

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

15th December 2024

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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass (except on Public Holidays)

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Alpha Youth
Sunday
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Candlelit Mass
Monday
8pm

**Christmas
Preparation**
Friday
10am -11am



Rejoice in the Lord: Are We Ready?

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday which literally means rejoice. We are called to rejoice at the expectation that we have because of the advent of the Lord. In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as wholehearted commitment to God's way lived out by doing His will. A sad Christian is a contradiction in terms. According to John the Baptist, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need.

John challenges people to generosity and sense of fairness, so that others may have reason to rejoice. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. Repentance means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. Filled with joyful expectation that the Messiah was near, the people ask John, "What should we do?" He tells them to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggested. In other words, John reminds us that membership in the Church, knowing the teaching of the Church and the Bible, being baptized and going to Mass on Sundays are not enough. We must care for others and share our blessings with others. Even though John's preaching was characterized by scathing criticism, his call for reform is still described by Luke as "the Good News," because the arrival of the Messiah will initiate a new reign of forgiveness, healing and salvation. The repentance which John preached called for a change in behaviour and not just regret for the past. According to Scott Hahn "Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). It means a radical life-change involving a two-fold "turning": away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God (see Sirach 17:20-21; Hosea 6:1). It requires "good fruits as evidence of our repentance" (see Luke 3:8). That's why John told the crowds, soldiers and tax collectors that they must prove their Faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice. John demanded that people should share their goods with one another, emphasizing the principle of social justice that God will never absolve the person who is content to have too much while others have too little. John also insisted that a person should not leave his job to work out one's own salvation. Instead, a person should do his or her job as it should be done. He called people to fidelity in the very circumstances of their lives.

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Readings

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Zeph 3: 14-18

Is 12: 2-6

Phil 4: 4-7

Lk 3:10 18

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Micah 5: 1-4

Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10: 5-10

Lk 1: 39-44

Let the tax-collector be a good tax-collector and let the soldier be a good soldier. In other words, it was a person's duty to serve God where God had set him. "Bloom where you are planted," St. Francis De Sales used to say. "We are expected to become transformational agents where we are". But if the work environment is such that we are unable to deal honestly and fairly with other people, we should probably find a new job. No wonder, John's stirring message created a restless yearning for God in the hearts of the crowd, prompting them to ask the eager question, "What should we do?" People from every walk of life thronged to him. While some, no doubt, came out of curiosity, others were clearly motivated by religious fervour, and sought John's advice about the direction their lives should take. So, he had a message for each group of listeners.

Some of us serve in places where everyone is struggling to make ends meet. You may be struggling yourself. In this modern world where the joy of others is not given any importance at all we see people who live in dangerous communities governed by gangs or corrupt local governments or prejudicial law enforcement agencies. We may meet people who live in parts of the country or world where there are no jobs, and for whom obtaining food, water, and safe housing is a daily battle. There may be many of you who visit people for whom the primary source of comfort in a difficult and broken world is drugs and alcohol. It is to these people; the oppressed, the broken-hearted, the imprisoned, those held in captivity by discriminatory, unjust, prejudicial systems, be they corrupt governments, unscrupulous business practices, a dysfunctional family, or devastating personal circumstances, that these words from the prophet Isaiah speak most profoundly. It is to the people of this world who are broken in heart, spirit, mind and body that Isaiah announces the good news of God's deliverance for all of God's people who have been unjustly treated. Yes of course, we are called to a change of life. First, we should examine our relationships with others. We must mend ruptures and 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. Then the joy of Christmas will be there for all and we need to take it to all. Are we ready?

Janakumbudramalika

Office Closure Times



The Parish office will close on 20 December 2024 and will reopen on 20 January 2025. Christmas blessings from all the Parish office staff.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Tania Cavuoto, Fr Terry Bowman MSC, Age Selita, David Marriott, Margaret Kennedy, Karl Chehade (Sr.), Sr Bridgid DeMello MSCJ, Fr Len Helm MSC, Nikoll Ducaj, Maurice Travers, Pat Berti, Leo Faulkner, Beth Alison, Josephine Mobley, Kate Tamits, Desmond Peters, Jozef Klimkiewicz.

Anniversaries

Molly Storey, Veda Peters, Frank Marafioti, Laurence Sciberras

Sick Parishioners

Terence Byrne, John Boeyen, Peter Stevens, Sean Kennedy, Wendy Boeyen, Graham Blacket, Aduzinda Matthews, Annette Smith, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Rene Young, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green.

Prayer Wall Give a heart, take a heart



When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you."

This Advent at Henley Beach Parish, we are inviting all parishioners to write a prayer intention or a name on a heart shaped post-it note for someone else to pray with and for. So, simply write out your prayer and post it on our "Heart for Prayer" wall at the back of our Church. Then, take one from the wall and pray with and for someone else through Advent.

