

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

19 December 2021

First Reading Mi 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

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 Heb 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey
your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations,
the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,
and you took no pleasure in them; and then
he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey
your will. He is abolishing the first sort to
replace it with the second. And this will was
for us to be made holy by the offering of his
body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.



Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animositities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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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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Recently Deceased: Bernadette Agius.

Anniversaries 19- December to 25- December:

Hilda Denneman, Johanna Koster, Kevin Murray, Stanley Taylor, Des Hayes, Joseph Wilkins, Thelma Hurst, Des Sullivan, John Charleston, Jack van Elst, Margaret Vagg, James Collins, David Hanton, Joe Ambrose, Edith Reilly, Patrick Kane, Jack Allison and Jean Fauvel.

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 Koertjes, 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 Sutura, 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 21- December at 10:00am:
Ken Caffyn and Greg Carey.

*The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm on Friday
24th December 2021 and
reopening 10am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.*

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES and information are
available on our website and billboards.
Bookings are not required.**

**** 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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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.

All Saints Anglican Op Shop, Barwon Heads: the Op Shop is seeking support through donations or purchasing goods, volunteering to assist in the shop, providing assistance with rubbish disposal, or repairs and maintenance. Please note, if you are considering donating goods, the Op Shop is unable to accept electrical items, mattresses or children's car seats. We encourage as many of our parishioners as possible to support if they are able to. Contact Margaret and/or Lyn via email: margaretpowell4@bigpond.com / lyn_kerr@yahoo.com.au.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Carols Special: we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the joy of Christmas with our Archdiocesan Carols Special, *Jesus is Christmas*, to be broadcast **Monday 20 December at 7.30pm** on Community TV Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live on the [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#). Presented in partnership with [Mercy Health](#) and [VMCH](#), the one-hour carols special will feature Christmas favourites such as *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* by the celebrated opera tenor Michael Petrucelli and *O Holy Night* by Wiradjuri soprano Shauntai Batzke and the Mia Sorella Trio. Other carols include the English medieval Christmas classic, *Sing we to this merry company*, and a special treat from our Filipino Chaplaincy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns such as *Noche Buena* ('Christmas Eve') and *Kumukutikutitap* ('sparkling lights'). As the year comes to a close, we hope you can join us for an evening of songs old and new, and be reminded of the true Hope that Christmas brings — Jesus — who is our Hope and Light now and always!

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

BOOKINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 20 December – Monday of the 4th week of Advent

Tuesday 21 December – Tuesday of the 4th week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 22 December – Wednesday of the 4th week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 23 December – Thursday of the 4th week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 24 December – Friday of the 4th week of Advent

6:00pm Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

8:00pm Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 25 December – The NATIVITY of the LORD (Solemnity with octave)

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

*** Please note: the special 11am Mass at Ocean Grove is cancelled***

6:00pm Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 26 December – The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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Wishing all school staff and students a wonderful summer holiday and break, as they finish up their year of learning. Our prayers are with the Year 6 students going into high school in 2022.

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