

The Living Word

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

2 December 2018

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.

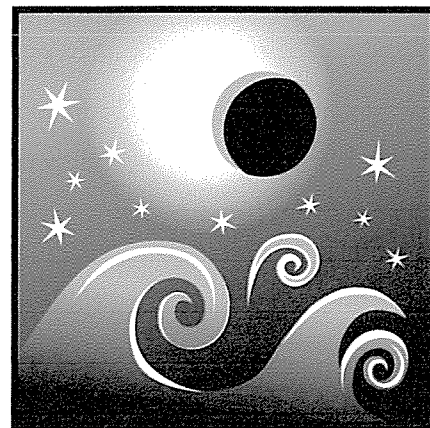
Alleluia!

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.’



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

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

OCEAN GROVE: Tue & Thu 9:15am

QUEENSCLIFF: Wed & Fri 9:15am

Sat 9:30am

GEELONG: St. John of God Hospital

Thu 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION

<http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au>

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PLEASE SEE BELOW.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

THANK YOU to everyone for your help as we continue to update our parish records to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and addresses for everyone.

With gratitude – Fr Darien and Daniella

Recently Deceased: Mario Azzopardi

Anniversaries 2nd December to 8th December:

Matthew McCormack, Helen Gurry, Peggy Bohan, George Grull, Eileen Buckeridge, Molly Monkevitas, Kit Mills, Frank Hayes, Bonnie Ryan.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poullos, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Mary Pace, Josh Walsh, Rev Deacon Allan Ansell, Denise Johnston, Lorraine Lang, Ian Briggs, Jill Hamblin, Bob & Kay Freyne, Vera Pollard, Susan Gibson.

ROSTERS

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

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

BARWON HEADS: 8th December 6:00pm:

(C) X. Kenworthy (L) S. Casey (SM) L. Mithen

(W) G & L Frances

OCEAN GROVE: 9th December 9:00am:

(C) J. Lally (L) M. Ray (SM) B. Corbett, F. Nelson

(W) R & N Bianco

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 2, 9th Dec

A. Walker, P. McLachlan

QUEENSCLIFF: 9th December 11:00am:

(C) M. Grundy (L) M. Grundy (SM) F. Neville (W) M. O'Neill

COUNTERS: Monday 26th November 10:00am:

J. Calnin, M. Sullivan, D.Arthur

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Expression of interest for counters: any Parishioners interested in assisting our current counting teams on Mondays, please email Daniella.

Trinity Aid for Refugees will hold a Grocery Collection

For Refugees on this **Sunday 2nd December** at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff. Donations of non perishable groceries (eg. Basmati rice, cooking oil, tuna), cleaning products, little gifts for Christmas Hampers would be most appreciated.

Ladies' Social Group Christmas Dinner:

Dinner will be held on **5th December** at **6pm** at 'Mr. Grubb', Oakdene. 3-course meal \$39.00 p.p. RSVP essential by Wednesday 28th November. Contact Judy 0417 347 553 or Lorraine 0438 036 004 advising your acceptance and any dietary requirements.

Ocean Grove Garden needs your help:

Mulch will be delivered to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on **Thursday 6th December**. The Garden Group is seeking assistance to spread the mulch around. Work is light. Please bring wheelbarrow if you have one. Rake and shovel required. Meet in Church yard at **9:30am**. Thanks from Dan, Louis and John.

Ocean Grove Carols in the Park will be held Sunday 9th

December at **7pm**. Students from Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School will be performing. The committee is looking for volunteers to be part of setting up, the outreach program and packing up on the night. If you are interested, please email Dianne Sapwell (Secretary) at djsapwell999@gmail.com.

Catholic liturgical heritage symposium - February 2019:

National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board (NLAAB) is collaborating with the ACU Centre for Liturgy in Melbourne in organising this Symposium which promises to be a timely professional development opportunity for pastoral ministers and liturgists, architects and artists and anyone interested in the liturgical environment for Catholic worship.

The Symposium will be held at The Australian Catholic University in Melbourne from 6th to 8th February 2019.

The below link will assist with registrations and more information about the venue, speakers and programme.
<https://www.acu.edu.au/architecturesymposium2019>

2019 Columban Calendars & Christmas cards are now on sale:

Columban Calendars \$9.00 each

Christmas Cards \$7.00 for pkt of 10

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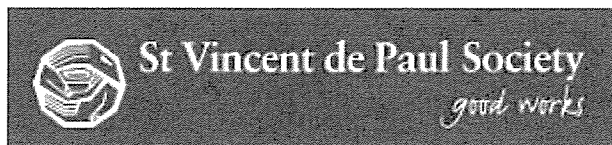
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ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. GNLVC 39

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd December – *Memorial*
St Francis Xavier

Tuesday 4th December – *Feria*
St John Damascene

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

Wednesday 5th December – *Feria*
Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 6th December – *Feast*
St Nicholas

Thursday of the 1st week of Advent
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 7th December – *Memorial*
St Ambrose

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 8th December – *Solemnity*
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Reconciliation at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

9:30am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 9th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

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

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

7:00pm Ocean Grove Carols in the Park

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Advent

PLENARY PRAYER

Be still
Be still and know
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I am your God.

— God of this Advent time —
As we watch, wait, long and hope,
Awaken our hearts to your presence
Encourage us in our efforts to
listen humbly to each other
Inspire in us the words to speak
boldly with each other
Create within us a spirit of discernment
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue
our journey to the Plenary Council.
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—
God-with-us.
Amen.

What do you think God is asking of us
at this time in Australia?
Visit www.plenarycouncilcatholic.org.au





St Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506 and studied at the University of Paris. He met St Ignatius of Loyola and joined his group of disciples who would found a new religious order; the Jesuits. Preaching in foreign missions became a fundamental aim of the Jesuits and in 1541, he sailed to Goa in India. He worked and lived with the poor people in every place he visited; from India and Ceylon to Japan and the Malay peninsula. During his ten years as a missionary, he is believed to have converted many thousands to Christianity. He is recognised as the patron saint of foreign missions.



Find the opposite of each word, then use the circled letters to complete the sentence below

MAN () _ _ _ _
 UNDER _ _ _ ()
 OPEN _ _ () _ _
 SAD _ _ _ () _
 ALWAYS () _ _ _

“the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great _ _ _ _ _ and glory.”

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- afraid
- brave
- disciples
- escape
- free
- moon
- nations
- pleased
- shaken
- surprise
- trap
- watch

O K T I D Q Y P P H W X C N W C Z
 D V V Y Q I G L E S I R P R U S A
 B U S E L P I C S I D E S A E L P
 A N V V F N S O K J S U A V Q A R
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 Q I Y J A C J M Y U X E A K G E Z
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