

# The Living Word

**Second Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**5 December 2021**

## **First Reading Bar 5:1-9**

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 125. R. v.3**

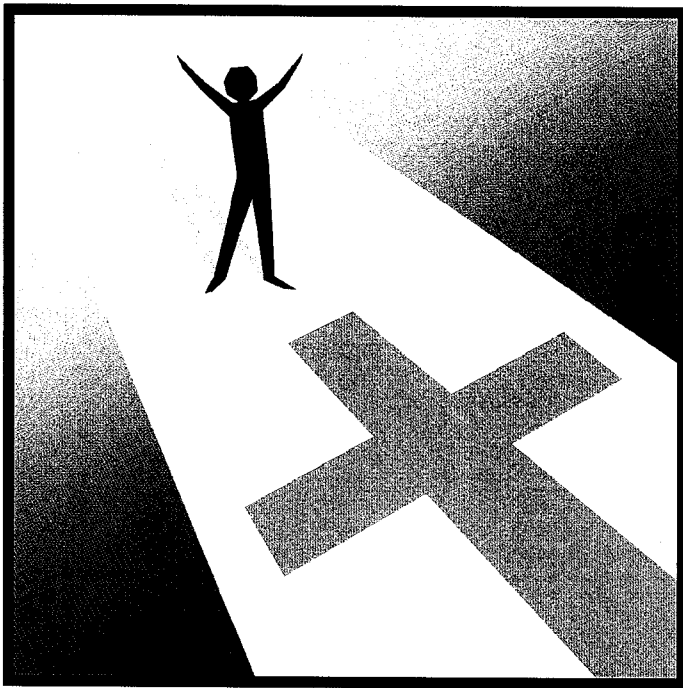
*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full  
of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

## **Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11**

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.



### **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 Lk 3:1-6**

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the  
salvation of God.

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

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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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**

## Second Sunday of Advent Year C

### Anniversaries 5- December to 11- December:

Francis Kerley, Maureen Richards, Matthew McCormack, Ellen Buckeridge, Michael Beavis oam, Frank Hayes, Bonnie Ryan, Olive Hutchins, Frank Duffy, Jack Meredith, Dulcie Hume and Peter Maishman.

### 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 Fraigneux, 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 7- December at 10:00am:

Fay Neville and Emanuel Baglieri.

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**  
available on our website and billboards.

### **\*\* 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 special collection the out-going Principal of St Aloysius, Ms Fiona Dawson, last weekend. As always, we appreciate your generosity and kindness.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held on **Thursday 9-December** at Ocean Grove after 9:15am Mass.

**SAVE THE DATE – Earth Fest 2022** will be held on **Friday 18-February 2022**. Hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School. For more information and if you are able to volunteer, please see the Church noticeboards in the narthex or Parish website.

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*Please pray for the Sacramental Program students receiving their Confirmation next week.*

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#### Be at Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;  
rather look to them with full hope as they arise.

God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
and when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in his arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today  
will take care of you then and everyday.  
He will either shield you from suffering,  
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace,  
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.  
(Prayer of St. Francis de Sales)

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#### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 6-December – St Nicholas (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 7- December – St Ambrose (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
**\* Mass for Unknown Vaccination Status \***

**Wednesday 8- December – The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 9- December – St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 10- December – Our Lady of Loreto (Memorial)**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 11- December – St Damasus (Memorial)**

**Sunday 12- December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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