Entrance Antiphon:
O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard and the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

Lạy Chúa, xin tỏ cho chúng con thấy tình thương của Chúa, và ban ơn cứu độ cho chúng con.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you: he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Next Weekend Readings: Third Sunday in Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Thanksgiving Collection
Church Offering: $ 1581.00
Loose Money: $ 411.55
Presbytery: $ 439.90

No Flowers
In ADVENT
Second Sunday in Advent
A voice cries in the wilderness.
John the Baptist, must have had a lot of personal attraction, a lot of charisma. He lived far away in a wild place, yet people came to him to repent; to turn their lives around and start again.

Men with a life changing message don’t wait in the deserts for people to come and listen to them, they get on TV and tell the world. However John did things simply and he is still well known 2000 years later.

John was a long haired strangely dressed man who lived a simple life. People looked to him for answers. John challenged them to believe differently and to live simply and he is still well known 2000 years later.

A voice cries in the wilderness.

Monday, 8 December
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Mass at 9.15 am at Holy Child, Dallas.
Viet Mass 7 pm at Holy Family Centre, Meadow Heights.

Children's Liturgy this Weekend
During the 11.00 am Mass at Dallas.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Thursday, 18 & Friday, 19 December at 7.00 pm at Holy Child, Dallas.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND-MELBOURNE
Overseas Mission

13/14 December Craft Stall
Handmade and beautifully crafted items, Cakes, and much more. Make ideal Christmas gifts. All proceeds to Church. Thank you to the ladies for making them and thank you for once again supporting your Parish.

SALE of Holy Child Jubilee Mugs $5.00
Available from next weekend.

Christmas Luncheon
The Christmas Dinner Committee would appreciate donations of soft drinks for the Annual Christmas Lunch. They can be left at Holy Family Centre/Parish Office. Also helpers needed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please contact Paul/Parish Office.

REMINDER:
To any Parishioner /if you know of anyone who may be alone on Christmas Day, please contact the Parish Office so that we can send them an Invitation. Your help in any way would be appreciated. Thank You.