

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

29 November 2020

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

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

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

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

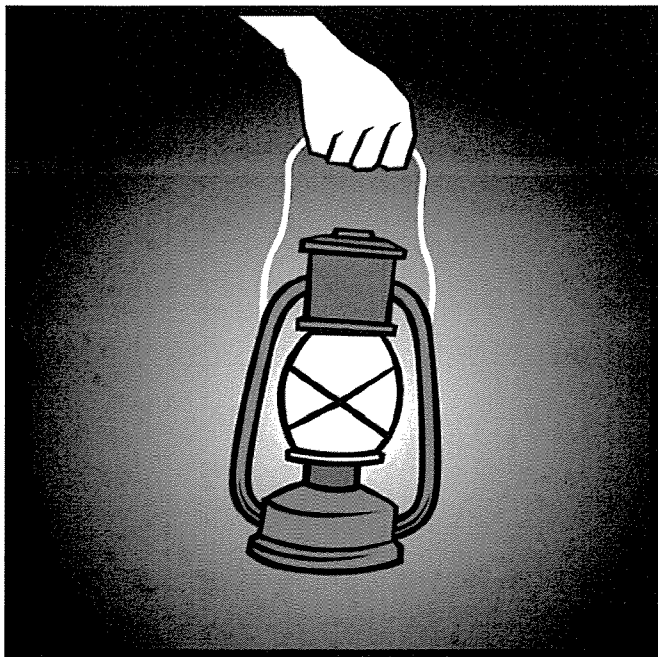
1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
(R.)
3. May your hand be on 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 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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 by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Anniversaries 29th November to 5th December:

Bill Moore, Jack Koster, Frank Drew, Clint Wishart, Rosemary Barry, Peggy Bohan, John Love, Denise Love, Peter Compton and Eileen Buckeridge.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Alfred Dickinson, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS – UPDATE **

* Easing of restrictions allow limited numbers for Mass and liturgies. All other guidelines remain in place; including wearing masks indoors, sanitising hands, contact tracing and so on. It is still challenging as we try to balance the physical safety of you all with your spiritual needs. *

Weekend Masses, celebrating public Masses:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass, 6pm at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** to book for this Mass, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703. (Maximum capacity: 40 people.)
- **Sunday Mass, 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** to book for this Mass, please contact Nan Calnin on 5255 1241. (Maximum capacity: 150 people.)
- **Sunday Mass, 11am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** to book for this Mass, please contact Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906. (Maximum capacity: 30 people.)

If attendance numbers require us to gather outdoors, you will appreciate that Masses could be cancelled in the case of extreme weather.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM



TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE & RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb

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November Mass Book: if you would like to add your loved ones to our virtual Mass book, please contact the Parish office.

Veggie Patch: The Star of the Sea Gardening group have applied to the Parish Finance Committee for approval to build a veggie garden in the Church grounds to supply fresh veggies to those in need via Vinnies and our parishioners. Cost will be approximately \$1700. As you are aware, the Parish income has been reduced over past months and whilst approval has been obtained there may be some parishioners who may wish to contribute to the cost. If anyone is interested you can speak with the members of the team or contact via email johncalnin3226@gmail.com or phone 0428 794 655. - John Calnin.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School Bike Education Program: is taking place within the car park of the Church in Ocean Grove on **Monday 30- November, Tuesday 1- December and Wednesday 2- December from 2:00-3:30pm.** We ask parishioners to be mindful of students and staff within the Church grounds.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 30th November – St Andrew (Feast)

Tuesday 1st December – Tuesday of 1st week of Advent

Wednesday 2nd December – Wednesday of 1st week of Advent

Thursday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Friday 4th December – St John Damascene (Memorial)

Saturday 5th December – Saturday of 1st week of Advent

Sunday 6th December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Beautiful flowers at Our Lady Star of the Sea; grateful thanks to the talented and hardworking gardening team at Ocean Grove:



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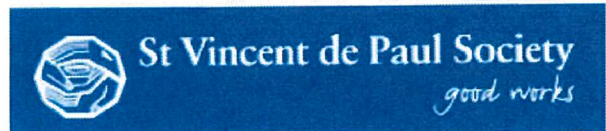
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