

The Basilica of St. Patrick  
Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Mass Booklet for the 3rd Sunday of  
Advent  
December 11th/12th

# WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today the central theme that runs through all the readings of the day is "Rejoice in the Lord" and "be happy". A real joy comes not by possessing but by disposing of things. A joy that comes from sharing cannot be measured. A joy that comes from sacrificial love cannot be fathomed. St. Paul invites the community in Philippians to come and experience that joy which comes from Jesus Christ.

St. Paul writes saying, "Rejoice in the Lord always". I shall say it again: "rejoice!" He writes these words of encouragement from prison. Though he was tied up with chains and his movements were curtailed, still his spirit and joy couldn't be curtailed because his joy came from the Lord. So, even in pain and in isolation he is joyful. So, it does not matter for Paul where he was and the condition in which he lived, but still he is joyful and asks the people to rejoice and be joyful as he lived it in his life.

Pope Francis in his book "The Church of Mercy" says, "Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst."

St. Francis of Assisi, who has received acceptance beyond the boundaries of any religion, and land, tried in his daily life to follow this exhortation of St. Paul in his life and followed Christ as closely as possible. He was often ill, hungry, cold, fatigued but he was never known to have been sad. We too are invited to find joy in our lives amidst our daily duty-bound, burdened, full-of-worries, and pressured lives.

St. Paul further encourages the community that Christ is at hand; so, do not be anxious about anything but remain in prayer and thanksgiving. As we await in faith and hope for Christ's birth, pray that we will make our hearts pure to receive that joy of Christ in our lives and radiate that love and joy to our brothers and sisters in the world. I would like to leave you today with these questions for your personal reflections: What does bring you joy? What do you mean by real joy? How will you share your joy with others? Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI  
*Rector and Parish Priest*

PRELUDE

*music is played as the congregation gathers*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN |  
HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE

1

Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.

Christ comes in righteousness and  
love,  
he brings salvation from above.

2

Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.

3

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know  
their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.

4

Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest  
night.

5

Shout, as you journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENTENTIAL RITE

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.' The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.' The musical notation is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life

**All: Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

### **Zephaniah 3:14-18**

*The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### **Isaiah 12**

**R:** Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the  
Great and Holy One of Israel.

## THE SECOND READING

### **Philippians 4:4-7**

*The Lord is very near*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE GOSPEL

### **Luke 3:10-18**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise 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 in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## HOMILY

*Please stand*

## THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from  
the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

*Please be seated*



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN |

### COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance,  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He will no more see nor heed.  
She has suffered many a day,  
Now her griefs have passed away,  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever springing gladness.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain:  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign,  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er the earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

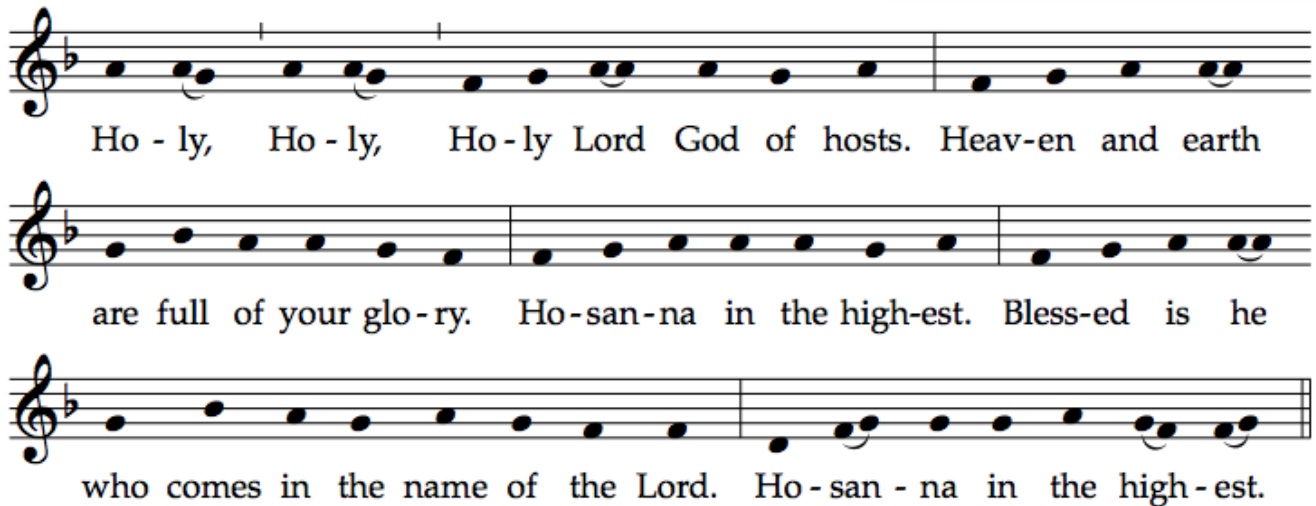
*Please stand*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just**

