



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C – 15th December 2024

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

**Assistant Priest:**  
Fr John Pham

**Parish office hours:**  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
9.00am to 4.30pm

**Parish Secretary:**  
Quyen Le Phan  
**Accounts:**  
Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

**Weekday Mass Times:**  
**English:**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:  
7.00am  
Wed: 6.30pm  
Sat: 9.00am

**Vietnamese:**  
Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm  
Wed: 7.00am

**Weekend Masses**  
**English:**  
Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;  
6.00pm

**Polish:** Sun: 11.30am

**Vietnamese:**  
Saturday Vigil:  
(Chaplain): 7.30pm  
Sunday:  
7.00am; 7.30pm  
(Chaplain): 4.00pm

**Exposition:**  
Saturdays: 8.00am

**Reconciliation:**  
Wed: 6.00pm  
Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am  
5.30pm - 5.50pm

**Convent/Pastoral Care**  
Sisters of Our Lady  
of the Southern Cross  
Phone: 9723 3704

**Sick Call Contact Number**  
0451 945 756

**S.V.D.P.**  
Phone: 9823 1222

**SHC Primary School**  
Principal: David Parawa  
Phone: 9724 1560

**Baptism/Wedding**  
Please contact the parish  
office 6 months prior

### "The Joy of Gaudete Sunday"

*What will bring us joy and happiness?* is perhaps one of the most common questions that we would ask ourselves from time to time. In fact, everything we do in life is heading towards joy and happiness. Although most joy and happiness are superficial - come and go, there is also deeper and lasting joy and happiness that abide and remain.

As we enter the third week of Advent, our theme for this week changes from **Peace** to **Joy**. That is why this particular Sunday is also known as the **Gaudete** [gow-DEH-tay] Sunday, deriving its name from the Latin word "**Rejoice**", the first word of the Introit or the entrance antiphon of this Sunday's Liturgy. Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus and the joy felt by the faithful upon reaching the midpoint of Advent. This joy is present in the words of the prophet Zephaniah in today's first reading: "*Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart,*". To indicate this joy, the vestments worn by the priest this Sunday can be rose-coloured, as is the third candle of the Advent Wreath, reminding us that Christmas is near, we have become so excited and can hardly contain our joy inside our hearts.

Advent can be a time of anxiety when shopping lists are uncompleted, Christmas cards are unfinished, work is piling up before the holiday break, the kids will be home from school, and the big family meals are waiting to be planned, cooked and served. However, it is still possible for us to set aside a few minutes every day to be alone with God in prayers and to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Jesus into our lives.

This season is also the time for us to reach out to those in need and share with them the joy we experience during this special season. As in this week's gospel, to those who ask, "*What should we do?*" John the Baptist provides practical instructions: **share with those in need, act with justice, and conduct your lives with integrity**. These actions not only prepare us for Christ's coming but also deepen our experience of joy, for joy grows when we give of ourselves to others.

After all, God is our true lasting joy and happiness and that's what Christmas is really about: Jesus Christ becoming one of us, to save us, to prove God's love for us, to teach us the art of living, and to share his very life with us. Without Jesus, we would not have Christmas to celebrate. That is why the Entrance Antiphon does not just say, "**Rejoice**". It says, "**Rejoice in the Lord.**"

Fr John Pham

## Pope's December prayer intention



"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope." *Pope Francis*

## WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2025

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Second Rite)

**Monday 16/12/2024:**

**7.00pm - 9.00pm:** Vietnamese (Chaplaincy)

**Thursday 19/12/2024:**

**7.15pm - 9.00pm:** Parish Bilingual (Eng/Viet)

**Monday 23/12/2024:**

**7.00pm - 8.00pm:** Polish

Please make a good effort to avail yourselves of this sacrament as a necessary means of proper spiritual preparation for Christmas celebration. The flyers with full schedules of Mass time during Christmas and New Year are available at church doors for yourselves, relatives and friends. Please kindly extend them as your personal invitation to all loved ones.

