

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 November 2021

First Reading Jer 33:14-16

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.’

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. *(R.)*
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. *(R.)*

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.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

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.

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

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.'

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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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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Anniversaries 28 November to 4 December:

Francis Kerley, Alicia Drummond, Kathleen Potter, Bill Moore, Jack Koster, Frank Drew, Clint Wishart, Rosemary Barry, Sr Aquinas Naphthine, Peggy Bohlen, John Love, Denise Love, Peter Compton and Carl Schenk.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Santa Sutera, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 30 November at 10:00am:

Fay Neville and Sam Sammut.

For up to date and current information, please call the parish office or visit the parish website.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES, please email attachment and website for details.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

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.

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.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Thank you for supporting the annual Catholic Deaf Appeal last weekend. As always, we appreciate your generosity and kindness.

Ladies Social Group Lunch at the Leopold Sportsman's Club **12 noon on Wednesday 1 December**. Contact Julie 0411578285 for bookings.

Columban Calendars now on sale at all churches. \$10.00 each.

TAR grocery collection boxes for Refugees in Geelong will be available at each church until Christmas. Your generosity is always most appreciated. TAR contact: Shirley 0409 424 243.

Special Collection for Ms Fiona Dawson: the Parish is having a leaving collection for the out-going Principal of St Aloysius, Ms Fiona Dawson. The collection will take place on the weekend of 27 & 28 November. Please give generously, if you are able to.

Take the Way of the Gospel (8)

So, what happens next?

This is the start of a long-term journey for our local Church in Melbourne. In this early stage, we are inviting parishes to begin a conversation with members of their local community.

Your Parish Priest and some Parish Pastoral Council representatives have attended regional information sessions and been presented with illustrative Mission groupings. These illustrative groupings have been developed using data gathered from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Mass counts, population projections and local demographics. They also include specific benchmarks to help ensure the vibrancy, vitality and viability for the Gospel mission of that area.

One of these Illustrative Mission groupings pairs Holy Trinity Parish with St Thomas Parish, Drysdale (altogether, 7 churches/Mass Centres). A logical Bellarine Peninsula grouping. How could our two parishes partner, co-operate, share ideas and resources for the benefit of each other? The illustrative Mission groupings are a starting point for discernment and conversation; they are not set in stone. Each parish will eventually participate in a Mission and is being asked to consult, discern and plan towards this with other parishes in their area.

Consultation and discernment may result in groups of parishes proposing Mission groupings quite different to the ones initially being suggested. Groups of parishes are encouraged to develop innovative and creative ideas as they discern and work together to plan how they might share their gifts and resources for mission.

The immediate goal for the Holy Trinity Parish is to resume "business as usual". We want our parishioners to feel comfortable in returning to Mass at pre-COVID numbers. Only then will we engage in discernment meetings at each of the Mass Centres — this could be quite some time into 2022 and would take the place of the Parish Forum, which we had hoped to have in mid-2021. In the meantime, relevant information will be brought to the attention of parishioners as it becomes available.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 29 November – Monday of 1st week of Advent

Tuesday 30 November – St Andrew (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with the Our Lady Star of the Sea 'End of Year' Mass with the Year 6 students

Wednesday 1 December – Wednesday of 1st week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 2 December – Thursday of 1st week of Advent

9:15am Lay-led liturgy at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

** Unknown Vaccination Status **

Friday 3 December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

9:15am Lay-led liturgy at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 4 December – St John Damascene (Memorial)

Sunday 5 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Please pray for the Sacramental Program students receiving their Confirmation.

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Thought for the Week:

Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose.

- Tom Krause.

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