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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps Isaiah 12)

**ANTIPHON:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**RESPONSE:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**LECTOR:** Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

**NEXT WEEK** (4th Sunday of Advent, Year C) Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

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## Dining at God's table



12 December 2021 3rd Sunday Advent, Year C

I was surprised recently to hear one of my students describe Jesus as a "wowser" and Christianity as the world's foremost proponent of "wowserism". While I might be able to understand why a young person might express the latter sentiment (albeit unjustly), I find it difficult to see how anyone could accuse Jesus of being a "wowser".

In the popular imagination, the term "wowser" has become synonymous with "bible-basher" and "God botherer". Religious devotees are often dismissed as wowsers because there is a popular perception that they are narrow-minded, forthright and censorious fanatics who disapprove of people partying and enjoying life. Something of the forthright "God botherer" is seen in the figure of John the Baptist in today's gospel warning that the coming of the Messiah will be like a "winnowing fan" on the "threshing floor" sorting the wheat from the chaff.

However, a counterpoint to these dire predictions of punishment in the "unquenchable flame" is found in the exhortation of Paul to the Philippians to "rejoice always" as the Lord's return is near. Joy and exaltation at the coming of the Messiah is a feature of the reading from Isaiah as well, who proclaimed with delight that "the Holy One of Israel" is in our midst.

This party atmosphere is one that pervades much of the story of Jesus. The Gospels tell of many occasions when Jesus celebrated with friends and acquaintances at

weddings, bar mitzvahs, sabbaths, and other Jewish religious festivals.

There were certainly times when Jesus got angry and expressed moral outrage. But Jesus also enjoyed life immensely. Both Luke (7:24) and Matthew (11:19) record that Jesus' opponents accused him of being a "drunkard and a glutton". Elsewhere Jesus is rebuked by John's disciples for not insisting his disciples fast and do penance (Mk 2:18; Matt 9:14; Lk 5:33). Jesus' reply is telling. He equates his circle of disciples with guests at a wedding feast, and he goes on to suggest that through his ministry God is doing something "new", which requires his followers to rejoice and feast together.

Scholars argue that Jesus used the practice of table fellowship to signal the message that the world as he and his contemporaries knew it was at an end. A new era was dawning when God would reign upon earth and all the sinners, the poor, the marginalised and oppressed, and even the God botherers and bible bashers, would dine at God's table.

Jesus was no wowser. Even though he did call on people to live morally good lives, Jesus believed that no one was ultimately beyond redemption. This message is the source of the joy that lays at the heart of the Christian story. All are welcome to the feast.

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**CURRENT PARISH NEWS**

**WEEK START SUN DEC 12, 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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**Mon - Fri (incl) @ 6.30am**

**MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9am**

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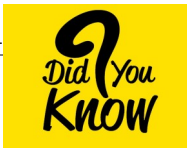
Children's Church will resume in Feb next year 2022 for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.



**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

Coming **Dec-Jan** 2021 - 2022  
**Dec 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Advent Year C**

- Dec 19** 4<sup>th</sup> Week Advent Year C
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve, Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm
- Dec 25** Christmas Day
- Dec 26** Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph
- Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
  - 1 World Day of Peace (The Holy See)
- Jan 2** The Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 9** The Baptism of the Lord



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**Christmas at a glance:**

Christmas Eve: Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm  
Christmas Day: 6.30am, 8.30am  
No evening Mass Christmas Day  
Sun Dec 26 : 6.30am, 8.30am



Catholics honour Mary in a special way because of her role in the story of Christianity. The mother of Jesus was the first to bear the Good News of salvation to the world. Mary's life is the most perfect example of a life lived under the grace of the Holy Spirit. The word 'Advent' means coming. The 3rd of 4 candles symbolises 'joy.'

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**Recessional B FARRELL GOD HAS CHOSEN ME**

**V1** God has chosen me,  
God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me,  
God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light.  
God has chosen me, chosen me:  
**R/- And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and break down fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.**

**PROCESSIONAL M HERRY JOYFUL IN HOPE**

**V1** Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope we're on our way.  
Though the road may not be clear,  
We believe, Lord, you are near,  
In the smile and open heart of a friend.

**V2** Joyful in hope, your people pray.  
Joyful in hope we're on our way.  
There's sunshine after rain;  
There's laughter after pain;  
and I am with you always, so rise again.

**V3** Mary, so open to the Lord,  
When you answered, "Yes" our hope was restored.  
Though you couldn't understand,  
in trust you took his hand.  
So, joyful in hope, we live again.



**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET**

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**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now;  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment  
in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

**LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET**

**COMMUNION J M MEALE O COME, O COME EMMANUEL REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET**

**REFLECTION C LANDRY AND THE FATHER WILL DANCE**

**R/- And the Father will dance as on the day of joy. He will exult over you and renew you by His love.**

**V1** Shout for joy, all you, His people  
Sing aloud and exult with all your heart,  
For Yahweh, your God, is in your midst. **R/-**

**V3** And when the time comes I will rescue the lame,  
And when the time comes I will gather the strays,  
And when the time comes I will be your guide.  
I will gather you in and give you renown  
among all peoples. **R/-**