## ĐÓN MỪNG GIÁNG SINH & NĂM MỚI 2025

### Bí Tích Hòa Giải/Xưng tội

**Thứ Hai 16/12/2024:**

**7g00 – 9g00 tối:** Tiếng Việt

**Thứ Năm 19/12/2024:**

**7g15 – 9g00 tối:** Tiếng Anh / Việt

**Thứ Hai 23/12/2024:**

**7g00 – 8g00 tối:** Tiếng Ba Lan

## Thank you-Christmas Hampers

A heartfelt thank you to the students and families of Mary MacKillop College, Sacred Heart Primary School, our wonderful parishioners, the Youth, Sr Khanh, Vinnie president, and all the volunteers! Your generous donations of hampers and countless hours of packing and delivering have brought joy and warmth to families in need this Christmas. Your kindness truly embodies the spirit of Christ.

## Thank you-Finance, PPC Committees Members

Thank you to each one of you for your time, support, advice, effort and skills in organising many events and advancing the parish mission during this year. **You are the backbone of this parish.**

## End of School Year—Fare well Principal David Parawa

As the school year draws to an end we would like to express our sincere gratitude to David Parawa students, teachers, and staff for your hard work, dedication, teaching and learning during this year.

We wish Mr David Parawa a joyful Christmas and the fruitful journey of education service in the new year 2025. You will be missed by us all.

## Welcome to God's Family

This weekend we welcome to God's Family through baptism:

**Davie (Peter) Do; Kayka Minh Pham**



## Wedding Toll

May God bless your marriage with love, joy and peace everyday of your life. Congratulations to:

**Jenny An Tran & Marvin Cao Quyen Do;**

**Dan Chi Nguyen & Duc Vi Tran**

## Pope Francis—Holy Doors during Christmas liturgies



Pope Francis will commence the Jubilee of Hope with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on the night of Christmas eve, opening the Holy Door of the Vatican Basilica. On Christmas Day, the Pope will deliver his traditional Urbi et Orbi address and blessing "To the City and the World".

*Vaticannews.va*

## Jubilee 2025

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.



The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal

events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025>

## Christmas Appeal



This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean

water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas.

Donate today at [caritas.org.au/Christmas](http://caritas.org.au/Christmas)

## Funeral: Anna Nguyen Thi Thuong

On Saturday 21 December, 2025.

At: 7.00 am. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Francis Xavier Nguyen Thanh Dung (USA), Teresa, Anna Nguyen Thi Thuong

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Maria (11), Joseph (7), Peter (4), Thomas (1), Paul (3), Matthew (1), John (1), Cecilia (2), Anna (3), Teresa (2), Maria Madalena (2), Francis Borgia (1), Martino (1), Catarina (1), souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (5), for all souls (12),

Benedita Pereira, Fransisco Pinherio, Joseph Pham Kevin, Joseph Pham Van Hieu, Maria Pham Thi Huy, Peter James Nguyen Huu Dong, Elizabeth Nguyen Thi Hanh, John Huynh Tri Long, Maria Tran Thi Dien, Dominic Nguyen Huu Khue, Joseph Le Xuan Minh, Mr Carl & Mrs Babay, Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Bich, Domingos Pereira, Khamphasert Huang, Joseph Nguyen Duc Hiep, Gioan Baotixita Huynh Long Chi, Anna Dang Thi Tram, Peter Do Huu An, Martino, Gioanna Truong thi Pham, Phaolo Nguyen Thanh Liem, Giuse Lawrence Nguyen, Maria My, Phero An, Lucia, Vincente, Anton, Giacobe, Maria Vo Thi Ty, Anna, Gioanbaotixita, Fario,

**Other Intentions:** For the sick (1), for the conversion of hearts (2), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (11), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (12), for safe travel (2), for healing & recovery (4), for stable work (4), for personal intention (9), for special intention (Stipe Buterin), successful surgery,

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### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

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.

