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Bulletin
12/12/2021
Third Sunday of
Advent

Christmas Penitential Service

We will have a Penitential Service at the beginning of each Mass next weekend 18/19th December as a preparation for Christmas.

MASS TIMES

Sunday
9.00, 10.30, 12.15
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm
Weekdays
9.30am
Eve of Holydays
7.30pm
Holydays
9.00, 10.30 &
7.30pm

“Waiting in Hope”

In preparation for Christmas, a short Service “Waiting in Hope” will take place in our Church on **today Sunday, 12th December, 2021 at 5.00pm**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This can be viewed on Webcam also.

Weekly collection Envelopes

The 2022 weekly collection envelopes are now available for collection from the Sacristy before and after all the daily and weekend Masses. **Please** collect your box, as soon as possible, so that they can be used for the first weekend in January 2022. Thanking you.

3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

Luke 3: 10-18

OUR DESTINY

On Tuesday last, with Barra winds rising, power outages looming and red alerts every hour, Jim went rummaging for warmer clothing. To his utter surprise, he found a very welcome warm pullover, still wrapped up, a Christmas present from his daughter abroad in 2019. It suddenly struck him that the same pullover could have kept essential heat alive in a destitute homeless man and maybe kept hope alive in his heart. Instead, it had remained unused and unappreciated in a hidden corner.

Which of God’s gifts to each of us remains wrapped up comfortably and selfishly in a private corner of our hearts?

This weekend’s Gospel alerts us to how each of our lives can enrich the lives of those around us. From his frugal and committed lifestyle, his peers sensed that God was with John the Baptist and they wanted a share in whatever he had.

Things have not changed. People still hunger for God, consciously and unconsciously. They seek Him here. They seek Him there. Perhaps they lose heart. They do not see His influence at work in life. How will they know the real thing? Through the lives of true disciples. “By this will all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another”. “Let the one who has two coats give to him who has none and the one who has something to eat must do the same”.

Generous, courageous, kindness opens many a heart and inspires hope. Preaching alone never converts anybody. Making God’s kingdom present on earth is every baptised persons privilege and responsibility. Advent is a reminder of our destiny.

Fr. Tom Clancy.



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