



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9th December, 2018

“Go Make Disciples”

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

RESURRECTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

John Connors - Principal – 8312 6312
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PARISH MEETING NIGHT

All Parish Groups meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday. We begin with prayer at 7.15pm; individual groups meet between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation required.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Should you or somebody you know wish to become a Catholic, there is a great program called R.C.I.A.

Contact Pauline Debrincat or Fr. Gerard at the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The Parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Contact the Parish Office for details.

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the “message” button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

RESURRECTION YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Are you a young adult? Does sharing a meal with new friends sound like something you'd enjoy?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these, the Resurrection Young Adults may be the group for you!



Mass Times

Saturday	Sunday
6.00 pm	9.00 am 10.30 am
Weekdays	
Monday	6.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	8.30 am

This Week at Resurrection

Monday 10th December 2018

6.00pm No Mass

Tuesday 11th December 2018

9.30am Mass

55+ Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 12th December 2018

9.30am Communion Service
10.00am Rosary

Thursday 13th December 2018

9.15am Christian Meditation
6.00pm School Christmas Carols
7.00pm No Mass

Friday 14th December 2018

8.30am Mass
9.00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th December 2018

9.30am Reconciliation
10.30am Baptism Meeting
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 16th December 2018 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.00am Dawn Mass
9.00am Mass
10.30am Mass

We pray in thanksgiving for Donna Conquilla and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Lay Kiung Tem and all those whose anniversary occur at about this time.

Please also pray for Connie Micallef, Norma Rath, Justin Floranda and all those who are sick.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas is celebrated well here at Resurrection.

There has been a slight change in our Christmas Mass times.

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Children's Mass

6.30pm Family Mass

8.30pm Mid Evening Mass
(Carols at 8.00pm)

12.00am Midnight Mass
(Carols at 11.30am)

Christmas Day

10.00am

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas is around the corner and this year St. Vinnie's Christmas tree will be up in early December near the piety store at the back of the church.

A wooden tag holder with gift tags for boys and girls from the ages (1 to 12 years old) along with hamper tags are to be taken home and brought back with gifts and hampers as early as possible.

We will distribute all toys and hampers to families before Christmas. When we visit families during week evenings parents are already asking if they are on the Christmas list. It all depends on how much we have to give. Without the generosity of the parishioners, Christmas day would not be as happy and exciting for children as it could be. Many families, single mothers, and single people are struggling to make ends meet.

The conference will close on Friday 30th November and will reopen on Monday 4th February 2019.

Thank you from the St. Vincent De Paul Team

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Would you like to learn about mediation in the Christian tradition?

You are invited to join Fr Gerard in the Church on 13th and 20th December at 9.15am to learn and have an experience of Christian Meditation.

55 + UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Chance.....

Tuesday 11th December Christmas Lunch.

Lunch will be held at the St. Albans Sports Club. For all those interested please contact Elizabeth Thompson on 0435791390.

CHRISTMAS NEEDS YOU!

Do you realize that with five Christmas Masses this year over 450 parishioners are required to exercise one ministry or another?

Each Mass requires:

- 4 Proclaimers
- 12 - 18 Special Ministers of Communion
- 6 - 8 Hospitality Ministers
- 12-16 Collectors
- 20+ in each Choir
- 2 (at least) car park attendants
- 1 Mass Overseer
- 1 Data Projectionist
- 6 handing out Christmas Bulletins
- 4 to straighten chairs after each Mass

This does not include the 50 people required to deliver the Christmas brochures.

If your available to deliver our Christmas brochures please contact the Parish office.

NO MASS

There will be no Mass on Monday, 10th December at 6.00pm and Thursday, 13th December at 7.00pm.

SIMBANG GABI

Prepare for the coming of Christ in the Philippine tradition with a nine-day novena Mass which starts at 5.00pm on 16th December through to 24th December. You are invited to stay back afterwards for breakfast which is prepared daily.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

The end of year school Mass will be on Monday 17th December Mass at 9.15am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close at noon on Sunday 23rd December and will reopen on Monday 28th January. However, the office will be open each Sunday during this period.

CLOSED

Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

- 'The word of God came to John'. How does the word of God come to you?
- Are there hills and valleys in your life which need to be made straight in order to make it easier for the Lord to come to you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Who are the prophets of the modern age who call people back to fidelity to God's plan for the world? Are there voices which are raised in warning us to honour the Earth and all its people? Are there voices which call us to respect creation and to share the bounty of God's gifts more equitably? How does the modern world receive the voices of the prophets of today? Share your reflections together.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Luke goes to great lengths to describe the geographical and political world into which Jesus is born. God enters into human history at a specific time and place. The coming of Jesus for the salvation of the world is not a vague notion but a concrete event in time.
- The prophets of the Hebrew tradition were specially chosen people who spoke the word of God to Israel. John the Baptist is sometimes referred to as the last of the great prophets.
- Scholars believe that Jesus may well have spent some time as a disciple of the Baptist before embarking on his own public ministry.
- The 'Herod' mentioned in this text is Herod

Antipas, son of Herod the Great who ruled at the time of Jesus' birth. After Herod the Great's death, his realm was divided between three of his sons. One son proved an inept ruler and was removed from power in Judaea by the Romans and replaced by a Roman governor.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

This week try not to get bound up in the 'Christmas cheer' which dominates all around us. Choose instead, this week, to concentrate on the waiting and the preparation for what is to come.

PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son.

May our Learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Prepare a way for the Lord

There was a famous preacher who Sunday after Sunday faced a large, attentive congregation. One Sunday as he approached the pulpit the words of the Gospel were ringing in his ears: 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.' A thought suddenly struck him: It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours.

From the pulpit he looked into the expectant faces of the men and women before him, and wondered what these words might mean for them. What were the things that needed to be straightened out in their lives? He realised that only they could answer that. Nevertheless, there was one area he felt qualified to speak about - their often twisted and tangled relationships.

He had known these people for a long time. They had come to him for help and guidance with their problems. He knew the petty spites that embittered their hearts, the animosities that set neighbour against neighbour, the silly quarrels that were kept alive, the jealousies and misunderstandings, the stubborn pride.

He decided to address a message to those bitter, unbending ones who refused to forgive and forget. He would impress on them that life was too short to harbour grudges and resentments. He would plead with them for mutual tolerance and understanding. He would speak to them from the heart as though he was speaking to each separately. So, he began:

'My dear brothers and sisters, let me repeat to you the words of the Gospel: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours.

'We let misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. We keep quarrels alive because we cannot quite make up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them.

'We pass people sullenly, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of them were dead tomorrow.

'We let our neighbour starve, till we hear that he is dying of starvation; or let our friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation, which we mean to give him some day.

'If only we could realise that "the time is short", how it would break the spell. How we would go instantly and do the thing which we might never have another chance to do.

'I repeat: It's not Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours. So, if there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straighten out, let us straighten it out. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us.'

He ended his sermon there. His words are worth pondering on. How difficult things are for the one who walks a crooked path. But how easy things are for the one who walks the straight path - the path of truth, honesty and goodness. But to walk a straight path one needs strength, wisdom, and single-mindedness.

God doesn't abandon us when we stray from the straight path. He keeps calling us back from our crooked ways to the straight path. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, and to commit ourselves to the right path. We must ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our wills, and the hardness from our hearts, so that our lives may be flooded by the grace of his coming



15th & 16th December 2018
Third Sunday in Advent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Judy Leckie	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Olivia Apap	Ruth Lavery Mary Gatt Nella Rajamanikum	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton Naveen Andrade	
DATA PROJECTOR	Marcus Dunn	Oliver D'Souza	Leanne Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Sandra Galea (A) John Borja (A) Rebecca Galea (A) Karen Colaco	Glenda Macapolo Choir Isabela Macapolo Elizabeth Osegueda	Zita Alderson Jane Inot Teresita Lim Owen D'Cruze	
Emergencies	Henry Dunn	Rosario De Jesus	Vesna Curmi	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea George Borg Jacob Magtals Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Aimeree Manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Carmen Falzon Cathy Downing (A) Martess Borg Fely Baltazar Maria Mai Joyce Zahra Adelina Borja (A) Henry Dunn Geraldine Holt	Fr Gerard Keith Colleen Wolfe Maryann Psalia Kathy Wale Mauri Sendapperuma Rose Gaquit Vilinda Rebutillo Emmanuelle Brizuela Yvonne Young Maryann Psalia	Fr Gerard Keith Susan Moseros Patricia Meyn Korlu Subah Naveen Andrade Analiza Pascual Margaret Vilardo Teddy Bernardo	Veronica Santiago Yvonne Du'Pratt Zita Alderson Mary Rulla Imeleta Filimoeatu Naveen Andrade Enza Fatone Dolly Zipagan
Emergencies:	Blossom Talent	Rosario De Jesus	Cleo Oliveria	Christine Perram
SACRISTY DUTY	Rachael Bonavia	Rianne Brizuela	Catherine Pedralvez Teresita Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli (A) Louis Camenzuli (A)	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Veronica Santiago Leanne Alderson	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Luisa Fletcher Kyanjes Kajnar	
CHURCH CLEANERS NO ROSTER	BAPTISM MEETING 15TH DECEMBER 2018 Marissa Medilo Cecilla Navarro Clem Beltran Tessie Villar		FLOWERS: No Flowers during Advent ALTAR LINEN: Helen Muscat PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi	



Reading 1

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

R. (6) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading 2

Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice

extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize 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 with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.



Reflection

Joy

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy. Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life. It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life. And it can coexist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, has taken up residence in our hearts.