



The Anglican Parish of Morningside

Under the Patronage of Our Lady of Walsingham,
St Clare of Assisi & St Boniface of Crediton

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

16th. December 2018

Music Notes for Today's Mass

Introit Verse is sung by the Cantor after the entrance hymn

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour.

Psalm verse: The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handy work. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost...

The Hymns are all from the New English Hymnal.

The Glory be to God on high is not sung during Advent.

The John Merbecke musical settings for Mass are found in the New English Hymnal number 542: Creed p 562, Sanctus and Benedictus p 567, Lord's Prayer 568, Agnus Dei p 569p

Responsorial Psalm. Ps 145:6-10.

Response: Come Lord and save us: Come Lord and save us.

♩ = 69 Come, Lord and save us; Come, Lord, and save us. SD

(Capo 1) A F#m D E/D E7 A Bm Bm/D E7 A

Complete Responsorial Psalter page 10

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This Week's Diary. Fr Martyn away in Melbourne from PM Sunday to PM Wednesday. **Monday** No Craft and Chat. **Wednesday** 9.30am Georgina Hostel Christmas Service. **Thursday:** 9am Rosary, 9.30am Low Mass, followed by the final meeting of the Guild and luncheon. **Friday** Thrift Shop **closed.** **Sunday:** Advent 4 Sunday 8am Sung Mass

Dedication of the Month: The Coming of the Lord

Christmas Services

Monday 24th 7.30pm Carols

8pm High Mass of Christmas Night

Tuesday 25th 8am High Mass of Christmas Day

Sunday 30th 8am Low Mass Sunday after Christmas

No Mass Thursday 27th December

For Your Prayers: For the Parish: Guild and its work.

For those in need of any kind: Evalyn, Christine, Monica & Bill, Dell & George, Claudia, Carolyne, Darren & Sue, Maurrie, Fr Alec, Jenny, Shona, Heather & Michael, Sue B, Maurrie, John, Alan.

The Monthly Cycle of Prayer Betty (B), Pat, Fr Neville

The Faithful Departed. Recent: Anniversaries:

16 Dec: Edna Dunne, Errol Noble. 18 Dec: Joan Smith, Des Williams, priest

21 Dec Keith McGuire. 22 Dec: Ida Leonard

Next Sunday's Readings, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Corinthians 4:1-5. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-10. *This will be the psalm for all Sundays in Advent.* Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

The Ascension Parish of Morningside

Why suffering, evil, sickness, old age, and finally death?

Apart from Christ there is no answer.

Only with our Communion in Him

we can die, and enter into eternal life.



Christmas Raffle Drawn Today

Christmas Tree Gifts. Each year we offer gifts for the residence of the Georgina Hostel. If you wish you can donate a gift and place it under the Christmas Tree. If it is for a man would you wrap it in blue, and for a woman in pink. These gifts will be taken to Georgina hostel on this Wednesday. You could join us for that service.

Dedication of the Month: The Coming of the Lord

Fr Martyn's Mutterings: John the Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist of the Lord.

As was mentioned last week there are three Sundays in Advent given over to John the Baptist (in the traditional mass). This ascetic, uncompromising, and stern man is the embodiment of Advent. This does not mean we cannot be joyful and celebrate Christmas at Mass and with our families. However, John helps us with the wider context in understanding the great significance of the Feast. Yes, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but John reminds us of the identity of the Child and the purpose of the Incarnation: our salvation, and for that purpose he is born for us to die for us. The wood of the Crib will become the wood of the Cross.

John's mission is short – maybe for only 10 to 16 months. He emerges from the wilderness beyond the Jordan and he dressed exactly like the great Elijah the Prophet who brought judgement upon the kingdom of northern Israel because he defended the Covenant against the inroads of paganism – he was a real pain for King Ahaz and his pagan Queen Jezebel. He personally cut the throats of Jezebel's pagan priests! Finally, he receives a vision and command that will inaugurate a coup d'état against the king and queen. However, that is not the end of the matter, as Malachi prophesised Elijah's return, *'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse'* (Malachi 4:5-6).

It is no wonder that the appearance of John was a cause of anxiety for the priestly rulers of Judea and, in today's Gospel reading, we hear of their official delegation to check him out. They are not just worried about John but what he heralds, *'the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD'*. However, John does not admit to being Elijah, the Christ, or another expected figure called 'the Prophet'. Instead he is a forerunner – a herald that announces the coming of a unique Person. In ancient times an imminent royal or imperial visitation to a city was announced by a forerunner. It is to Him that John points. John's description is to a Person that is much more than another prophet, *'There standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose'*. When we look at the

Christmas Creche and look upon the Infant, we also need the words of John at the back of our mind to remind us what we are looking at.

There is another aspect of John's ministry that is overlooked - where exactly was he baptising? Origen, the great biblical scholar of Alexandria AD 184-253, who tracked that down to a location called 'Crossing', which marked the spot where Joshua and the Children of Israel crossed over into the Promised land and became a people. John, however, is on the other side calling them out of the land to repent of the failure to the covenant and to be the legitimate Children of Israel. They had to leave the land and re-enter it by baptism as the new People of God, ready to be the ones to welcome the Christ and the New Covenant. For every great celebration of the Church's year should also be for us a time to prepare to renew our Baptismal life in Christ

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Regular Service Times:

Sunday Mass 8.00 am:

1st Sunday of the Month: 5.00 pm

Evensong & Benediction

Thursday 9am Holy Rosary

9.30am Mass

2nd Thursday of the Month, Mass

with Anointing for Healing

Diocese's Focus Magazine

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