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December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)



We are called to a change of life. First, we should examine our relationships with others. We must mend ruptures, ease or relieve frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees and employers justly. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming. Second, we need to remember that we are, like John the Baptist, Christ's precursors: Parents, teachers, and public servants act as Christ's precursors by repenting of their sins, reforming their lives, and bringing Christ into the lives of those entrusted to their care. Parents are expected to instil in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and

behaviour. All public servants need to remember that they are God's instruments and that they are to lead the people they serve to the feet of Jesus, so that they, too, may know him personally and accept him as their Saviour, Lord and Brother. (*frtonyshomilies*)

III Domenica di Avvento (Anno C)

(lachesa.it)

L'annuncio profetico di Giovanni Battista trova un'eco in quelli che lo ascoltano. Vanno da lui per domandargli: "Cosa dobbiamo fare?". Giovanni si rifà alla tradizione dei profeti e risponde che la condizione necessaria è il compimento del comandamento dell'amore del proprio prossimo, espressione reale dell'amore di Dio. Giovanni non esige la durezza della vita che egli conduce, non disapprova neanche le attività proprie ai laici che vanno verso di lui. Tuttavia, egli sa indicare a ognuno quello che deve convertire in se stesso, e come realizzare i propri doveri verso il prossimo, e nello stesso tempo indicare loro chiaramente dove risiedono l'ingiustizia e l'errore che devono essere superati.

Quando gli si domanda se egli è il Messia, Giovanni Battista risponde di no, e non accetta alcun legame alla sua persona, nessuna adesione personale qualunque essa sia. Con umiltà proclama che il Messia si trova sulla terra, che lui solo possiede il battesimo vero. Questo non si farà con l'acqua, ma con lo Spirito Santo e

Buste del Ringraziamento 2022

Le buste del Ringraziamento per il 2022 saranno disponibili nell'atrio dopo le messe del fine settimana. Negli ultimi anni il nostro reddito parrocchiale è diminuito notevolmente e continua a diminuire. Affinché possiamo continuare il livello di manutenzione che mantiene la nostra Parrocchia sicura e accogliente, mentre allo stesso tempo sosteniamo tutte le nostre spese, abbiamo bisogno del tuo aiuto e ti invitiamo a vedere se lo troverai nel tuo cuore per continuare, e se possibile aumentare, il tuo attuale livello di Ringraziamento.

Thanksgiving envelopes 2022

Thanksgiving envelopes for 2022 will be available in the foyer after weekend masses. Over the past couple of years our parish income has decreased significantly and continues to decrease. In order for us to continue the level of maintenance that keeps our Parish safe and welcoming, while at the same time meeting all our expenses, we need your help and are appealing to you to see if you would find it in your heart to continue, and if possible to increase, your current level of Thanksgiving.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto

Upcoming funerals: *Carmela Paterno*, (Thursday, December 16, (11 am)

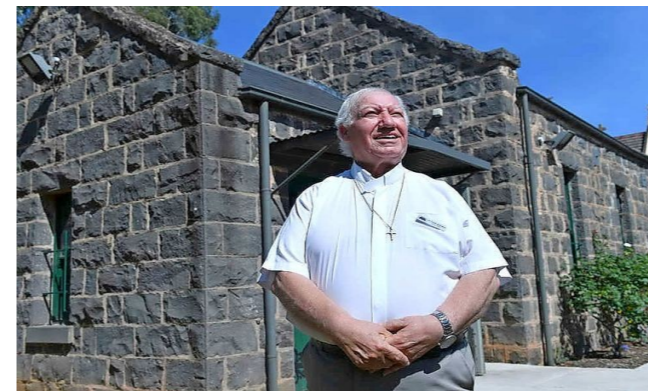
Recently deceased: Rosetta Petruccelli, Paolo Di Falco, Rosa Curcio, Francesca Perri, Lucia Vocale, Maureen Flood, Quinino D'Alessandro

Anniversaries: Bartolo Natoli, Giovanni Cilia, Efilia Salvatore, Salvatore Beltempo, Michele Malarbi, Peppino and Bellina Butera, Giovanni and Gemma Butera, Conchita Culas, Ferdinando Dibella, Marija and Svetko Masina

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Fr. Frank Buhagiar's 50th anniversary mass

We invite you to please join us for a mass for Fr Frank Buhagiar—who is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest. At our special celebration we will give thanks for the many years of faithful and dedicated service that he has given not only to St. Matthew's - but to the wider Archdiocese of Melbourne. Father Frank will be in attendance at the 10.30 mass on Sunday the 19th of December. Father Frank was Assistant Priest at St. Matthew's Parish from December, 1972 until 1976. Refreshments will be held after the mass in the Parish Hall.



Rosters for weekend masses (Dec. 18/19) Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Markis

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Penco

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm (full vaccination)

Sunday 9.00 am (no vaccination or unknown)

Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass) (full vaccination)

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>