

# St Mark's Parish

Sunday 11 December 2022  
Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

The Lord is near



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## *Advent is Half Over!*

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



# Children's Liturgy



*Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.*

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?  
Connect the dots to find out!  
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

## ***What Happens When Jesus Comes?***

*In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.*

*What happens to whom?*

*Match up the people with what happens to them.*

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| the blind •    | • are raised up                        |
| and the lame • | • have good news<br>• preached to them |
| lepers •       | • hear                                 |
| the deaf •     | • are cleansed                         |
| the dead •     | • receive their sight                  |
| and the poor • | • walk                                 |



## 3rd Week of Advent

# JOY



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