

# The Living Word

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**6 December 2020**

## **First Reading** Is 40:1-5. 9-11

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the  
Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'  
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.*

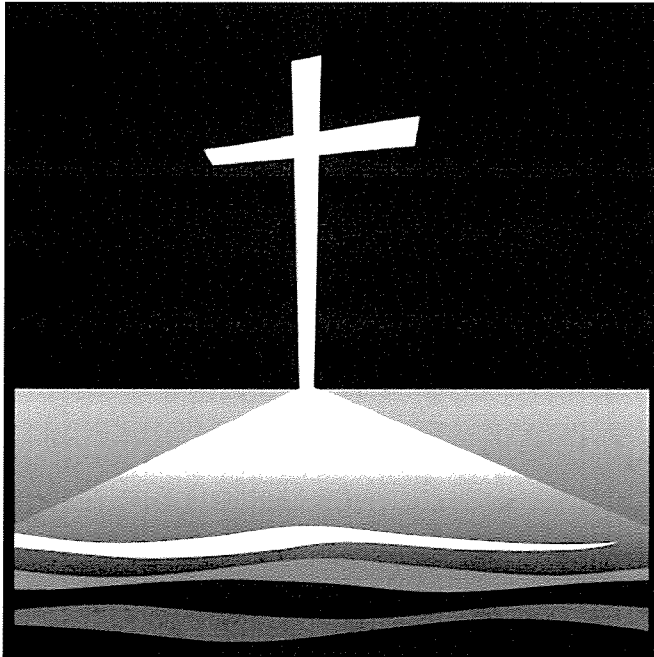
1. I will hear what the Lord God has  
to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our  
land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from  
heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## **Second Reading** 2 Pt 3:8-14

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.



### **Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:*

*all people shall see the salvation of God.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Mk 1:1-8**

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger  
before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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### WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**\*\* PLEASE SEE BELOW & CHECK OUR WEBSITE \*\***

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



**Recently Deceased:** Colin Cannard and Carl Schenk.

### Anniversaries 6- December to 12- December:

Maureen Richards, Matthew McCormack, Michael Beavis oam, Olive Hutchins, Frank Duffy, Jack Meredith, Dulge Hume, Bonnie Ryan, and Peter Maishman.

### 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, Beverley O'Meara, 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/](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)

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We congratulate the eighty (80) Year 6 students from Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School – ‘Our Christmas Gift’ Christmas Concert 2020:** many thanks to the staff, students and families for their work towards this year’s Christmas Concert. Wonderful and amazing work by everyone! The school community wishes to spread some Christmas cheer... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liw5Xc7ts7Y>.

**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](mailto:johncalnin3226@gmail.com) or phone 0428 794 655. - John Calnin.

**Praying the Rosary:** A further Liturgy event of ‘Praying the Rosary’ will be held outdoors (with limited numbers) on **Sunday 13th December** at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff. If you are interested in attending, please contact Von Philp on 0438 191 196.

**The Swag (Summer edition) is now available.** If you are interested in a copy, please contact Sandra Gould 5256 2978 or Bill and Kerin Fox, 0407 519 585

**Melbourne Overseas Mission Annual Sunday Appeal:** will be held next weekend on **12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Please donate if you are able to; as always, thank you for your kind generosity.

*A message from MOM:* Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating. Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information.

- **Cheques:** payable to “Melbourne Overseas Missions” and forwarded to Melbourne Overseas Missions, Cardinal Knox Centre, PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Please write Reference: Holy Trinity Parish, Queenscliff on the back of the cheque.
- **Online:** <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMOM>
- **EFT or over the (bank) counter details:**  
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**BSB:** 083347. **Account Number:** 663090086.  
**Reference:** Queenscliff. Please ensure you use the reference number when processing the transaction.

If you require a receipt or have any questions, please contact 9337 5760 or email [secretary@mom.org.au](mailto:secretary@mom.org.au).

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## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – St Ambrose (Feast)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (Memorial)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Our Lady of Loreto (Memorial)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – St Damasus (Memorial)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Our Lady of Guadalupe (Memorial)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*Beautiful flowers at Holy Trinity Church.  
Thanks to the talented and hardworking team from  
Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff:*



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## QR Codes and electronic Check-In

We now have QR codes for contact tracing at each Church. These posters are visible when entering the narthex. We ask all parishioners and visitors to "check-in" before entering the Church.

### How to use QR code for check-in:

**Step 1:** Parishioners will need to scan the QR code using the camera or a QR Code Reader/Scanner app of their smartphones.

**Step 2:** You will be directed to a website where you will need to enter your details (only first name and contact number is mandatory). *If multiple parishioners have the same contact number, you can be checked-in together by entering your first names separated with a comma.*

If you experience any issues with scanning, you may require a "QR Code Reader & Scanner" app on your smartphone. Go to your App Store, enter or search for a "QR Code Reader & Scanner" and download a free version (or any app/version you wish).

The clipboards will remain available.



## Christmas Mass and Service Times

We are close to finalising details of our Christmas Mass times, working through all restrictions, limits on numbers, etc.

We hope to communicate this coming week.  
Watch this space!



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