



ADVENT REFLECTION.

You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we must go, who will be with us and what we must do. So thank you... for the waiting time.

You keep us looking. You, the God of all space, want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope for people who are hopeless, for visions of a better world which will appear among the disappointments of the world we know. So thank you..... for the looking time.

You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love, want us to be like you—to love without jealousy or design or threat; and, most difficult of all, to love ourselves.

So thank you.. For the loving time. And in all this, you keep us through hard questions with no easy answers; through failing where we hope to succeed and make an impact when we felt we were useless; through the patience and the dreams and the love of others; and through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us. So thank you....for the keeping time, for now and forever. Amen. . *Dorothy McRae-McMahon.*

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Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**GOOD NEWS—COVID UPDATE—
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. Please do
come early as we still need to sign in.**



We Join the wider Diocese in obedience to Government requirements to continue to wear masks in the church as a sign of our care for each other.

Sunday 9.30am Mass is live streamed via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olowparishemuplains/> or just google something like Facebook Emu Plains parish - Contact is welcome via Phone: 4735 1041 or Email: emuplains@parracatholic.org



What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.
MICAH 6:8



OUR LADY OF WAY PARISH—EMU PLAINS

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

**Third Sunday of Advent
Year C**

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

Zep 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

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 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.

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**
3. 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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 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!