



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our Parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Edo Morovic

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Dominic Tran Dat, Maria Nguyen Mai, Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Father Andrew Doan Thanh Dien

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 27th November 2022

Rafael De Luca

12noon – Sunday 4th December 2022

Sophia Riquelme

Caleb Brancatisano

Please pray for these children and their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 30 Nov St Andrew
Saturday 3 Dec St Francis Xavier

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Available for purchase before Mass - \$10 each.

PARISH NEWS

ST PETER'S PARISH & SCHOOL 2022 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER – 5.00PM – TILL LATE

This year's Christmas Carols event will start at 5.00pm. We will have lots of yummy food to purchase for your dinner. BBQ sausages, Vietnamese & Indian food, snow cones, fairy floss, cakes, drinks and more! There will be performances by St Peter's Primary school students followed by a dance party. Bring your family and friends and a rug to sit on.

Raffle tickets are now available. Great prices to be won including a \$500 Visa Debit Card, Apple AirPods Pro 2nd Generation, 3-\$100 Vouchers, and various other prizes. \$20 a book of 10 tickets or \$2 each. All tickets and money must be returned by Friday 2nd December to the Parish Office. Prizes will be drawn on Carol's night.

CAKE STALL

We will have a Cake Stall on Carols night. It would be appreciated if parishioners can make cakes or goodies to sell at our stall. If you can bake something, please bring by **11am on 8th December** to the Parish Office or Church. It would be appreciated if you could include the ingredients used in making the cake on a paper or sticker (see in narthex)

PARISH OFFICE

Re-opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays this week from 8.30am-4.00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Christmas Mass Timetable and Christmas Reconciliation date will be available next weekend.

PALMS AUSTRALIA – Mission Opportunities Overseas

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

24 HOUR ADORATION

We will be having a 24 hour adoration next Friday 2nd December starting with the 9.15am mass and concluding Saturday morning with mass and benediction. This is also the first Friday of the Month. Please sign the sheet in the narthex, we need at least 2 people each hour.

As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 Nov, 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted, which means we are obliged to come to church and participate in the Holy Mass on the days of obligation, Sundays and other holy days. – Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Year 5JM Class Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass

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.