



PARISH MATTERS

The Parish of Sydney City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.

16th & 17th December 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent Year B

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Dear friends,

The Advent scripture readings this week lead us to joy. Pope Paul VI said this about joy: “Why, in a culture of plenty in the West where there is so much to satisfy us—wealth, clean water and readily available food, medical achievements, technological advances—is there so little joy. Joy is a spiritual gift. Joy cannot be manufactured. It's not something that we can create for ourselves. It's something that sort of happens in a moment, in a flash, and then we catch ourselves in a joyful state. We live in a world filled with devastation, violence, fear, hatred, repression. And yet, we still find ourselves—catch ourselves—in moments of joy. I want you to think in your own lives now, where is it that you have experienced joy in the last few days? Even amid all that is happening in Israel and Gaza; even amid the craziness of this season, conflicts with colleagues at work—joy is there in the middle.

Paul

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Joseph's Church

74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery

Wednesday 20th December

Reconciliation and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-8.00pm

Sunday 24th December

7.00pm Mass (Children's Focus)

Monday 25th December

8.30am Mass

Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

2 Kellick St, Waterloo

Tuesday 19th December

Reconciliation: 12pm-2pm with
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5.00pm Mass followed by Sacrament
of Reconciliation and Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm

Sunday 24th December

5.00pm Mass
9.00pm Mass (Solemn Mass with choir)

Monday 25th December

10.30am Mass

St Vincent de Paul Church

117 Redfern St, Redfern

Thursday 21st December

Reconciliation and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-7.30pm

Sunday 24th December

6.00pm Mass
(Bishop Danny Meagher DD)



Sydney City South Parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Parish of Sydney City South
under the patronage of Our Lady,
St Joseph &
St Vincent de Paul*



This world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair. It is beauty, like truth, which brings joy to the heart of man and is that precious fruit which resists the year and tear of time, which unites generations and makes them share things in admiration. St Paul VI

Weekday Mass times:

Monday

7.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion,
St Joseph's Rosebery

Tuesday

5pm Mass & Adoration, Our Lady of Mt
Carmel Waterloo

Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

Friday

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Normal Sunday Mass Times:

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am (Rosary at 7am) &
9.00am. Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Rosebery

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

Recently Deceased: Tim O'Brian

Anniversary: Geoff Shalala (17/12), Julio Barrientos (19/12),
Moya Banfield (22/12)

Deceased: Elizabeth Elsjie Tenggara, Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, Joseph Mizzi, Michael & Julia Mangan, Joe Egerton, Frank Delamere, Frank Finnegan, Clement & Rose Daly, Lena & Peter Daly, Henry Misfud, Lillian Pirschel, John & Noelene McAuiliffe, Robert Webb, Frances Casaletto, John Casaletto, Thelma, Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel & George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke, John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur & Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur & Rose Dennett, John and Rosemary Cooley, Bill, Muriel, Marc & Jamie Wickert, Shirley Turner, Sr. Patricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory.

Those who are sick: Carlos Lobo, Jimmie Mallee, Bambo Zervos, Virginia Peloe, Edmund Gonzales, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiallis, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, June Elliot, Lyndall Storey, William Gonzales, Nhia Nguyen, Marina Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia Freitas, Sr Dominic Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack, Ruby, John Gavan, Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar.

If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the Parish Office. For Mass Intentions please email before 10am Friday secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au. Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul directly.

Friendly reminder: In accordance with the Sydney Archdiocese privacy policies and State and Federal laws, if you are wanting a living person's name to be published in the bulletin, we require their written permission.

Financial Update

Week Ending 10 December

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 718
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 514

Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially.



Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation OR be set up for a monthly donation using your credit card.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ The Way of the Heart Retreat (Part 2) – **Sunday, 18 February 2024**
- ◆ Retreat with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia – **Sunday, 7 April 2024**
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE! Friday, 31st May 2024**
6:30pm Annual Parish Dinner Tea Room, QVB



Christmas Eve Mass Rosebery 7pm

Inviting school age children to be involved in the Nativity scene at this Mass.

If your child would like to be involved (dressing up as the Nativity characters) please contact
Sr Rosemary
after Mass or by email:
pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au



Become a Catechist in our Parish!

Are you hearing the call to Share the Joy, Share the Hope, Share the faith?

Is God calling you to witness His love to our children in the state schools by bringing the presence of God into their lives?

Being a Catechist is both a calling and privilege. To be able to share the joy of the Gospel and the love of God to the students is what Catechists do weekly in public schools and it is something that we would like to invite others to experience.

