



St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

Third Sunday of Advent (A)
14th December 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

145(146):6-10

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon. Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the

precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing, and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1 ST & 3 RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	
PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera
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Mass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	Pasqualina Cosentino (15 Yr Anniv.)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Tony Salleo (1 Year)
	10:15am	Antonino & Anna Leone, Lilla Scurria Nicola & Benedetto Moffa
	11:15am	
Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Mac Callisto
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	8.00am	John & Anne-Marie Murray
	9:00am	Elizabeth Denkha
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2nd Sunday of the month)
Servers/Acolyte		
Sat	6:30pm	Feliz, Riccardo, Bella, Demarco, Sebastian & Cassius <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
Sun	9:00am	Thineth, Ahinsa, Luke, Grace, Abigail, Tess, Joseph, Gebriel & Jonathon <i>Eugene & Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
Children's Liturgy		
Sun		No Liturgy due to the School Holidays
Hospital		
By appointment		

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Gaudete On Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent),

Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10 James 5 :7-10 Matthew 11 :2-11

Scripture commands us, to *rejoice*. Gaudete!!! Not merely to rejoice *when things go well*, not merely when we feel spiritually triumphant, but to rejoice even when—perhaps especially when—the world appears quite determined to smother the very possibility of joy. The liturgy blushes rose, the music rings a little brighter, and we are asked to pour hearts toward a joy not of our own manufacturing. But why, and how, should we rejoice in the midst of a world that too often resembles John the Baptist’s prison more than the courts of heaven? Let us look to the readings, and we shall see.

1. The Desert Blossoms with a Joy It Did Not Create (Isaiah 35)

Isaiah speaks of a desert suddenly blooming—of weak hands strengthened, feeble knees made firm, and fearful hearts told, “Be strong, fear not.” The prophet does not pretend the desert is a garden; he tells us that God *will* make it so. Joy arrives not as a human achievement but as a divine invasion. It does not ask our permission; it simply makes barren places fertile. So too on Gaudete Sunday, the Church whispers to us: **“Do not wait for your circumstances to bloom before you rejoice. Rejoice, and the bloom shall follow.”** For joy is not the child of our conditions; it is the offspring of God’s promise.

2. John the Baptist’s Question and the Scandal of Joy (Matthew 11)

John the Baptist—fiery prophet, rugged ascetic, the one who leapt in his mother’s womb—is sitting in Herod’s prison. There, in the dark and the damp, he sends messengers to Jesus with a question that trembles on the edge of doubt: **“Are you the one who is to come?”** This is no perfumed piety. This is the cry of a man who prepared the royal highway only to find himself locked away before the King seemed to arrive. And here lies the sharp point for us: *John is asked to rejoice in the Messiah while he himself is not rescued*. He is called to trust the divine plan even when his own chapter of the story seems to be ending in chains. True joy—joy of the sort commanded on Gaudete Sunday—is not a denial of suffering but a defiance of it. It is the soul saying, “God is still God, and therefore I will rejoice,” even when we do not yet see the ending.

3. Patience, Joy, and the Farmer’s Wisdom (James 5)

James reminds us to be patient like a farmer awaiting the early and late rains. The farmer cannot conjure the rain by anxiety, nor coax the sun by worry. His whole profession is built upon trust that what he cannot control will nevertheless come. Joy comes when we cease clutching at our fears and entrust ourselves to God’s governance. When we detach from worldly anxieties, when prayer becomes the quiet room where our hearts are reordered, we find what St. Paul called “the peace that surpasses understanding”—the peace the world *cannot* give.

This joy is expansive. It drives us outward—toward the lonely, the poor, the forgotten—just as Christ himself always moved toward the peripheries. Joy makes missionaries of us, because the heart that rejoices in Christ longs to let others know the same freedom.

4. The Advent Lesson: Joyful Hope Before the Dawn

Advent is the season in which Christians learn to hope with discipline—not a wishful thinking but hope with a backbone. **Rejoice!!** Why? Because Christ is nearer than we think. Because even in the prisons of our fear or sorrow, God is at work. Because the desert is already trembling with the first hints of bloom. A sudden awareness that we were made for something more, that heaven is real, and that the King is on the move.

Rejoice, for God Is on the Way

Gaudete Sunday stands as a kind of holy interruption—God tapping us on the shoulder and saying:

“Do not wait for perfect conditions. Do not wait for clarity or comfort. Rejoice now, because I am already coming to you.” Let the imprisoned prophet John, the patient farmer James, and the prophetic hope of Isaiah teach us this:

Christian joy is not the denial of difficulty but the proclamation of God’s fidelity in the midst of it.

