

Holy Family
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Second Sunday of Advent—Year B

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: **Faith**

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptised. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptising, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

We wish John Paul & Lora John every blessing for their celebrations and Mass on their 25th wedding anniversary this week.

PARISH UPDATE:

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to allow time to check you off our list. Upon entering the church you must sanitise your hands and again before taking communion.



Our parish respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong people, who are the custodians of the Boon Wurrung land on which we worship. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders; past, present and future.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

*If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to: St. Anne's Church, National Australia Bank/CDF Account, **BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.***

Please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your name, also your banking reference marked as "Col1" (Collection 1) for parish expenses and "Col2" (Collection 2) for our parish priest/and retired priests in the Archdiocese. Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through CDFPay (**NEW LINK**): <https://bit.ly/CDFpaySeaford>

MASS/ONLINE COLLECTIONS:

**Thanksgiving \$480.00 + Loose \$75.00
= \$535.00**

With sincere thanks from a grateful parish.

Watch Mass at Home

Weekend Mass by Fr. Andrew, and also an

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCblcO7ZsfLYaed14YrMcXNw>

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass—11.00am Sunday

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
[Daily Readings](#)

Channel 10: Mass For You at Home at 6.00am

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All adult volunteers who will be assisting at future Masses must have a WWCC and sign a [Code of Conduct Declaration](#). If you have not yet provided these to the parish, please do so ASAP. If you need to apply for a WWCC, go to

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-14
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
2nd Reading: 1 Paul 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please pray for all those friends and family who are are unwell including Trish Falk. We pray for those who are sick and in our aged care facilities and nursing homes, and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus.



We pray for the anniversaries of our loved ones & all recently departed souls. We pray for all who have died recently. *Rest in peace.*

MINISTRY ROSTERS

We need volunteers for all our usual Ministries from this weekend until and including Christmas Masses this year. During and after each Mass we need:

- ☆ 1 or 2 readers,
- ☆ IT/Music assistant
- ☆ 2 greeters
- ☆ Piety Stall
- ☆ Collectors at the end of Mass & Counters
- ☆ Altar Linen
- ☆ Altar Server/s
- ☆ Sacristan
- ☆ Cleaning team of at 2-3 people

Please sign up in the foyer or when you book for Mass; or contact the parish office.

ROSARY GROUP

5.30pm each Saturday before 6.00pm Mass.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

**Will recommence this Saturday 5th
December after 6.00pm Mass.**

This weekend at the Piety Stall: **Our angel & bauble trees and Kris Kringle gifts.**

- ☆ BREAK OPEN THE WORD \$22.00
- ☆ COLUMBIAN CALENDARS \$10.00
- ☆ VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS \$2.50
- ☆ HAND BEADED BOOKMARKS \$3.50 (Made by Annette & Holly)
- ☆ KENSHI CANDLES \$37.50 (order forms available in the foyer)
- ☆ GINGERBREAD PEOPLE \$10.00 on sale



menALIVE: Why we all need to connect

We all need hope and encouragement and sometimes we just need a place to feel comfortable turning up without anything to offer. A place to receive, reflect and connect. Kickstart is a pathway to a deeper connection with those close by and far away. The Kickstart team encourage you to find your own group of men that you can connect with on a regular basis. To connect with a group of like-minded men please contact MenAlive at mail@menalive.org.au.

Join men across Australia to receive, reflect and connect. Come and be encouraged every Wednesday in a short, sharp Zoom session with great content and time for personal reflection and break out room discussion from the times below and follow the link below for all sessions:

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82845735537?pwd=dzNnYnJIU3dqMFlnclc5RDdBhbKxYZz09>

Kickstart Program for All Victorian Sessions (Total 35 mins)

Session 1 6:20AM

Session 2 7:20AM

Session 3 8:00PM



St. Anne's Intercessory Group

The online Prayer Group has evolved into the St. Anne's Intercessory Group who continue meet regularly online. They are happy to pray for any intentions that parishioners may have, and will be mentioned during their prayer meetings and their own private prayer times. The intentions can also be included into their Whatsapp group chats to be included in their prayers. All welcome!

To join the Whatsapp group follow this invitation link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ks8nGMmyerR2OjOdfQihPX>

VINNIES BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Vinnies group held their Sausage Sizzle today at Bunnings Carrum Downs to fundraising towards St Anne's Vinnies Christmas Hampers & vouchers. Peter and the Seaford Vinnies Conference would like to thank everyone who offered their assistance to cook, set up and clean up. Undoubtedly it would have been a very busy day knowing how much we all have missed our Bunnings snags!

RICHARD ROHR BOOKS

Fr Kevin has many copies of two top quality books for sale at 20% discount; both by brilliant writer, US Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. **Cash or cheque payment is preferred to Fr. Kevin.**

- *Things hidden; scripture as spirituality* - "Best Book I've ever read, it knocked me out." **\$35.00**
- *Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent*—"Profound & insightful." **\$25.00**



PARISH UPDATES

Next week our Masses will be: 6.00pm Saturday 12th December & 10.00am Sunday 13th December

Bookings are only done online.

- At present the restrictions allow only 100 people indoors plus a priest including our volunteers.
- Bookings will be available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230) from **9.00am each Tuesday morning and are not released earlier**. You may add your name to a waiting list once this is full. Once the waiting list is also full you can no longer leave your details.
- **Please book with each family member's name along with a contact number.**
- The link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230>

The current restrictions within the government COVID Safe Plan apply when attending Mass:

- You must wear a mask at all times as per the DHHS Guidelines or you may not participate nor enter the church. Face coverings/masks must be worn indoors and outdoors for everyone over 12 years of age, unless there is a medical exemption.
- Family members may sit together but still maintain social distancing restrictions from others.
- **Indoor congregational singing is not permitted**, only cantor/choral or small group singing.
- If you are unwell or have a health condition, flu or cold-like symptoms, please do not visit our Church.
- If you are awaiting a COVID-19 test verification—including Clergy—do not attend at church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed.
- If you test positive to COVID-19, you need to notify the Parish Office asap to assist us with

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following candidates from our parish who are making their Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday and Monday celebrated by V. Rev. Fr. Joe Caddy, V.G. & V. Rev. Fr. Brendan Hayes:

James Bolt	Tyler Forrest	Ranenn Rodrigues
Daniel Budge	Leonie Gregson	Ria Rose Susainathan
Benjamin Carra	Oskar Le Huray	Joshua Talamelli
Marco Chaucer	Lena McRae	Abbey Tomlinson
Edel Dowling	Lily Mealor	Rafael Trias
Thomas Fraser	Maks Radosevic	Zaira Vinluan

Dear Lord, look kindly on all our candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. We ask all our parishioners to keep them in your prayers. Amen.



CHRISTMAS MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 16th December

Dawn Mass (Liturgy Service) 5.00am

Join our Dawn Mass (Liturgy service) from Wednesday December 16th at 5.00am. Tickets may be booked now for all Dawn Mass days via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-annes-parish-30521052230)

Saturday 19th December

Children's Concert 4.00pm

Christmas Parish Picnic at 5.00pm preceding 6.00pm Mass
BYO Picnic, chairs, rugs and food to share with your family

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am

