

**Monday-Saturday, 28th November — 3rd December, 2022**

## Year A—1st Week of Advent

### MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.**

READING: Is 4:2-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

That day, the branch of the Lord shall be beauty and glory, and the fruit of the earth shall be the pride and adornment of Israel's survivors.

Those who are left of Zion

and remain of Jerusalem

shall be called holy

and those left in Jerusalem, noted down for survival.

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughter of Zion

and cleansed Jerusalem of the blood shed in her with the blast of judgement and the blast of destruction,

the Lord will come and rest

on the whole stretch of Mount Zion

and on those who are gathered there,

a cloud by day, and smoke,

and by night the brightness of a flaring fire.

For, over all, the glory of the Lord

will be a canopy and a tent

to give shade by day from the heat,

refuge and shelter from the storm and the rain.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come and save us, Lord, our God; let us see your face, and we shall be saved. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 8:5-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus went into Capernaum a centurion came up and pleaded with him. 'Sir,' he said 'my servant is lying at home paralysed, and in great pain.' 'I will come myself and cure him' said Jesus. The centurion replied, 'Sir, I am not worthy to have you under my roof; just give the word and my

servant will be cured. For I am under authority myself, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man: Go, and he goes; to another: Come here, and he comes; to my servant: Do this, and he does it.' When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this. And I tell you that many will come from the east and west to take their places with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.**

### TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.**

READING: Is 11:1-10

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,

a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests,

a spirit of wisdom and insight,

a spirit of counsel and power,

a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,

he gives no verdict on hearsay,

but judges the wretched with integrity,

and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,

his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,

faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,

the panther lies down with the kid,

calf and lion cub feed together

with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,

their young lie down together.  
 The lion eats straw like the ox.  
 The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
 into the viper's lair  
 the young child puts his hand.  
 They do no hurt, no harm,  
 on all my holy mountain,  
 for the country is filled with the knowledge of the  
 Lord as the waters swell the sea.  
 That day, the root of Jesse  
 shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
 It will be sought out by the nations  
 and its home will be glorious.  
**The Word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Behold, our Lord shall come with power; he will enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Lk 10:21-24**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*  
 Filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Then turning to his disciples he spoke to them in private, 'Happy the eyes that see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.**

**FIRST FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER**

**MASS AND ADORATION AT**

**ST KEVIN'S CHURCH 9.15 AM Mass and Adoration**

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:**

**Mass 7.00 pm**

**Adoration 7.30-10.00pm**

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO morning Mass at St Patrick's on Friday, 2nd December 2022.**

**WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Feast of St Andrew*



**St. Andrew, Apostle**

1st Century

crucified on an X-shaped cross

**Novena Prayer**  
 (15 times per day, 11/30-12/24)

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.**

**The "Glory to God in the highest" is said.**

**FIRST READING: Rom 10:9-18**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*  
 If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But they will not ask his help unless they believe in him, and they will not believe in him unless they have heard of him, and they will not hear of him unless they get a preacher, and they will never have a preacher unless one is sent, but as scripture says: The footsteps of those who bring good news are a welcome sound. Not everyone, of course, listens to the Good News. As Isaiah says: Lord, how many believed what we proclaimed? So faith comes from what is preached, and what is preached comes from the word of Christ.

Let me put this question: is it possible that they did not hear? Indeed they did; in the words of the psalm, their voice has gone out through all the earth, and their message to the ends of the world.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Their message goes out through all the earth.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Come, follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 4:18-22**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.**

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**THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

**READING: Is 26:1-6**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

That day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;

to guard us he has set

wall and rampart about us.

Open the gates! Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one

whose mind is steadfast, who keeps the peace, because she trusts in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

for the Lord is the everlasting Rock;

he has brought low those who lived high up

in the steep citadel;

he brings it down, brings it down to the ground,

flings it down in the dust:

the feet of the lowly, the footsteps of the poor trample on it.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Seek the Lord while he can be found. Call on him while he is near. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 7:21. 24-27**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

**FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.**

**READING: Is 29:17-24**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord says this:

In a short time, a very short time, shall not Lebanon become fertile land and fertile land turn into forest?

The deaf, that day,

will hear the words of a book

and, after shadow and darkness,

the eyes of the blind will see.

But the lowly will rejoice in the Lord even more

and the poorest exult in the Holy One of Israel;

for tyrants shall be no more, and scoffers

vanish,

and all be destroyed who are disposed to do evil:

those who gossip to incriminate others,

those who try at the gate to trip the arbitrator

and get the upright man's case dismissed for groundless reasons.

Therefore the Lord speaks,

the God of the House of Jacob,  
Abraham's redeemer:  
No longer shall Jacob be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale,  
for he shall see what my hands have done in his  
midst,  
he shall hold my name holy.  
They will hallow the Holy One of Jacob,  
stand in awe of the God of Israel.  
Erring spirits will learn wisdom  
and murmurers accept instruction.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Behold, our Lord shall come with power; he will  
enlighten the eyes of his servants. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 9:27-31**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.*

As Jesus went on his way two blind men followed  
him shouting, 'Take pity on us, Son of David.' And  
when Jesus reached the house the blind men came  
up with him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I  
can do this?' They said, 'Sir, we do.' Then he  
touched their eyes saying, 'Your faith deserves it,  
so let this be done for you.' And their sight  
returned. Then Jesus sternly warned them, 'Take  
care that no one learns about this.' But when they  
had gone, they talked about him all over the  
countryside.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We await a saviour, the  
Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal  
bodies, to conform with his glorified body.**

## **SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*Memorial of St Francis Xavier  
(Alternative Readings used)*



**Happy feast day of  
St. Francis Xavier!**

**Patron of the missions,  
best friend of St. Ignatius  
Loyola, and co-founder  
of the Jesuits!**

**St. Francis Xavier,  
pray for us!**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I will praise you, Lord,  
among the nations; I will tell of your name to my  
kin.**

**READING: 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a  
duty which has been laid on me; I should be  
punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this  
work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I  
have not, it is a responsibility which has been put  
into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It  
is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the  
Good News free, and not insist on the rights which  
the Gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made  
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many  
as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I  
made myself all things to all men in order to save  
some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of  
the Gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good  
News!**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you  
always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mk 16:15-20**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and he said to  
them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the  
Good News to all creation. He who believes and is  
baptised will be saved; he who does not believe  
will be condemned. These are the signs that will be  
associated with believers: in my name they will cast  
out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they  
will pick up snakes in their hands, and be  
unharmd should they drink deadly poison; they  
will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to  
them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right  
hand of God he took his place, while they, going  
out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with  
them and confirming the word by the signs that  
accompanied it.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: What I say to you in  
the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord,  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the  
housetops.**

### **HEALING MASS**



**Tuesday, 6th December, we will  
have a Healing Mass at  
St Patrick's at 12 noon.**