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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

6.00pm {Saturday} St. Patrick’s church

9.30am Christ the King church

11.00am St. Patrick’s church

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

 **Tuesday: 10.00am Christ the King**

 **Wednesday: 10.00am St Patrick’s**

 **Thursday: 10.00am Christ the King**

 **Friday: 10.00am St. Patrick’s**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** any time on request

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED**: Special Intention, Mary Ann Hunt (A), John Carpenter R.I.P., Ernest, Mary and Kathleen Gibson, Betty and Benny McMahon, Kathleen Donegan (Anni.), William Green and Mary Green (Anni),

Mary Veronica Spayne (2nd Anni.), Margaret Tatters (2nd Anni.), Bob England,

**ANNIVERSARIES: December 12th – 18th:**

Teresa  Waine,  William  Purvis  (Jnr.),  Pat  Nolan,  Cissie  Middleton,  Sean  Joseph  Merrick,  Paul  McNamara,  Eleanor  Ferguson,  Enid  Johnston,  John  David  Haycock(Jnr.),  David  Arthur  Thwaites, Catherine  Maleary,  Mary Jones, Jim Crossen, Margaret  Morgan,  Maud  McCallan,  Cyril (Jimmy)Higgins,  Harold  Ernest  Good,  William  John  Hartley,  Ann Harbord, Betty Cuthbert.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters.

**The word this week**

Zephaniah 3:14–18a The Lord will sing joyfully because of you. Psalm 12 ***‘Sing and shout for joy: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’*** Philippians 4:4–7 Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near. Luke 3:10–18 They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

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oday we have the opportunity to hear John the Baptist’s counsel to the crowds of people filled with expectation of the imminent coming of the long-awaited Messiah. Three times in today’s Gospel they ask John, ‘What must we do?’ Let us heed John’s responses, for who better to prepare us for his coming into our world than the one who first prepared the world for his coming?

**AT MASS TODAY WE PRAY** Eucharistic Prayer 2 and Preface 1 for Advent

As we offer our prayer of thanksgiving around this holy table, let our hearts be filled with gladness and exultation.

**TEA/COFFEE ETC** after Sunday morning Mass at Christ the King

**PARISH SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT**

At Christ the King church at 6.30pm this Tuesday, December 14th.

At. St. Patrick’s church after 10.00am Mass this Wednesday, December 15th.

**COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER:** St. Patrick’s £2,354.31

 Christ the King £2,262.31

**MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th 5.00pm at St. Patrick’s church.**

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th 7.00pm at Christ the King church**

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th 10.30am at St. Patrick’s church.**

**Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26th 9.30am at Christ the King church**

**Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26th 10.30am at St. Patrick’s church**

**READINGS for December 12th.**

**3rd Sunday of Advent (C)**

**First reading** Zephaniah 3:14-18

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.

**Second reading** Philippians 4:4-7

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.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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!

**Gospel** Luke 3:10-18

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.