Can you be a Catechist or a helper?

Our parish of Sydney City South visit two schools each week and with a new school being developed in Zetland, we will need to cater for the children there too.

Is God calling you?

If so contact Sr Rosemary—
pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au



**CONFRATERNITY OF
CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE**

READING ROSTER		
Mass		Readers
5:00pm	This	Bianca Rodrigo
	Next	David McConachie
7:30am	This	Charlotte Buxton
	Next	tba
9:00am	This	Lisa Steel
	Next	tba
11:00am	This	Ben May
	Next	tba

Christmas Masses		Readers
Waterloo Christmas Eve	5pm	Bianca Rodrigo
	9pm	Lenette Carter
Waterloo Christmas Day	10.30am	tba
Redfern Christmas Eve	6pm	Sr Esmey
Rosebery Christmas Eve	7pm	John Sciberras
Rosebery Christmas Day	8.30am	Jenny Jago



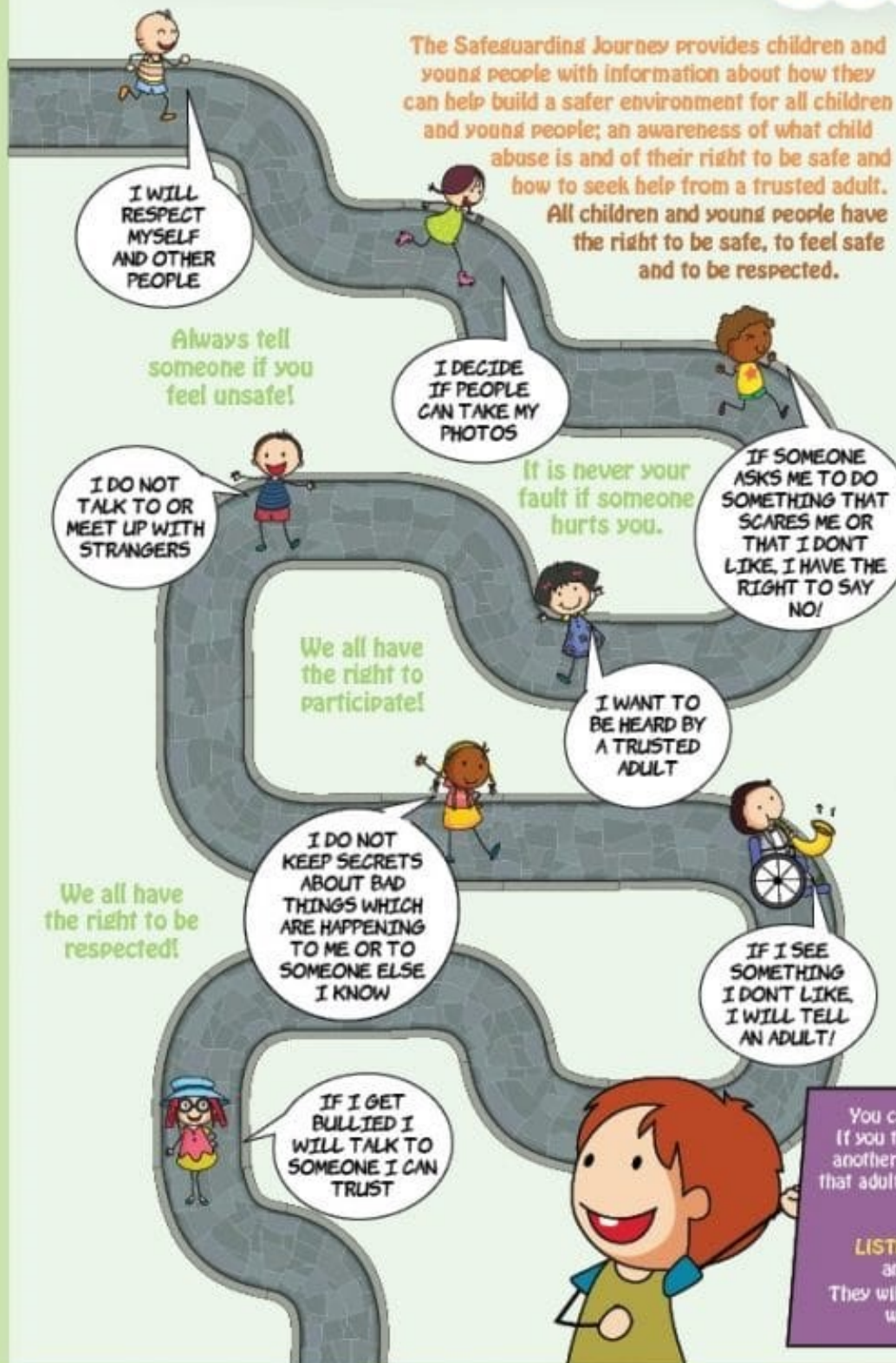
A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Safeguarding Journey



The Safeguarding Journey provides children and young people with information about how they can help build a safer environment for all children and young people; an awareness of what child abuse is and of their right to be safe and how to seek help from a trusted adult. All children and young people have the right to be safe, to feel safe and to be respected.