### Responsorial Psalm: Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

### Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

*A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

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: Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

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

## Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

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.

## Chúa Nhật Tuần III Mùa Vọng Năm C

### Bài đọc 1: Xp 3, 14-18a

*Trích sách Tiên tri Xôphônia.*

Hỡi thiếu nữ Sion, hãy cất tiếng ca! Hỡi Israel, hãy hoan hỉ! Hỡi thiếu nữ Giêrusalem, hãy hân hoan và nhảy mừng hết tâm hồn! Chúa đã rút lại lời kết án ngươi và đã đẩy lui quân thù của ngươi. Vua Israel là Chúa ở giữa ngươi, ngươi không còn sợ khổ cực nữa.

Trong ngày đó, ở Giêrusalem thiên hạ sẽ nói rằng: Hỡi Sion, đừng sợ, tay ngươi sẽ hết rã rời! Chúa là Thiên Chúa ngươi, là Đấng mạnh mẽ ở giữa ngươi, chính Người cứu thoát ngươi. Người hân hoan vui mừng vì ngươi. Người cảm động yêu thương ngươi, và vì ngươi, Người sung sướng reo mừng. Những kẻ hư hỏng bỏ lẽ luật, Ta sẽ quy tụ họ lại, vì họ cũng là con cái ngươi.

## Đáp Ca: Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6

Đáp: Hãy nhảy mừng và ca ngợi, vì ở giữa ngươi có Đấng Thánh của Israel thật cao cả (c. 6).

## Bài đọc II: Pl 4, 4-7

*Trích thư Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Philipphê.*

Anh em thân mến, anh em hãy vui luôn trong Chúa! Tôi nhắc lại một lần nữa: anh em hãy vui lên! Đức ôn hoà của anh em phải sáng tỏ trước mặt mọi người, vì Chúa đã gần đến. Anh em đừng lo lắng gì hết, nhưng trong khi cầu nguyện, anh em hãy trình bày những ước vọng lên cùng Chúa, bằng kinh nguyện và lời cầu xin đi đôi với lời cảm tạ. Và bình an của Thiên Chúa vượt mọi trí hiểu, sẽ giữ gìn lòng trí anh em trong Chúa Giêsu Kitô.

## Alleluia: Is 61, 1 (x. Lc 1, 18)

**Alleluia, alleluia!** – Thánh Thần Chúa ngự trên tôi. Người đã sai tôi đem tin mừng cho người nghèo khó. – **Alleluia.**

## Phúc Âm: Lc 3, 10-18

*Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca.*

Khi ấy, dân chúng hỏi Gioan rằng: "Vậy chúng tôi phải làm gì?" Ông trả lời: "Ai có hai áo, hãy cho người không có; ai có của ăn, cũng hãy làm như vậy". Cả những người thu thuế cũng đến xin chịu phép rửa và thưa rằng: "Thưa Thầy, chúng tôi phải làm gì?" Gioan đáp: "Các ngươi đừng đòi gì quá mức đã ấn định cho các ngươi". Các quân nhân cũng hỏi: "Còn chúng tôi, chúng tôi phải làm gì?" Ông đáp: "Đừng ức hiếp ai, đừng cáo gian ai; các ngươi hãy bằng lòng với số lương của mình".

Vì dân chúng đang mong đợi và mọi người tự hỏi trong lòng về Gioan rằng: "Có phải chính ông là Đức Kitô chăng?" Gioan trả lời cho mọi người rằng: "Tôi lấy nước mà rửa các ngươi, nhưng Đấng quyền năng hơn tôi sẽ đến, – tôi không xứng đáng cúi dây giày cho Người, – chính Người sẽ rửa các ngươi trong Chúa Thánh Thần và lửa. Người cầm nia trong tay mà sảy sân lúa của Người, rồi thu lúa vào kho, còn rơm thì đốt đi trong lửa không hề tắt!" Ông còn khuyên họ nhiều điều nữa khi rao giảng tin mừng cho dân chúng.

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 93905810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.