

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 28 Nov 2021
First Sunday of Advent Year C
First Reading

Jer 33:14-16
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

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.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) 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.
 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
 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.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.
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, 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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

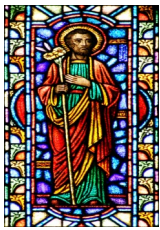
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of

the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to ‘wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ’. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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2021
YEAR OF
ST JOSEPH

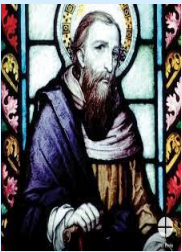
“O glorious St Joseph, you have the power to render possible things that for us are impossible – come to our aid in all our needs. Take our important and difficult affairs under your particular protection, that they may end happily.”

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY
30TH November -
Saint Andrew



FRIDAY 3rd
December - St
Francis Xavier



SATURDAY 4TH
December - St John
Damascene



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Parish Advent
Theme

HOPE
&
HOSPITALITY

Upcoming
Events:

Church/Online:
Cenacle PrayerTues at
4.45pm

*The Marian
Movement
of Priests*

Adoration: Friday at
5:30pm



Reflection on St Joseph &
Dinner - Fri 3rd Dec
6 pm Meeting Room

Bench Ministry By Request

**Craft Group every
Thursday @ 10 am**

**Coffee Club
Thursday 2nd
After Mass @ Corrigan's
Cove**

**Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues 30th 9.30-11.30
Shared Morning Tea
Meeting Room**

**Bereavement Team
Meeting Saturday Dec 4
9.30-11.30am Shared
Morning Tea Parish
Office**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

The Reflections today are ones that I have read over time and feel they help us to understand the readings which introduce the Season of Advent.

The first Reading God promises a Saviour, (a *righteous branch..Jesus*) the Response asks us to ‘lift up our souls’, Paul encourages us to Love one another and in the Gospel Jesus speaks of ‘signs’!

So let us read them slowly and ask the Spirit to help us receive God’s Word. Maybe I imagine Christ coming in power and glory and ponder.. He is also the Jesus in the cloud of the Transfiguration or the Ascension. He comes in strength and calms the earth’s catastrophes. Perhaps I can recall the Lord’s help in *times of anguish or distress in my life....* and can give thanks for hidden strength, or for the support of a friend, or my community..... Or maybe I pray not to be hardened by the cares of life... I bring to mind *those coping with all kinds of suffering*, or I look at the *troubled parts of the world and hold them before the Lord*. At this Advent time, I speak to the Lord of my **need** and that of the **whole world**, for Jesus our Saviour. As I prepare for His coming I ask Him to keep me in **joyful hope**, sure that He will come.

How many of us have felt the secure world we knew is being shaken to its foundations? Our life is a perpetual series of change. We move, we gain or lose a job, we marry, have a child, grow old, someone we love gets sick or dies, a relationship ends, things change. In truth we live among flux and change all the time. It is not always cataclysmic change, but change nevertheless.

The language of Advent is the language of anticipation for God’s new future. It is not a future we can make for ourselves. It may be something we cannot readily see or even imagine. Through thick and thin, through trying times and good times, faith waits and watches, **alert for the coming of Christ**.

‘Advent is a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires and allowing them to surface’ Brendan Byrne SJ and Pope Francis says, ‘..guard against allowing ourselves to be oppressed by an egocentric lifestyle or by the frenetic pace of these days ..but be mindful and pray!’

Let us during these days before Christmas place ourselves in God’s loving care and know that we are loved and cherished no matter how we may think of ourselves. God bless

Sr Marie

HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL YEAR C

**Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
December
Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 29th 5.30pm Mass
Wed 30th: 9am Mass
Thurs 1st: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 2nd: 9.15 am Mass
Sat 3rd: 9am Mass/Rosary
9.30am Reconciliation
6pm Mass
Sunday 4th: 9am Mass
5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

27/28 November
Church Cleaning
Coffey/Paine (29-3Dec)
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am Sr Marie
5pm A Horsfall
Readers:
6pm P Nolan
9am A Brown
5pm M Devine
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm M Bridges
9am C Schor
5pm B Maynard
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm P Jobs
9am M & S Beashel
5pm. M deSmet

