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2nd Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2020 Year A

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the Second Coming) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

Life message:

- 1) We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus: We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us ask with Alexander Pope the challenging question, "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?"
- 2) We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service.
- 3) Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

Joke of the week

"Fake Jeep?" Christmas shopping, though fun, can be difficult. Did you hear about the guy that bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas? A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where am I going to find a fake Jeep?"

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Eleanor Priest, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Wladyslaw Stopa, Rosa Latanzio, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Frank Cichello & Maurizio Pierazzi **Recently deceased:** Antonio Vocale, Frank Andricciola

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Hilda McCabe, Paola Cutello, Kevin Ahern, Joe Infantino, Anastasio (Tom Kolafalis)

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Father Florentino Galdo

Dall' 11 Novembre Padre Florentino Galdo (Boy) e stato ufficialmente nominato parroco di Saint Matthew's Fawkner North.

We are pleased to announce that effective from November 11, 2020 that Fr Florentino Galdo (Boy) has been appointed Parish Priest St. Matthew's Catholic Church Fawkner North for a term of 6 years.

Please join us in congratulating Fr Florentino on his appointment.

December for Vinnies

The "Giving tree" will be present in the church during the month of December. Cards will be attached to the tree for gift suggestions. Parishioners will also be able to leave packages of food in bags at the foot of the tree. Donations will be forwarded to the St. Vincent de Paul conference for distribution to the needy in our community. Envelopes will also be available for cash donations on the church pews. Envelopes can be taken home and returned at a later date. Through our efforts we can make a difference to those in need in our local community and helps ease their pain.

Volunteers needed

- **BUS (VAN) DRIVERS:** to pick up elderly parishioners for the Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm and the Sunday mass (Italian) 10.30 am. Once every 3 weeks.
- **ALTAR & Sanctuary:** Flower arrangement & general cleaning (training will be provided). Once per month.
- **Church cleaning:** Vacuuming, mopping the entrance & cleaning the entrance doors. Once per month **Gardening:** Tidying & weeding.
- **Lectors: Reading and Special ministers.** (training will be provided). Once per month.

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