

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

27 November 2022

First Reading Is 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and
they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. *(R.)*

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ *(R.)*

4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

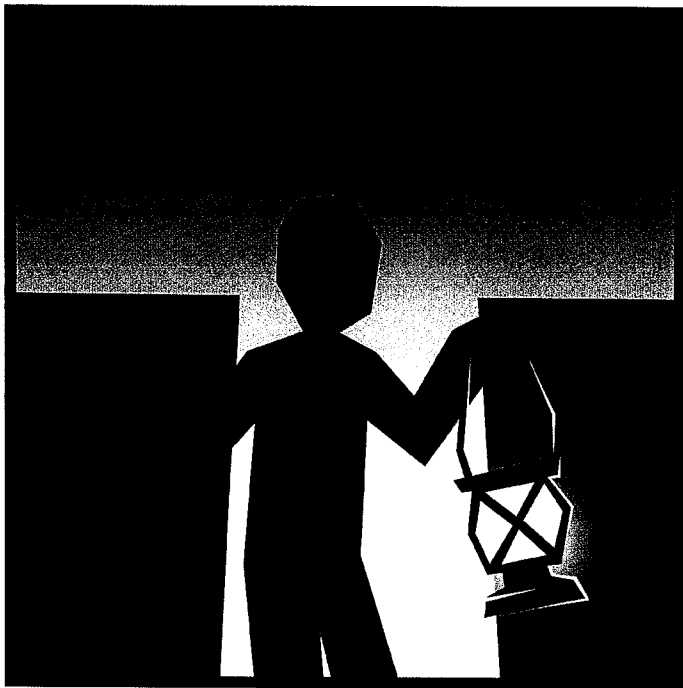
You know ‘the time’ has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer
than it was when we were converted. The
night is almost over, it will be daylight soon
– let us give up all the things we prefer
to do under the cover of the dark; let us
arm ourselves and appear in the light.
Let us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

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

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Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen

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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

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Anniversaries 27th November to 3rd December: Marisa Bernazzoli, Frank Kerley, Alicia Drummond, Kathleen Potter, Bill Moore, Jack Koster, Clint Wishart, Sr Aquinas Napthine, Rosemary Barry, Peggy Bohan, John Love, Denise Love, Peter Compton, Carl Schenk, Raymond Blake and June Crane.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Gloria & Ron Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koentjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, David Selva, Pauline Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

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

**COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

OCEAN GROVE: 4th December at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Frank Rice (SM) Sandra Duggan, Carmel Rice
(W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 29th November at 10:00am:

Ken Caffyn and Sam Sammut.

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online compulsory training module for all volunteers, and will provide you with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm. You should receive a certificate of completion, and the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully. To register, you will need your unique Working with Children Check (WWCC) ID and an email address.

If you do not have an email address or access to the internet: group training sessions will be available. Please contact the Parish Office before to register your interest.

To access the training: please visit or click on the below link:
<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>
Detailed instructions can be found on the parish website:
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-volunteers/. **Once you have completed the online training, please notify and/or email your certificate to the parish office.**

Reminder: All volunteers must hold a current WWCC and have signed the Code of Conduct. Please contact the Parish Office if you need assistance.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**** 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.

November Mass Offerings: During this month of the Holy Souls, please use the purple forms and envelopes in the foyers of our Churches to have Mass offered for your loved ones.

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Ladies Social Group: lunch on **Wednesday 7th December** at 12-noon at the Barwon Heads Hotel. Please phone or text Julie 0411 578 285 for bookings.

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Next weekend (3-4 December), we welcome Rev Fr George Hogarty ssc, to the Parish. Fr George will be celebrating Mass at each of our Mass centres whilst Fr Darien is away.

Columban Calendars 2023 now on sale at all churches. \$10.00 each.

A special thanks to our wonderful Parish community: over the past few months, we have held special collections and we wish to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. Together, we raised:

- Catholic Mission, Mission Sunday Appeal = \$1558.70
- CAM, Catholic Deaf Appeal = \$256.90

The Barwon Heads Combined Churches are holding an Advent service on **Sunday 27th November at 5:00pm** in the **Uniting Church** Barwon Heads. Following the service, a community dinner will be held in the church hall. All are invited to attend. If you can attend, please let Maureen Rossiter (0439541942) know for catering purposes.

Firewood available at OG: A tree has come down in the church grounds at Ocean Grove. If any parishioner(s) would like some firewood for next winter, they can have it otherwise it will be taken away and burnt. They will need a chainsaw. Ring John on 0428794655 if interested.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Pope Francis: 'Our Common Home' p146: "It is essential to show care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions...in various parts of the world pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard to the degradation of nature and culture."

A BIG THANK YOU to Ken Caffyn for supervising and assisting with work on replacing the timber louvres (due to cockatoo damage) on the bell tower vents at Holy Trinity Church.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th November – Monday of 1st week of Advent

Tuesday 29th November – Tuesday of 1st week of Advent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 30th November – St Andrew (Feast)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 1st December – Thursday of 1st week of Advent
DECEMBER
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with OLSOS Grade 2 students attending

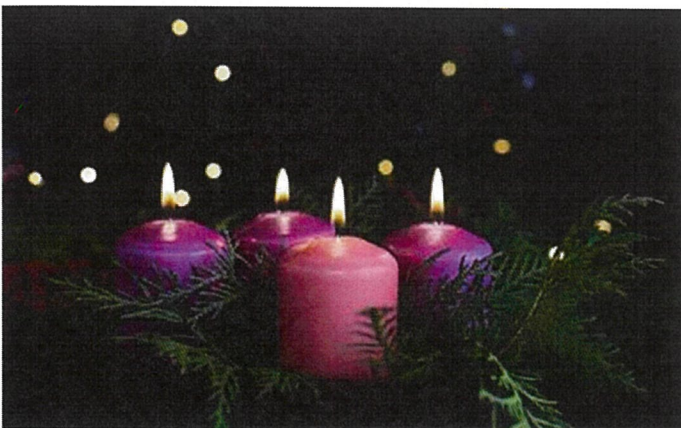
Friday 2nd December – Friday of 1st week of Advent
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Sunday 4th December – SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

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Happy Advent Season



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