4/5 December
Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (6-10)
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am M Lowe
5pm S Ebejer
Readers:
6pm J Quigley
9am C Lowe
5pm J O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm K Lovering
9am A Jackson
5pm N Beatty
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm P O'Kelly
9am P Jobs
5pm. M Devine

PARISH DAILY LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday 9am Mass:
https://www.facebook.com/StBernardBatemansbaychurch/live_videos/

MARY MACKILLOP CALENDARS 2022
Can be purchased from Sr Marie - limited stock. Cost \$10
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St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas Appeal
Begins this weekend, November 27/28th.
Can you help spread some kindness this Christmas by making a \$ donation if you are able, to our Christmas Box or take a tag from the Christmas tree and provide a \$ donation for that particular child. Tax deductible receipts are available.
NOTE: We are not collecting tinned food or toys. Appeal ends December 19th.

Parish Advent Retreat/Reflection Group
Every Wednesday after 9am Mass in the Meeting Room
Advent Resource Booklet provided
Facilitators:
Sr. Marie and Marie Weatherall
All Welcome.

Combined Churches Christmas luncheon will be held at the Salvation Army this Christmas Day at 12 midday.
The PPC is calling for volunteers . Spreadsheet will be available in the foyer to fill out if you can help or contact Angela Horsfall on 0449 103 603

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account
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Happy birthday to all those born in the month of November. May your year be blessed and peaceful.



A special congratulations to our dedicated parishioner Jean Reid on her 106th birthday this weekend.

PPC MEETING 24TH NOVEMBER 2021 IN BRIEF

- We appreciate all Parishioners for the ongoing response to the gradual opening and the support given to the Parish throughout 2021 with all the challenges.
- With the introduction of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill in the NSW Parliament, we are encouraged to write to our local member to share our views.
- There will be a Christmas Working Bee on Monday 20th December . *Save the date* ALL ARE WELCOME
- We thank the Youth Minister, Liarna Miller for her ministry this 2021. We thank Seminarian Mark for his generous presence during his Pastoral placement. He will be farewelled on Sunday Dec 26th.
- We look forward to welcoming Deacon Eden Langlands on Fri 31st Dec 2021

Please feel free to chat to any PPC members on any matter of concern. We wish you all well at the beginning of the church's New Liturgical Year (C)

NOVEMBER CEMETARY ROSARY



The rosary will be prayed every Sunday of the month at 12 midday **come rain or sunshine**. Bring umbrellas and a chair
SUNDAY 28/11 - Nelligen Cemetery

ROSTERS

are being prepared for December if you would like to be on the roster or learn more about being part of the Ministries at Mass please message Anne on 0429 659862 or email the Parish Office.

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Invitation to New Life in Christ

As we gather to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent in Year C we are Invited and inspired to be **People of Hope & Hospitality!**

The introduction to the Year C Advent Booklet invites us to:

Think for a minute of the wonder of God's love for you and of God's desire to be born in you. Avoid the temptation to resist taking this seriously, for this is the power that has called you into existence and is drawing you into eternal life in God through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God being born in you might strike you as an unusual way to describe what happens as God engages with you. We are more used to seeing it the other way around – as us being re-born in God (John 3:3). The thought of God being born in us is intended to make us stop and think.

Let's not be too pedantic about it, as we are wrestling here with ideas that are almost entirely beyond the human ability to understand (1 Corinthians 1:18-25). For now, all that we mean is that there is mutuality between God and us, as God leads us ever more deeply into his life. We experience rebirth in God as God increasingly takes on his life in us.

This is the beginning of a new Liturgical Year, and the spiritual nourishment God seeks to give us now will, if we can but respond to it, come to birth in us throughout the entire year. Jesus Christ wishes to be reborn in our lives and to walk with us through all the ups and downs of the coming year.

Learning what it means to conceive, carry, give birth to and reveal Jesus Christ to the world is a challenge to us all year round.

(Shane Dwyer – Evangelisation Brisbane)

We stop! We take time! We watch! We wait!



Death Anniversaries: John Gallagher, Stephen Fry, Adalbert Planinsic, Sean Griffin, Maureen Noyeaux, Susan McNamara

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Joan Herne, Dr Bryan Chester, Lorraine Grace, Wayne Williamson, Pat Cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton, Ingeborg Fissler, Danielle Kempton, Wendy Bowell

Remembering the Sick:

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose Between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country.
Let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.
Amen.

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Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church*

Coffee Club

Thursdays after Mass.
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