

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B

20 December 2020

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
or him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history.

The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it.

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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 20- December to 26- December:

Maria Danzi, Hilda Denneman, Johanna Koster, Joseph Wilkins, Hilda Graham, Des Sullivan, John Charleston, Thelma Hirst, Jack van Elst, Margaret Vagg, James Collins, David Hanton, Joe Ambrose, Edith Reilly, Patrick Kane, Jack Allison, Jean Fauvel and Rose Mary Lorenz.

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 **

WEEKEND MASSES have started again but some restrictions on numbers and health guidelines are still in place.

To book to attend this weekend – 19th & 20th December:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass, 6pm at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.
- **Sunday Mass, 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** Brenda Bissinella on 5255 1709.
- **Sunday Mass, 11am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or 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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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>

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Barwon Heads Community Carols (virtual) on **Sunday 20th December at 6:30pm**. Please see Parish website for Zoom details and further information.

Columban Calendars: available for sale at our Churches, \$9.00 each.

Transport for Christmas: we are seeking drivers to ensure everyone who wants to come to Mass is able to. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Prayers of the Faithful: for this year's Christmas Masses, we would like to include the prayers of all our Parish family. If you would like to post your prayer into the mailbox at each Church, the boxes will then be placed at the altar for Christmas as we say the prayers of the faithful. You might like to pray for absent family and friends, or for those who have struggled this year, or give thanks for the special family times through this year. This can be a family activity, or you may live alone, or not be able to attend Mass but wish to be there in spirit.
— Josephine Barnes.

Dear Parishioners, the Syro Malabar community have approached us about using our church at Holy Family Barwon Heads for their Sunday Masses. They have their own chaplain and celebrate Mass in their own language. In the new year, they will no longer be able to gather at St Margaret's Geelong because this church is being handed over to one of the schools under the new governance arrangements. I have mentioned this to those of you attending Mass at Barwon Heads, and so far have had only positive feedback. Since normally the only Mass at Barwon Heads is the Saturday Vigil Mass, the church is available on Sundays. I hope you will agree that this could be a great help to our brothers and sisters of the Syro Malabar community the greater Geelong area. — Fr Darien.



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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Thursday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS TIME

Friday 25th December – The NATIVITY of the LORD
(Christmas, Solemnity with octave)

Saturday 26th December – St Stephen (Feast)

Sunday 27th December – The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph (Feast)

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Christmas Mass Times

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MASS TIMES
AND BOOKING DETAILS.

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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!



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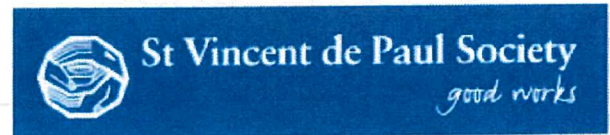
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