



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 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.

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

28 November 2021

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!*

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Gary Lusi, Tim Donovan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Wanda Gorecki, Edo Surina, Angela Lamari

ANNIVERSARIES

Sam Abela, Br. Francis Anh, Br. Francis Xavier Hoang, Sr. Maria Huong, Souls of the Doan family, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Peter Tran Van Hanh, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh, Dominic Tran Van Dat, Maria Nguyen Thi Mai, Peter Dong Manh Hung

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 5 December 2021

Frankie Zito

Levi Byrne

Charlotte Byrne

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes have now commenced. Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521
Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 30 Nov St Andrew

PARISH NEWS

THE SACRAMENT OF 1ST RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, 1st December, the Year 3 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation. This weekend, the children will be joining us at the 5pm and 6pm Saturday Vigil Masses and the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION – 'FATHER'S DAY' APPEAL

Due to being in lockdown, the traditional "Father's Day" collection for Retired Priests was not taken up on the 1st Sunday in September this year. This weekend we will have a collection at all Masses. Thanks to the parishioners who previously sent envelopes for this appeal during lockdown. Please give generously.

ST PETER'S CHURCH MASS TIMETABLE (UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Saturday

9.15am Morning Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

5.00pm Vigil Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

6.00pm Vigil Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

Sunday

8.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

10.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

5.00pm Mass – for Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

Monday

No Services.

Tuesday-Friday Morning

9.15am Morning Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people max)

CONFESSIONS

Following the Saturday morning 9.15am Mass, from approx. 10.00am for fully vaccinated. Unknown vaccination status parishioners should contact Fr Sebastian to make a time for Confession.

LATEST COVID-19 GUIDELINES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

In light of the further lifting of COVID restrictions as of 11.59pm on 18th November, the following will apply.

Religious Gatherings, Funerals and Weddings

Fully Vaccinated 12 years + 2months and over:

Places of Worship may open for all celebrations, including weddings and funerals, for fully vaccinated attendees with no capacity or density limits. Those attending must register via the QR Code upon arrival and provide vaccination certificate to our COVID Check in Marshals either on their phones or by hard copy. Face coverings are no longer required for these attendees.

Unknown Vaccination Status: If vaccination status isn't being checked, or status of attendees is unknown, Church capacity is restricted to one person per 4 sqm up to a maximum of 50 people per Mass. Face masks are mandatory at these Masses.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In November we pray for our faithfully departed. The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them. Special envelopes for November Masses for the Holy Souls can be collected from the table in the narthex or in your set of envelopes.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Christmas Mass Timetable and Christmas Reconciliation date will be available in next weekend's Parish Bulletin.

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MASS TIMES

PLEASE REFER TO THE MASS TIMETABLE UNDER 'PARISH NEWS' UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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SCHOOL NEWS

1ST RECONCILIATION AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to the Grade 3 students who will be making their 1st Reconciliation next Wednesday, 1st December.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.