



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
YEAR C**

**28 November 2021**

**LITURGY AND  
BULLETIN**



**OPENING PRAYER**

*All-powerful God,  
Increase our strength of will for doing good,  
that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



## **REFLECTION on Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 by Richard Leonard**

In every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for a global revolution of justice, that the needs of nations most disadvantaged by climate change and the COVID pandemic be met by the world community. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Palestinian people, that international solidarity with them will raise their hopes for lasting justice and peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Jewish people around the world, that this week's celebration of Hannukah will confirm their faith in God's covenant love for them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women and children trafficked into slavery, that on-going international efforts to abolish human servitude will secure their freedom. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all our farmers who are facing crop destruction due to abnormal weather conditions. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that the celebration of Advent will confirm us in holiness and make us more generous in love. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Richie Simpson, Rongo Tee Peeti, Duncan McDiarmid, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Karen Sutor, Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Ricky Banks, Clare Gowan, Jan McCurley, Margaret Norsa, Martin Hennessy, Allan Stewart, Dan Costello, recently deceased and for all our dearly departed: that they will be gathered into the glory of God for ever. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, may your caring love for us bring us hope and guide us on our pilgrim way.  
Amen.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**

**Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's School Hall.**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am**

**Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 7 December at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

**November markets: 27 November 2021**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**The church is closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs. Mass is now held in the St Bede's school hall, Saturdays at 6pm. We have now moved to the 2sqm rule allowing a few more people to attend Mass. I would appreciate, if you intend to join us, your letting us know so that seating can be arranged accordingly. **All are welcome, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are still mandatory and communion will be distributed as before. Phone 4842 2444; Helen 0430 169 849 or Brian 0408 687 915. The 2 collections will once again be taken up during Mass.**

**Congratulations to Ken Thomas who turned 80 last week.**

**Don't forget the Markets in Ryrie Park this Saturday.**

**Parish Christmas Celebration** following Mass on 4th December. Please bring a plate of nibbles, finger food to share. Drinks provided. Everyone welcome.



**Our Christmas Mass** will be held Friday 24 Dec at 5.30pm in the church grounds as we don't anticipate the church will be finished.



### **“Walking Together – Advent”**

Short zoom briefing will be held this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to discuss how parishes can use the family-themed Archdiocesan [Walking Together](#) resource to help build up the local community during Advent.

No need to book. Just log in to the briefing on:

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540>

Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540

Time: 3pm this Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

Join an Archdiocesan ZOOM Advent discussion group 4pm on Sunday or 10am this Tuesday. Log on as an individual or as a group using

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540>

Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540

Or use the resource [www.cqcatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cqcatholic.org.au/ADVENT) at a time that suits you.

Enquiries [lara.kirk@cq.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cq.org.au) 0429 192 869

**“New Life in Christ”** an Advent resource from Brisbane, has arrived. If attending Mass please collect from the table. Otherwise please let Brian or I know if you would like a copy.

**Book of Remembrance:** it's not too late to have your loved ones recorded in the book. Any donations received go towards Mick's Timor Leste charity. **The parishioner** who made a donation but did not put any names to the envelope - could you please contact me on 0430 169 849 so I can add the names.

**Cbm (Christian Blind Mission)** are once again offering Meaningful Christmas Gifts through their catalogue. It is on the table at the back of the hall, along with order forms and an envelope with the reply paid address.

**Caritas has global gifts on offer.** See the back table.

**Aid to the Church in Need** has a gift shop catalogue out. Find it on the table also.

**Far East magazines** also available for interested parishioners.

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: BSB: 062-786

**Account: 00029248**

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Reference: BRAIDWOOD & SURNAME

For 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: BSB: 062-786

Account No: 00017755

Name: St Bedes Parish Braidwood.

Reference: name or giving number if you have one.

### **Readings for next week: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Year C:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Baruch 5:1-9. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil. 1:4-6,8-11. Gospel: Luke 3:1-6.

### **Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music</b>
27 Nov	Les	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
4 Dec	Geoff	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
11 Dec	Felix	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
18 Dec	Les	Helen P	Wendy H/Ann	Helen H

Look after each other,  
Helen Hart