## SANCTUS

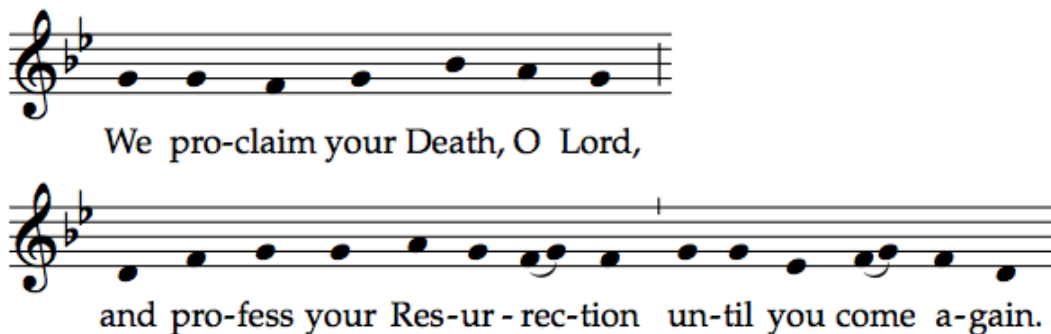


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth  
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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*Please kneel*

## EUCHARISTIC ACLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,  
and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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## GREAT AMEN



A - men.

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*Please stand*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Please exchange peace in a safe manor*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



grant us peace.

*Please Kneel*

## COMMUNION

*During communion the communion chant or reflective music maybe sung or played*

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Loving Jesus,  
I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
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 HYMN |  
O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH!

1

O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

**Refrain:**

Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

2

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold.  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold. **[Refrain]**

3

O come in peace and meekness,  
For lowly will your cradle be:  
Though clothed in human weakness  
We shall your Godhead see. **[Refrain]**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN | REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stay and enjoy the organ postlude. If you choose to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you*

# NOTICES

## Important Celebrations in December

On Sunday 19th December we will hold a special Christmas Morning Tea after the 8am Mass. On this day we will draw the prizes for the raffle tickets. All the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards the New Sound System in our Basilica, as it needs an upgrade. There are some amazing raffle prizes, so kindly buy as many tickets as possible and support the upgrade of our Basilica sound system. The tickets will be on sale at every Mass and in the Parish office, leading up to the event.

On this day we also will celebrate the Diamond Ordination anniversary of Fr. Colbert, who has faithfully served the Church and his people. There are many celebrations planned on this day, so kindly place this date in your diary and come along to celebrate this great day with the Basilica community and Fr. Colbert. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

On Wednesday 22nd December: Second Rite of Reconciliation

In order to celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential.

On Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation in our Basilica. Please make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Mary's Dream

This weekend you will find copies of Mary's Dream in the side foyers of the Church, please pick up a copy and take the time to read through it and perhaps action some of the items mentioned. Please click [here](#) to download the PDF of Mary's Dream.

Friday 31st December: New Year's Eve Mass at 6pm

On Friday 31st December 2021, we will say goodbye to 2021 and will welcome the New Year 2022. It is always a wonderful spiritual experience to say thanks to God for all that we were able to achieve as individuals and Family and to welcome the New Year 2022. The New Year's Eve Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in our Basilica.