



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B
29 November 2020
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
and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven..
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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 Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Reflection on the Gospel by Fr Michael Tate - *Timely Living and the End of History*

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That nations will put away instruments of violence and hatred and enter an age of peace and understanding. (pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the hungry, the unemployed and the homeless will find new hope.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the hand of God will rest on those of our community who are sick, including Don Raper, Felicity McNamara, Rupert Ermert, Dennis Dempsey, Ann McDougall, Val Biggers, Celia Roach, Cilla Ryan, and Mark Sissian. (pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community, enriched by the gifts of the spirit, will be compassionate and generous this Advent. (pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage will have the promise of endless life, including Tom Richardson, Ida Feld (Priest's housekeeper in 60s), Frank Stephens, Peter Camiller, Hec Kain, all those who have died of the Corona virus, those recorded in our Book of Remembrance and our own deceased relatives and friends. (pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Father, may your promise and hope guide us
as we make our earthly way to you.
Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

Mass last Saturday evening was attended by 40 parishioners. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 1st Dec and Wednesday 3rd at 10am in the Church. If you cannot make Mass on Saturdays you might like to come on a weekday, when there are fewer people present.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: Everyone is welcome to Adoration every Friday 9am-10 am

Social Justice Group: meets in the Church Sunday 6th December at 10.30am.

Krawarree 5th Sunday Mass, set down for November 29, has been cancelled.

Christmas Masses: 24 December: 5pm Family Mass; 7pm Vigil Mass. Bookings will be either online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYAJ> or phone/text Helen on 0430169849. Bookings for Family Mass will be

in Families; 7pm to be booked as individuals. Bookings open 1 December and close 23 December. Please let any family coming home for Christmas know that they (or you) must book to be sure of a place at their Mass of choice. We might not like them but the restrictions are there to keep us safe.

A “ground maintenance “ morning is planned for next Monday 30/11 from 9am. Mowing - 2 ride mowers battery hedge trimmer and whip snip - some pruning - expected duration three hours. any and all help. Appreciated. Regards Garry Pieper.

Advent: This year we have purchased an Advent reflection booklet called “Adore”. We have 1 for each family. Those of you who receive this by email but cannot attend Mass – if you are able to call on Brian, when you are in town, he will give you a copy. We hope you find it helpful in preparing for the Christmas season.

Reconciliation for Christmas will be held as last year – as an extended penitential Rite at the beginning of the December 19 Mass. Please come along if you can.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse’s Visitation can be viewed at: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/week-nine-archbishops-pastoral-parish-visits-2/>



Next week’s Readings: 2nd Advent: 1st: Isaiah: 40:1-5,9-11. 2nd: 2 Peter: 3:8-14. Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

Ministry Rosters for Restrictive Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
28 Nov	James	Cathy F	Rod/Wendy M-B	Helen H
5 Dec	Geoff	Geraldine	Michael/Bobbie	Helen H
12 Dec	Felix	Helen P	Helen B/Germaine	Helen H
19 Dec	James	Cathy F	Trish/Ann	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won’t be attending Mass so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Masks are not yet mandatory but recommended. Please feel free to wear one to Mass if you wish.

Look after each other,
Helen Hart