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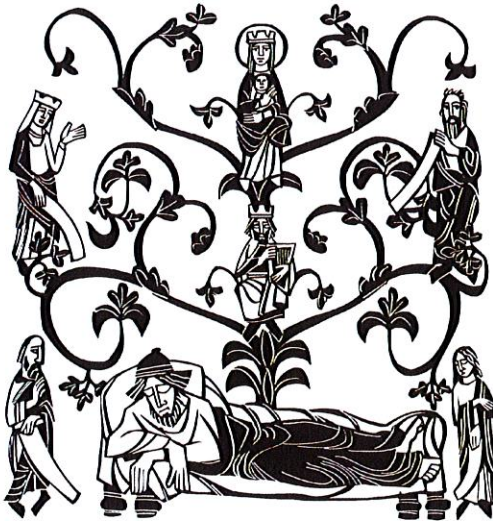
Second Sunday of Advent (Year B) 10th December 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12-12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7-8pm (animated by HAKUNA eucharistic group)



We have only two full weeks of Advent left !!
Let us use them to our advantage...

Come to **confessions**, 'prepare' by renouncing old sins which kept us company for too long.

Come to **Mass**, 'prepare' by listening to the Prophets and see the hand of God at work.

Come to Church and **pray** in silence, 'prepare' by desiring to be completely one with the will of God for you, as it has been with the Virgin Mary.

ADVENT

*Christmas Programme with Mass times
will be advertised next Sunday*

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"finger-pointing"



In the Latin Tradition of the Catholic Church there are several titles associated with John the Baptist: ***Evangelii satio*** (sower of the Gospel), ***Domini testis*** (witness to the Lord), ***Apostolorum vox*** (voice of the Apostles), ***tuba Coeli*** (speaker of Heaven), ***praeco Christi*** (precursor of Christ), ***ianua Vitae*** (door to life), ***vox Verbi*** (voice for the Word), ***Salutis praeparator*** (leader to salvation), ***lucerna Luminis*** (lamp for the Light).

What all these titles are saying is that Christ – Eternal Life, Heaven, Light, Salvation – needs "finger-pointing". It is not possible to see the Light without a lamp-stand, it is not possible to hear the Voice of God without a preacher, it is not possible to enter Heaven without someone pointing out to us a way of conversion.

It is not possible to meet Christ without first meeting John the Baptist and his 'finger'.

The **mission of Advent** is "finger-pointing". One finger pointing to ourselves, at our sins, our poverty and need for healing. One finger pointing to the One who is coming to take our sins away, assuming our poverty and healing our diseases with the medicine of his Word and his Blood.

Oh Blessed Advent... may we hear your voice, do your work for us, wake us up, call us, prepare us, accomplish your mission in us.

In manus.

Father Ivano