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*We welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family.*

### Fr Peter's Message

The Third Sunday of Advent is "Gaudete" Sunday, also known as "Joy" Sunday. This Gaudete Sunday begins with a resounding "Rejoice": a joyful and energising call for jubilation that echoes throughout today's readings.

Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoicing. It is the opening word used in the Latin Mass entrance antiphon. The Liturgy invites us to rejoice because at the halfway moment of Advent, we are aware of how close we are to the proximity of the salvation that will come to us at Christmas.

Paul's letter to the Philippians – written while he was in prison, points out the distinction between happiness and joy. Happiness is something we can pursue. Happiness generally depends on the quality and quantity of material goods. The scriptures invite us to receive joy. Happiness comes often from outside us. Joy can thrive even in the midst of deprivation; it comes from the inside.

Happiness often depends on certain conditions – good health, good job, happy family, possessions. The only condition for joy is the presence of God.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

6pm Mater Christi Church  
 6pm Hammond Park Catholic Primary School  
 9pm Mater Christi Church  
 11.30pm Mater Christi Church - Christmas Carols followed by  
 12am Midnight Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

8am Mater Christi Church  
 10am Mater Christi Church

### Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Tuesday	5pm	<b>Adoration</b>
	6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Wednesday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Thursday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Friday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday	5pm	<b>Confession</b>
	6pm	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>
Sunday	8am	<b>Mass</b>
	9am	<b>Mass (HPCPS)</b>
	10am	<b>Mass</b>
	5pm	<b>Mass</b>

### A Call to Attention

On the 1st Sunday of Advent, it was announced before the Masses that the gong in the sacristy will be rung ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.

### Parish Website volunteer needed

Fr. Nicholas is looking for someone to help him manage the new parish website. If you have moderate IT skills, are 'computer savvy', and would be available for a couple hours a week, please speak to Father after Mass or send him an email.



### Enquiries at Mater Christi

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### Transport to and from Southern Cross Village, Success

The Parish Council has been discussing transport options for our parishioners at Southern Cross Village, Success. We are looking to establish a team of drivers (at least 4-5) who could take it in turns to drive a 12 seater van for the 10am Mass. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please speak to Fr. Peter or Fr. Nicholas.

### Social Committee

The Parish Council has been discussing the need for a social committee. If you would like to be involved in planning and organising social events throughout the year for various celebrations, please speak to the Fathers to find out more.

### Season of Joy and Hope ~ Advent Reflections on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Season of Advent is there for us to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas. **Please join us on Fridays after the 9am Mass in the Chapel of Innocents** to reflect with our Lady on the mysteries we know so well in the Rosary. Let us not allow this Advent to slip past without pausing to consider the awe-inspiring reality of God being born amongst us. For more information, please contact Glynis O'Neill on 0419 952 220 or email [glynis.oneill@gmail.com](mailto:glynis.oneill@gmail.com)

### Week 3 - Advent Reflection for Year C (Come Lord Jesus)

The Centre for Liturgy reflections can be downloaded via the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swkurwP5hX0>. If you are unable to download the reflections, please contact our office on (08) 9207 3350 or email [cfl@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfl@perthcatholic.org.au).

### Youth Retreat You, your friends, your God, 6 days. LET'S DO THIS!

The event is called "TrendSetters", a youth retreat designed to inspire, engage, and strengthen the faith of the young members of our community. Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat; Trendsetters! An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! **Date: 3rd to 8th February 2025 Location: Vincentian Retreat Centre, Byford**  
 To register or further queries please contact Alphina on 0455 366 846 or Patrick on 0475 128 563.



**'Why do we do that?'**

by Fr Nicholas

The Nicene Creed as we know it today is a very ancient text, dating back to the mid 300's. Its original version, the Apostles' Creed, is even older, with early versions dating back to the first generation after the Apostles. The purpose of this text is both simple and profound: essentially it is a reaffirmation of the articles of faith that stand at the centre of Christianity. When we stand to make this profession, we publicly declare what we believe. But this is an important part of the liturgy, because by virtue of doing this we are united not just with all Christians in the world now, but with all Christians who have ever lived, including the Apostles. This profession of faith is a great sign of the unity of the Church that extends her reach through time and space. Along with the Sign of the Cross then, this statement of faith is the banner we march under; against the forces of evil that threaten to overwhelm us we boldly declare the sovereignty of our God, the victory of life over death, and the ultimate triumph of God and those who persevere in fidelity to Him. The Creed you might say, is like our 'national anthem' that resounds across the face of the earth and throughout the centuries. The Creed is a great statement of faith whereby we entrust ourselves to God. I believe in you God, we say; I commit my life to you.

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 Is 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 Lk 3:10-18**

*What, then, must we do?*

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.

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**First Reading Zep 3:14-18**

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

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 a 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.**

- Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R.)
- Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
- Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

**Second Reading Phil 4:4-7**

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident

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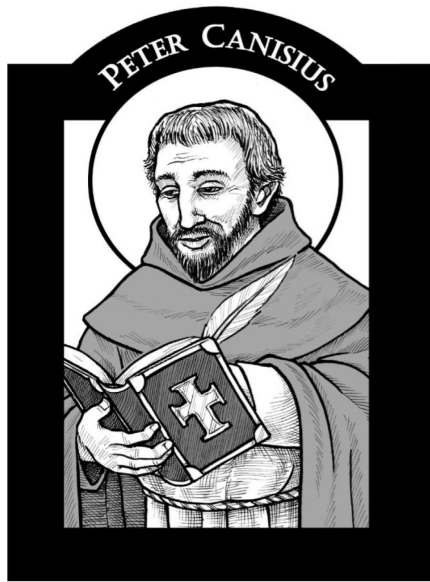
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**S**t Peter Canisius was born in Holland in 1521. He studied canon law at Louvain, but later came to the conclusion that a legal career and marriage, as arranged by his father, were not to his liking. He joined the Jesuits and spent his time in prayer, study, teaching and care of the sick. St Peter was a prominent preacher and he attended the Council of Trent, then later taught at the first Jesuit school at Messina. He was later called to Rome to work with St Ignatius; the founder of the Jesuit order. After posts as rector and vice-chancellor of the University of Ingolstadt, he was sent to Vienna, which was in need of reform. In 1555, his famous Catechism was published and eventually translated into 15 languages during his lifetime. Considered one of the most influential theologians and writers of his time, St Peter Canisius was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1925.



**Wordsearch**

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| different | money     | soldiers |
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**John, the son of Zechariah baptised people in the River Jordan to prepare them for the arrival of God's chosen one, Jesus. Draw John baptising one of the people in the river.**

