

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

1 December 2024

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 Greg Sunter

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

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Holy Family	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Holy Trinity
101 Hitchcock Av	68 John Dory Drive	34 Stevens St
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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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Linh Pham
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

For all parish ministries, including Holy Communion to the Sick, RCIA, Baptism & Sacramental Program, Men Alive, Faith Development & Spirituality Group, St Vincent de Paul local Conference, Trinity Aid for Refugees, etc., please visit:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

PARISH OFFICE & PRESBYTERY
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OFFICE HOURS
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerryn Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
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 before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS
Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

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Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING
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Please visit our website for all information:
<https://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1:00pm on Thursdays
If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary,
please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au
by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME
AFTER MASS**

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Anniversaries 1st December to 7th December: Maureen Richards, Matthew McCormack and Alix Hector.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurlley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Pic, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

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: 8th December at 9:00am:

(C) Brenda Bissinella (L) Majella O'Connor (SM) Dan O'Meara, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Nan Calnin, Sr Nola Morrissy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 8th December at 11:00am:

(C) Sam Sammut (L) Maria Sammut (SM) Angela Hatch (W) Rosamaria Guthrie.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 3rd December at 10:00am:

Emanuel Baglieri and Ken Caffyn.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

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



Image Credit: Australian Catholics

Hospitality Sunday: this weekend, **Sunday 1st December**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

Christmas Tree Decoration: following Mass on Sunday 1st December at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove. If anyone has spare tinsel, please bring on Sunday.

Ladies Lunch: will be at Barwon Heads Hotel (1 Bridge Road, Barwon Heads) on Wednesday 4th December at 12:00pm. RSVP via text or phone Sandra 0423 047 862 or Julie 0411 578 285. All ladies in the parish most welcome.

This weekend, we welcome families preparing for Baptism, and together, we pray (Prayer for Baptism Families):

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Holy Trinity Parish rejoice that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the coming years, you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.

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.

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Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on Saturday 14th December 2024 at 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 10th December. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** Great Western Hotel, "Western Room" (crn Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by 6th December.

Music at the Basilica – upcoming events:

- **Christmas Concert:** you are invited to our annual Christmas Concert at 5pm on Sunday 15 December at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This year the combined Windfire and Vox Angelica choirs, conducted by Tom Healey will present John Rutter's beautiful *Magnificat* for choir, soprano solo and orchestra, and *In Terra Pax (Christmas Scene)* by Gerald Finzi for choir, baritone and soprano solo and orchestra. Our special guests will be the Geelong Youth Choir. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/CQYBA.
- **Free Lunchtime Organ Recitals for Advent:** 12:30-1:15pm on Mondays at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Monday 2nd Dec: Terry Norman. Monday 9th Dec: Rhys Boak, Monday 16th Dec: Rhys Arvidson, Monday 23rd Dec: Frank De Rosso.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

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

11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 4th December – Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 5th December – Thursday of the 1st week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 3 students attending

Friday 6th December – Friday of the 1st week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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Thought for the Week:

The real winners in life are the people
who look at every situation with an
expectation that they can make it work
or make it better.

-Barbara Fletcher.

** YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY **

1. If an emergency occurs near you, please raise your hand or stand up and speak out to alert the Emergency Wardens. Directions as to what to do next will then be given and assistance rendered.
2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest. Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.
3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office:

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