



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 GAUDETE SUNDAY

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12:30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

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

HOLY HOUR animated by HAKUNA: Thursdays 7-8pm

(The Church is open Monday - Friday 8am-7pm, Saturdays 10am-5pm)

Tuesday 24 Dec  
**CHRISTMAS Eve**

**9:30pm, Mass in the Night**

(followed by a time of celebration  
in the Parish Hall)

Wednesday 25 Dec  
**CHRISTMAS Day**

**9:45am, Mass at Dawn**



**12noon, Mass of the Day**



### 'JUBILEE' CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year Advent will take us to the beginning of the *Jubilee Year 2025*. A year to remind us that our life is in fact a 'pilgrimage' towards Heaven and that we can live anchored in 'Hope'.

A Year calling us to 'be Saints', to be Holy, to be 'different', to be like God, like children of God.

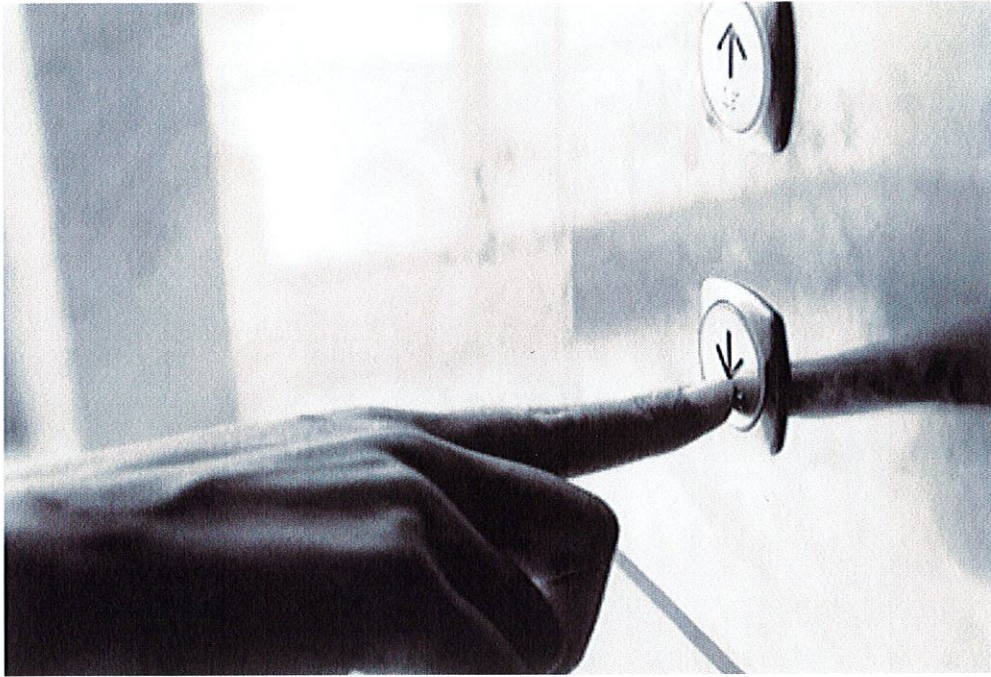
As a Parish we will organise talks, pilgrimages, corporal works of mercy. It is a Year of Grace... and it is coming...

Our **Parish Christmas cards** are more than a greeting cards, they are a 'sign', a **sign of Hope!**



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# GOING DOWN ?



This is the third week of Advent, in 10 days is Christmas Eve! Over the past weeks, the Liturgy of the Church spoke of the 'night' (First week) and of the 'desert' (Second week) as existential places where the Saviour wants to come and meet us. On this Third Sunday of Advent the readings help us to 'go down', to enter our heart, our interior life, to go inside of us.

The people listening to John the Baptist were "wondering in their hearts", literally the verb in Greek means "having an interior dialogue". These people were 'in their hearts'. Likewise, the people listening to the Prophet Zephaniah - in the First Reading - were told that their liberator, their King, their Lover was "in their midst", literally "inside", "within".

Recently, Pope Francis has speaking about an 'interior work' we all need to do which is to 'return to our heart'. "Inside of us, within us", the Pope repeated, "it is *there* that we need to prepare the way to the Lord who is coming..."

The 'work' of this third week of Advent is to help us 'go down', to 'return to the heart', "there where everyone finds his/her unity; there where we find the source of all our strengths, convictions, passions and decisions."

Need some directions for Christmas?

This is what the Church tells us: 'night', 'desert', 'heart'.  
Enter your night, stay in your desert, go in your heart...  
Your Saviour will meet you there!

*fr. Ivano*

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