Give a heart, take a heart

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Sterling Ramsey and Lucas Hargreaves being baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Celebrating the year of Jubilee 2025



Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Vatican Dicastery [Department] for Religious or Consecrated Life added 'on the path of peace'. This year, 2024, was declared a Year of Prayer in preparation. Read the attached article and see how you, the People of God in your own parish (or region), could celebrate as Christians in our world.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) @ 9.30am Mass



Our CLOW team offers the youngest members of our Parish an opportunity to connect with the Gospel during each Sunday morning mass, in the Church Hall. Anyone wanting to join the CLOW team is invited to contact Barb Conlon.

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

Stewardship Reflection Second Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God. God is the ultimate giver of gifts. God promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Alpha Youth

Are you in High School, OR

Do you have family members in High School that may want to come along to our YOUTH Group?

Alpha YOUTH happens in our parish every Sunday evening following the 5:30pm mass
6:30 - 8:30pm (includes dinner)

Food, Fun, Friendship ... enquiries please contact Barb Conlon (0439 305 543)

Birthline Pregnancy Support Needs the following items

Pre-loved baby items
BUT please only give us what you would be happy to pass onto a family member, items in clean and good condition.

- Baby Clothes - size 0000 to 1 (esp. Growsuits)
- Prams and Double prams
- Bassinets
- Capsules and Car seats (less than 8 years old)

Contact Anne Smith for drop off details
(0416 034 458)

Vinnies Thank you!



Our Vinnies team would like to thank you all for your wonderful generosity, yet again. The 'old Library' (adjacent the entry foyer) is packed with gifts. This Sunday, from 12 noon, our Vinnies helpers will begin the sorting/matching of gifts to our most needy mums, dads, children and 'seniors'. Your caring and generosity will bring happiness and joy to so many, who would otherwise 'miss out'. Sharing our 'bounty', both at Christmas and during the year, also deepens our faith, joy and relationship with God, for as Jesus said, 'Whatever you do to the least of my brothers (and sisters), you do to me'.

If you still wish to provide gifts or a money donation, please take them to the Parish Office. It is never too late to help!
May God bless you all.

Terry Bowman MSC-In Appreciation



Terry Bowman came to Henley Beach Parish in 1999. His enthusiasm for life, cheerfulness, friendliness and warmth radiated through the parish. The parishioners at Henley were introduced to him earlier in his role as Deacon, so when he replaced the much loved Chris Murphy, they knew what he was like and what to expect.

He loved people; singing and cooking, revelled in humour and enjoyed a close relationship with all parishioners who would have no difficulty in recalling the memorable times they spent in his company.

You didn't have to be told you were appreciated by Terry, you just knew. I was privileged to be asked to be the commentator at his farewell mass in 2006.

While recovering from back surgery, Terry was about to take his customary afternoon walk when he collapsed and died at the door of the Monastery. The shock of his sudden demise is still reverberating amongst his MSC brothers.

Rest in Peace Terry Bowman

Yvette Faria-Pronk

Candlelit Mass

Please note, the last night for the Candlelit Mass is Monday 23rd December 2024 at 8pm.



The first night back is Monday 3rd February 2025 at 8pm.

Opportunities for Business Promotions



The Parish Finance Council would like to advertise businesses owned by our parishioners in the parish bulletin for a minimal cost. If you would like to do this please contact the parish office.

It will be a mutual help in presenting your business to the parishioners, making connections with fellow parishioners and a financial help to the parish.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Luan Chau for his 21st birthday on the 23rd December



Advent Candle Stand

A big thankyou to Craig Parham for the beautiful Advent Candle Stand which we are using in the church.

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

Christmas Masses 2024

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Henley Beach Parish

**All Christmas Masses will be held in our Church
this year
420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.**

CHRISTMAS MASS times for 2024 are ...

TUESDAY Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 6:00pm
8:30pm
Midnight

WEDNESDAY – Christmas DAY

8:00am
9:30am

THURSDAY – Boxing DAY Mass

9:15am

WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass

9:15am

The 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be a Children's Mass with a focus around young children. Children are invited to dress as their favourite nativity character when attending at any Mass time over Christmas.



Together let us embrace
the Spirit of Christmas
and celebrate the birth
of Jesus.

Christmas Table

Come & see all the Wonderful New Items at the Christmas Table at all weekend masses from now until sold out!

All profits towards the clean water project in Zimbabwe.

Happily accepting EFTPOS & cash!



Gingerbread House Kits

Get yours now from the Christmas Table, only \$30 each – a great family Christmas project!



THIN & CRISPY
QUALITY INGREDIENTS

The logo for La Regina Pizzeria, featuring a large pizza slice with toppings (pepperoni, mushrooms, olives) and a sausage, set against a circular background with a sunburst pattern. The text 'LA REGINA PIZZERIA' is written in a stylized font around the pizza.

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08 84477257
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Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.

Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Roberto's BARBER & HAIRDRESSER



Wishing all at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish and Community a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Roberto's Barber & Hairdresser
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