Rejoice, then. Not because your circumstances are perfect, but because Christ is.

PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on 0420 936 988 to arrange.

MORNING PRAYER FOR ADVENT:
FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY @ 6:30AM

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Join us in our 2025 Christmas Nativity Play at St Kieran Church. Teens and Children, all welcome to fulfil the many roles of the nativity play. We’d love to see you at rehearsal dates Saturday 20th Dec 9.00-10.00am, Monday 22nd Dec 9.00-10.30am and Tuesday 23rd Dec 9.00-10.30am.

Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday 24th Dec at 6.00pm
(All participants to arrive at 5:40pm)

ST KIERAN PARISH KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Will be held on Saturday 20th December 2025 from 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Annabel on 0469 067 708

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE



24/12/2024

6.00pm – Mass (new time)

11.30pm- Carols

12.00am- Midnight Mass

25/12/2024

9.00am Mass (English)

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA

Is 35,1-6a.8a.10

Si rallegrino il deserto e la terra arida, esulti e fiorisca la steppa. Come fiore di narciso fiorisca; sì, canti con gioia e con giubilo. Le è data la gloria del Libano, lo splendore del Carmelo e di Saron. Essi vedranno la gloria del Signore, la magnificenza del nostro Dio. Irrobustite le mani fiacche, rendete salde le ginocchia vacillanti. Dite agli smarriti di cuore: «Coraggio, non temete! Ecco il vostro Dio, giunge la vendetta, la ricompensa divina. Egli viene a salvarvi». Allora si apriranno gli occhi dei ciechi e si schiuderanno gli orecchi dei sordi. Allora lo zoppo salterà come un cervo, griderà di gioia la lingua del muto. Ci sarà un sentiero e una strada e la chiameranno via santa. Su di essa ritorneranno i riscattati dal Signore e verranno in Sion con giubilo; felicità perenne splenderà sul loro capo; gioia e felicità li seguiranno e fuggiranno tristezza e pianto.

Parola di Dio **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

Sal 145 (146)

Vieni, Signore, a salvarci.

Il Signore rimane fedele per sempre rende giustizia agli oppressi, dà il pane agli affamati. Il Signore libera i prigionieri. **R.**

Il Signore ridona la vista ai ciechi, il Signore rialza chi è caduto, il Signore ama i giusti, il Signore protegge i forestieri. **R.**

Egli sostiene l'orfano e la vedova, ma sconvolge le vie dei malvagi. Il Signore regna per sempre, il tuo Dio, o Sion, di generazione in generazione. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

Gc 5,7-10

Siate costanti, fratelli miei, fino alla venuta del Signore. Guardate l'agricoltore: egli aspetta con costanza il prezioso frutto della terra finché abbia ricevuto le prime e le ultime piogge. Siate costanti anche voi, rinfancate i vostri cuori, perché la venuta del Signore è vicina.

Non lamentatevi, fratelli, gli uni degli altri, per non essere giudicati; ecco, il giudice è alle porte. Fratelli, prendete a modello di sopportazione e di costanza i profeti che hanno parlato nel nome del Signore.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

ACCLAMAZIONE AL VANGELO

(Is 61,1)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me, mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio.

Alleluia.

VANGELO

Mt 11,2-11

In quel tempo, Giovanni, che era in carcere, avendo sentito parlare delle opere del Cristo, per mezzo dei suoi discepoli mandò a dirgli: «Sei tu colui che deve venire o dobbiamo aspettare un altro?». Gesù rispose loro: «Andate e riferite a Giovanni ciò che udite e vedete: I ciechi riacquistano la vista, gli zoppi camminano, i lebbrosi sono purificati, i sordi odono, i morti risuscitano, ai poveri è annunciato il Vangelo. E beato è colui che non trova in me motivo di scandalo!». Mentre quelli se ne andavano, Gesù si mise a parlare di Giovanni alle folle: «Che cosa siete andati a vedere nel deserto? Una canna sbattuta dal vento? Allora, che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un uomo vestito con abiti di lusso? Ecco, quelli che vestono abiti di lusso stanno nei palazzi dei re! Ebbene, che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un profeta? Sì, io vi dico, anzi, più che un profeta. Egli è colui del quale sta scritto: "Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via". In verità io vi dico: fra i nati da donna non è sorto alcuno più grande di Giovanni il Battista; ma il più piccolo nel regno dei cieli è più grande di lui».

Parola del Signore **A: Lode a Te, o**