

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading *Jeremiah 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. Thank 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.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 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.

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R. Thank be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 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 Fr Michael Tate The Coming of our Saviour

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now. In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus’ saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory. This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added ‘living in the virtual world’. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert. In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth. We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Croatian Mass
Saturday 7th
December @ 11am

Advent Discussion
Group Wednesdays Dec
4th, 11th & 18th @
9.30am after Mass in
CMR

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's
Cove

LET US SPEND SOME TIME WITH TWO EXPECTANT MOTHERS

We humans can't help ourselves. We like to break our lives, indeed our daily lives, into periods of time. Even the author of Genesis broke God's work of Creation into seven days! Not very scientific but certainly very dramatic.

So it is not surprising that the Catholic Church in its Liturgy of the Word has broken the books of the Bible into a cycle of three years A, B & C. The Sunday Gospel readings for **Year A** are drawn mainly from Matthew; **Year B**, Mark; and **Year C**, Luke. John is used to fill in any gaps or to highlight some theological point. This means that over the three year cycle we have heard and/or read at Sunday Mass most of the Christian scriptures.

The Church has another practice to keep the story of God's interaction with humanity an integral part of our lives – **Festive Seasons like Easter and Christmas**. The Church encourages us to prepare for those two Feasts with 4-6 weeks set aside for prayer, penance and helping the poor (Almsgiving), namely **Advent and Lent**.

With regard to the Advent preparation I like to go back in time to an event that rivals Creation in its cosmic influence. I refer to the Annunciation or, as I prefer to call it, Mary conceives Jesus (through the power of the Holy Spirit).

On that day, the Church commemorates the most mysterious and solemn event in the history of humanity and the universe. God the Son, whom neither Time nor Space can encompass, enters into the world He, as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, created. He becomes man in the virginal womb of a teenage girl, Mary by name, betrothed to Joseph, a carpenter, in the obscure city of Nazareth in Galilee. Not the sort of beginning for a future Messiah the people of Israel for centuries had hoped for!!

At the same time Mary learns that her aged cousin Elizabeth in Judea is miraculously pregnant. Right after this Mary makes a 140 kilometre journey to visit Elizabeth. The evangelist Luke (1. 43) tells us that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby left in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She exclaims that Mary and her unborn child are blessed and that Elizabeth herself is favoured by the visit of the mother of her Lord. Mary stays with her cousin for three months until Elizabeth's baby is born. Later he is to be named John the Baptist, the precursor of his second cousin, Jesus of Nazareth, True God and True Man.

I love the spontaneity of the two female characters linked by divine power in the first three months of Mary's pregnancy. It reminds me of my young Aunt Barbara, pregnant with her first child, coming to visit my mother, also pregnant, on a regular basis to discuss mother-to-be issues over a cup of tea and scones. Definitely sacred women's business!

Let us resolve over this Advent to share with Mary and Joseph through prayer and meditation, the last month of Mary's pregnancy. Let us admire their obedience to the Will of God and their humility in carrying out their civic duty under Roman rule.

May they be an example to us all as we pray on daily basis for knowledge of God's Will for us and the power to carry that out. Amen

Joe Quigley

MASSES THIS WEEK
Monday 2nd—Sun 8th December

Monday 2nd: NO MASS
Tuesday 3rd: Adoration 4pm
Mass 5pm
Wednesday 4th: Mass 9am
Thursday 5th: Mass 9am
Friday 6th: Mass 9am
Saturday 7th: Croatian Mass
11 am Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
Sunday 8th: Mass 9am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
Tuesday 24th December—Christmas Eve Vigil
6pm & 8pm
Wednesday 25th December- Christmas Day
Mass 10am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

30th NOVEMBER/ 1st DECEMBER
Cleaning
2-6/12 Favetta/O'Neill/ Nugent

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer K Conway
Commentator M Weatherall
Reader S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
Volunteer
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer K Evenden
Commentator L Page
Reader: N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers
M & C Lowe
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:
J Barroman/G Berryman

COUNTERS:
T Priest/J Whiteford

7/8 DECEMBER
Cleaning
9-13 D & L May
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader; J Mackay
Eucharistic Minister
N Buick
Computer Screen
K Conway
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator
J Whiteford
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers ,
L & N Page
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
M & S Beashel

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
2024

Continues this week-end Nov 30/ Dec 1

We are packing 100 Christmas Hampers and providing at least 112 gifts for children under 14. You can help us by making a **\$ donation after Mass**—receipt available if needed **and/or take a tag from the Christmas tree and buy a Kmart Gift Card for a child or make a \$donation in the envelope provided.**

Please place your donation in the SVDP Christmas Appeal Box near the Christmas Tree.

For security reasons the Christmas donation box is emptied out after the Weekend and Weekday Masses only. Donations help us pay for the family Christmas Hampers and/or gifts for the children.

All donations need to be in by Dec 14/15. Thank you for your generous help—**note** we are not asking for tinned food or toys. Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Why not join our Advent Discussion Group and spiritually prepare for Christmas?

Each Wednesday after 9am Mass in the Church Meeting Room on Dec 4, 11 & 18.

Cost = FREE. A time to slow down, reflect on the Advent Gospel and pray.

Facilitators: Carolyn, Marie, Helen and Ken.
Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA & FAREWELL
The Parish will be holding a Christmas Morning Tea and a farewell for Fr Loi on Sunday 15th December after the 9 am Mass.



There will be Filipino food and a sausage sizzle, so please come along and enjoy the merriment and take the opportunity to wish Fr Loi all the best as he prepares to move to a new parish in the New Year.

BBECET

Our final BBECET prayer meeting for the year will be held on Monday 2 December at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall. All are invited.

Please pray for the BBECET Board as they meet after the prayer meeting, giving thanks to God for the impact of SRE in 2024 and planning ahead for next year.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 20th until January 10th. The bulletins will be prepared in the smaller holiday format prior to closing. If you want to add a notice for January, please let the office know before we close.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Lebanon Crisis Appeal

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal.

This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.

Donate today at caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, families, are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas.

Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas

FUNERALS IN THE PARISH: Thursday 28th November 12pm Broulee Crematorium— Patricia Suhle
Monday 2nd December 11am Broulee Crematorium—Marion O'Grady

Remembering the Sick:

Margaret Priest, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.

Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

DECEMBER

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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