:30pm-4:00pm - Kids & Families; 14 - 15 December, 9:00am-7:00pm -Public Exhibition. St Margaret's Hall, Cnr. Antill St. & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Sunday 15 December. From 6.00pm with free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities viewing) followed by Carols by Candlelight at 7.00pm in grounds of St Margaret's & Holy Cross Church, Hackett. An initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches. Contact: Anna at linard.anna@gmail.com.

A PROFOUNDLY REWARDING MISSION Working in Education, Health & Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th - 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au



CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS This Christmas you can 'be an angel' by giving a Caritas Global Gift. For friends and family who, like you, know they don't need more 'things', your gift can help provide clean water, food or sustainable livelihoods - things we so often take for granted here in Australia. In return for your donation toward your chosen gift, you receive a beautiful card or e-card to give to your loved one showing you have made a contribution on their behalf. Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Week starting 9 December 2019		LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER 14/15 December 2019			
Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;	Mass	5pm Vigil SJH	9.00am Mass SJV	Sunday 5.00pm SJH
Tuesday	Our Lady of Loreto & St Pope Gregory III;	Computer:	Rossella	Mixed Choir	Cathy
Wednesday	St Pope Damasus I;	Greeters:	Colleen Caddey	Desley Eaton	TBC
Thursday	Our Lady of Guadalupe;	Lectors:	Alicia Peterson; Colleen Caddey	Michael Stinziani; Elisabeth Stinziani	Lauren Setiawan; Cathy Schneider
Friday	St Lucy;	SMofC at Mass:	Colleen Caddey; Vanessa Whelan	Desley Eaton; Pauline McNamara; Julianne Bolton.	xxx
Saturday	St John of the Cross.	Acolytes:	John O'Neill	Christopher Crowley	Leigh Schneider
COMMUNION TO THE SICK 15 December 2019		Server:	Jack Keily		Grace O'Halloran
Leaving after the 9.00am Mass SJV W		Cleaning	Group H:	Group A:	xxx
Nursing Home Old:	Alicia Peterson.	Groups:	Muttukamaru Group	McNamara Group	
Nursing Home New:	Elizabeth Cox.				
Hostel ; Self Care; Eabrai	Ron Hibberson.				
Araluen & Homes	Desley Eaton.				
Burrangiri & Homes	Shirley Llorens.				

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ARCHDIOCESAN CALENDAR: To access the calendar on the archdiocesan website or www.cg.catholic.org.au/calendar

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St Vincent De Paul Society
St Jude's Conference
Vanessa Whelan 0402 352 943
St John Vianney Conference:
Steve Utick 0421972287

For more details of any of these groups call the parish office.

ADVENT IS A TIME OF WAITING.

Waiting an inevitable and even necessary aspect of human life, is not something that most of us relish. We *wait* in lines: in order to purchase groceries; to be served at popular restaurants; to be assisted in a bank; at stop signs and traffic signals; at amusement parks; to see a play or film. We must also *wait* for flowers to grow and bloom; for babies to be born; for wounds to heal; for bread to rise and cheese to age; for children to mature; for friends to call; for love to deepen.

Statisticians have estimated that in a lifetime of 70 years, the average person spends at least three years *waiting!* Today's readings invite us to *wait* for the rebirth of the Lord in our lives with repentant hearts and renewed lives.

We need to prepare for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives: Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings with others.

Let us remember the oft-repeated words of Alexander Pope: "*What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?*"

He means that Jesus must be reborn in our heart during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, radiating his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of humble service to the world through our lives.

We need to accept John's call for a change of life. St John the Baptist, the stern and uncompromising preacher, challenges our superficial attempts at change, demanding that we take a deeper look. Obeying the commandments is a good start, but we must also examine our relationships with others.

We must mend ruptures and soothe frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees justly. Start where you are, John says. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order.

St John the Baptist's voice is sober and runs counter to the intoxicating voices around us today. He calls for rectitude and social consciousness. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming.

Therefore, following John's advice, let us celebrate the memory of this first advent, prepare for Jesus' new advent in our lives, and wait for his second advent at the end of the world.

We need to answer the call for a change of life; to "do small things but with great love" advise St. Theresa of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Let us do just that beginning today.

This Sunday, let us celebrate the memory of Jesus' first advent and prepare for Jesus' daily advent into our lives through the Sacraments, the Bible and daily prayer, and let us wait confidently for his second advent at the end of the world.

St John the Baptist's answer as to how the Jews should wait for the Messiah was that they should wait for the Lord with repentant hearts and reformed lives. We should do likewise by praying from the heart.

Daily reconciliation with God, as we ask and receive His pardon for our daily sins and make our monthly sacramental confession, make us strong and enable us to receive more grace in the Eucharist.

We could take some time before Mass to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and we should practise forgiving those who offend us.

Finally, let us share our love with others in selfless and humble service as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas.

Fr Tony Kadavil