Always tell someone if you feel unsafe!

It is never your fault if someone hurts you.

We all have the right to participate!

We all have the right to be respected!

- What is Child Abuse?**
- Physical Abuse**
When someone hits you or hurts your body and makes you feel pain.
- Emotional Abuse**
When someone calls you bad names, hurts your feelings or upsets you.
- Sexual Abuse**
When someone touches your body in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, or involves you in any sexual activity.
- Neglect**
When an adult who is looking after you does not take care of you. Not giving you food or clothes or shelter.

You can help yourself and others!
If you tell a trusted adult that you or another child is being abused or hurt, that adult should help you straight away!

He/she will:
LISTEN to what you have to say and help you to feel **SAFE!**
 They will **TELL** the appropriate people, who will get help for you.



SUPPORT SERVICES

CHILD WISE: Telephone and online counselling for children who have or are being abused www.childwise.org.au 1800 991 099

KIDS HELPLINE: Free telephone and online counselling service for young people 1800 55 1800

HEADSPACE: Provides face to face counselling and online counselling for young people with concerns about mental health, physical health, work and study support, alcohol and other addictions www.headspace.org.au



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



Dear All,

Safeguarding, put broadly, is the protection of the health, wellbeing and rights of children and people at risk. Safeguarding policy is proactive in that it aims to create and maintain a safe and supportive culture in our Parish.

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) is a national organisation established in 2020 with the purpose of promoting and overseeing a consistent approach to the practice of Safeguarding in our Church. The mandate of ACSL is *“to support Church leaders and Catholic organisations to create safe and nurturing environments for every person who comes into contact with the Church in Australia”*. (ACSL Annual Report 2021-2022).

The ACSL has developed ten Safeguarding standards which incorporate recommendations from the Royal Commission and also the National Principals for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia. In coming weeks we will look more deeply at these standards and how we as a community address these.

Currently our Parish is being audited by the ACSL with Fr Paul and the Parish Team working together on this audit. This has been an excellent opportunity to review our own ongoing Safeguarding processes and discuss these as a team. We will keep you all updated as this process continues.

Your current PSSOs are:

Michelle Davies and **Ruth Rawlinson**.

Do you have questions about Safeguarding?

Email us at:

safeguarding@citysouthcatholic.org.au

 CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
invites you to

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

14-25 DECEMBER

Experience the wonder and beauty
of this Advent Season as we wait in
joyful anticipation for the birth of our
Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas

All Welcome!



Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Good Samaritan Christmas Collection. The joy at Vinnies is palpable, and so many of their clients have already experienced your gracious donations.

Next weekend is our last weekend for this collection; however, Vinnies will be happy to receive any Christmas items by Wednesday, 20 December.

Gift suggestions include:

- Toys
- A movie ticket
- A gift card or voucher, for example, Myer, Coles Group, Woolworths Group
- A small pamper pack
- Some make-up
- Sporting item
- Chocolate-filled Christmas Stockings
- Christmas paper plates and napkins
- Santa sacks

Also, please remember that any donation placed in the hamper at the back of your Church will be collected regularly and delivered to Vinnies. My last pick-up for the year will be Wednesday, 20 December. Merry Christmas, some photos of the Vinnies Christmas Cave.



This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the saviour they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our saviour. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you became flesh. Lord have mercy.
You offer us salvation. Christ have mercy.
You lead us rejoicing to the Father. Lord have mercy.

OR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Nicaean Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Holy (Sanctus) Vigil Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Vigil Mass

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
‘I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.’

Responsorial Psalm

R My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things
give thanks to God, because this is what God expects
you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of
prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything –
hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and
may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and
body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has
called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who
are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite
openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked, ‘are
you Elijah?’ ‘I am not,’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He
answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We
must take back an answer to those who sent us. What
have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as
Isaiah prophesied:
a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.’
Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they
put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising
if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the
prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there
stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is
coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-
strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the
Jordan, where John was baptising.