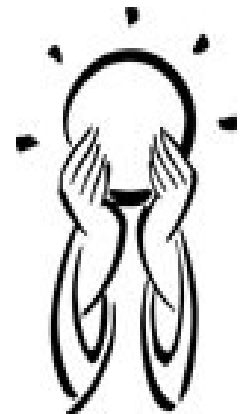


**ST. LUKE'S PARISH CHURCH : SALT RIVER**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: 11/12/2005**  
**(GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

*We welcome all to Mass this morning. We welcome all visitors and those new to the Parish. The Order of Service is set out below. Page numbers refer to An Anglican Prayer Book 1989. No announcements will be made during the Mass.*

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Please join us for the Coffee Bar in the Hall after Mass, where refreshments are available at R3.

# GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is so called from the first word of the Latin Introit at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice).

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, the first mention of the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians. Advent was observed as a penitential season which made it a counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday corresponding with Laetare or Mid-Lent (Mothering) Sunday. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used; and rose-coloured vestments were allowed instead of purple. Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker like Laetare Sunday, about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

The joy of expectation is emphasized by the Introit *Gaudete in Domino semper* (rejoice in the Lord always). The Epistle again invites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Saviour with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, in the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are suspended for a while on Gaudete Sunday in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption which should never be absent from the hearts of the faithful.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Matthew 21: 23-27
Tuesday	Matthew 21: 28-32
Wednesday	Luke 7: 19-23
Thursday	Luke 7: 24-30
Friday	John 5: 33-36
Saturday	Matthew 1: 1-6a, 17



### RIDDLE FOR THE WEEK

Q: What do Winnie The Pooh, Smokey The Bear, and John The Baptist Have in common?



DAY	TIME	INTENTION
Monday (Advent Weekday)	09:30	The Diocese of Saldanha Bay
Tuesday (St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)	09:30	The Sick & Housebound
Wednesday (St John of the Cross)	19:30	Spiritual Directors
Thursday (Advent Weekday)	09:30	Justice & Peace
Friday (Advent Weekday)	09:30	Thanksgiving for ordination
Saturday (Late Advent Weekday)	12:00	The Sunday School

**NEXT SUNDAY: 4 DECEMBER 2005**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**09:00: High Mass & Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle**

**16:00: Nativity Play, followed by Nine Lessons and Christmas Carols**

Office Hours: by appointment.

Choir Practice Saturday 2.30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes in Recess until 21 January 2006

Confessions & Spiritual Direction: After any Mass or by appointment.

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## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK

### THE CHURCH

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Dioceses of York (England), Ysabel (Melanesia), Yukon (Canada), Zanzibar (Tanzania), and Zululand (South Africa). In our diocese, we pray for the Parishes of St George: Kuilsriver, All Saints: Sibanye and the ministry at the University of Stellenbosch. We pray for the new Diocese of Saldanha Bay inaugurated yesterday and for the Vicar-General, Fr Raphael Hess.

### NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

We pray for justice and peace throughout God's world, for our own country and its leaders. We pray for Zimbabwe, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Niger and Congo, for the Middle East, especially the Holy Land, and Iraq. We pray for an end to acts of terrorism, violence and abuse of power. We pray for preparations for local government elections in South Africa in March next year.

## THOSE IN NEED

We pray for all victims of crime and violence, for children suffering from abuse and neglect, for children who have been abducted or have run away from home and for their parents in their anxiety; for the homeless and unemployed, those suffering from chemical dependency and for all who are HIV positive or have AIDS. We pray for the sick, and remember especially, Antonio Andrade, Dennis Abrahams, Madge Williams, Evelyn Anthony, John Ackers (Jnr.), Mary Fisher, Natasha Roman, Aidan Roman, Thelma Theunissen, Wayne Isaacs, Elizabeth Field, Iris Loubser, Uthmaan Jack, Warren Pontillo, Kenneth Pettitt, Leslie Brown, Desmond Brink, Chris Francis, Nadia Lewis, Vanessa Altman, Lorraine Marthinus, Yvonne Daniels, Leonard Philips, Miriam George, Ivan O'Conner, Derek Walters, Jeanette Hendricks, Gerald Fisher, Martha Buis, Baden Blegenhout, Gerald Naude, Mavis Barnes, Shirley de Maar, Stanley Altman, Joy Cassidy, Tony Hill, Selwyn Delo, Dean Laskar, Selina Petersen, Jean Mullins, David Profit (priest), Brian Oman (Priest), Michael Bootes (Priest), George Swartz (Bishop) and Henry Hill (Bishop)

## R.I.P

Of you charity pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Adams (11 December), Geraldine Meyer (11 December), Katrina Smidt (11 December) Marie Louw (12 December), and Eric Thomas (14 December) whose years' minds occur this week.

## NOTICES

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Studies are in recess until 2006

### NATIVITY PLAY AND FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

The Sunday School will present their **Nativity Play** on the Fourth Sunday in Advent (**18 December**) at 16:00, which will be followed by the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Christmas Carols**.

### FUNCTIONS

We thank all those who have supported our functions throughout the year and we thank the Functions Committee for all their hard work in organising the functions. Functions for 2006 are in the planning stage and a list will be published shortly. Suggestions and offers of support will be warmly welcomed!

### PLANNED GIVING

Please place your Planned Giving envelopes in the box provided at the back of the Church, and write the amount enclosed on the front of the envelope. If you are behind with your planned giving please try and get up to date before the end of the year.

### KEEP YOUR CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS TIDY

Please do not leave tissues and papers lying around the Church building and grounds. Use the bins provided. Cigarette butts should be thrown into the tins provided.

### ANSWER TO RIDDLE

The middle name "The"!

