

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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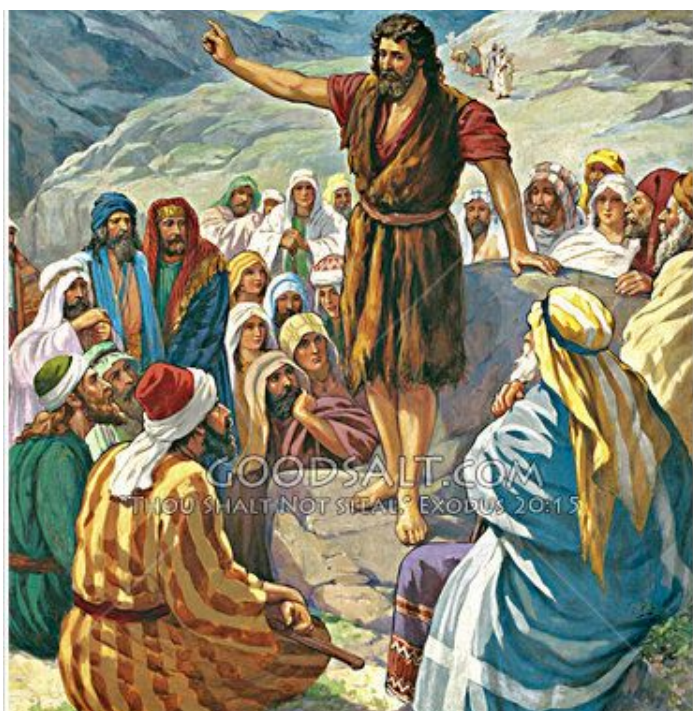


Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Teacher what should we do?



Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose-coloured candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-coloured vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus our Saviour.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist answers the people's questions (Teacher what should we do) and explains to them the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to do God's will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. Repentance means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives.

Life Messages

1) We are called to a change of life. First, we should examine our relationships with others. We need to mend ruptures, ease or relieve frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees justly. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming.

2) We need to remember that we, like John the Baptist, are Christ's precursors: Parents, teachers, and public servants act as Christ's precursors by repenting of their sins, reforming their lives, and bringing Christ into the lives of those entrusted to their care. Parents are expected to instil in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and behaviour. All public servants need to remember that they are God's instruments and that they are to lead the people they serve to the feet of Jesus, so that they, too, may know him personally and accept him as their Saviour, Lord and Brother.

3rd Week of Advent

Prayer for Joy: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.

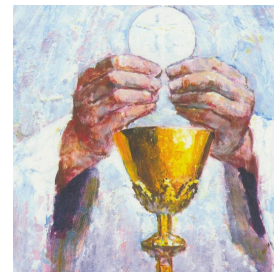
**Remember to
donate for the
Christmas flowers**



Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid
me come to you.
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 14 December	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 15 December	9:30am 11:00am	Nicholas Martin Marlene Martin
Monday 16 December	10:00am	Mauriez Waugn
Tuesday 17 December	10:00am	Nicholas Martin
Wednesday 18 December	Sacristy	Private Intentions
Thursday 19 December	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 20 December	6:00pm	Departed relatives and Friends of Margaret.
Saturday 21 December St. Peter Canisius	6:30pm	Sylvia & Kenneth Shore. Anniversary
Sunday 22 December	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

Say your daily Rosary for Peace of the World



**REMEMBER CHRISTMAS GET-
TOGETHER AND CAROLS AT ETZIO
ITALIAN RESTURANT, 20TH DEC. 5:30PM
-7:45PM.**

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Helena Bellis

Mass Offering -08 December -£264.85

Standing orders-----£118.25

Coffee Morning 07 Dec. -----£550.42

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,
30mins before and after mass and
on request.**

Our Parish Safeguarding
representative is Helen Clarke