



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Advent means "coming," and during the season, Catholics prepare for Jesus' coming. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. During Advent there will be a special prayer on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7pm, everyone is welcome.

Social Sunday BBQ weekend will be combined with World Children's Day Sunday 28th November 2021. Raffle will be drawn on this weekend with the Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle. So come along buy some raffle tickets and buy a bbq sausage. Help is always needed if you can spare an hour or two.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Service Delivery Manager, Emerging Futures Collaborative Limited, Melbourne/Parish Secretary, Westernport Parish, Hastings/Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner/Parish Secretary, St Mary's Parish & St Colman's Parish, St Kilda East & Balaclava/Office Administrator, Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish, Ivanhoe/Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington/Discipleship Intern (Campus), East Melbourne & On Campus/Discipleship Intern (Parish), East Melbourne & Assigned Parish Placements (various)/Jo Care Digital Coordinator, Stonnington Area/Lay Ecclesiastical Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: Special Intentions: John, **For Healing:** Ryan Hurt, Sylvia

Farnfield, Agnes Bonner, Anne Martin, Peter Thomson,

Recently Deceased: Jerry Borg, Luis Mascarenhas

Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Moreska Cleur, Philomena Dougherty, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 28th Nov 2021)

Saturday 27th/28th Nov

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary

10.00am St Peter's School First Communion

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Freddy Brockdorff, + Mary Calleja, Anthony & Jane DeManuel, Grace Tabone, Anne Demanuel, Kalina Galea, Anttionea Farrugia, + Francesco, Antonino, Nicola & family, Domenico & Francesco Bartolotta, Fortuna Annunziata & family, Cugliari Domenico & family

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass + Maryanne, Michael, Joe, Frank & George Azzopardi, Frank & Joe Gauci, Kalina & John Grech, Kim Duong (Thanks giving)

8.30 am English Mass + Mary Calleja

10.00am English Mass + Luis John Mascarenhas, + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Frank Romano, Olivieri Maria, + Emmanuel Fenech, & Pinu & Carmena Fenech

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

6.00pm Advent Prayer Service

Monday 29th Nov

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
12.00pm Lady of Knots

Tuesday 30th Nov

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 1st Dec

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 2nd Dec

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)
7.00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 3rd Dec

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
5.30pm Maltese Confession
6.00pm Maltese Mass

Saturday 4th/5th Dec

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary

Baptism: 11.00am - 11.30am -

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Emy Saffarese

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass +

8.30 am English Mass +

10.00am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Advent Prayer Service



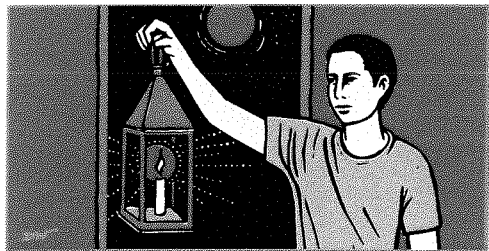
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

28 NOVEMBER 2021

FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

The Portuguese have a proverb that 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' We know that it is not always easy to discern what God is writing. Our world, indeed our own lives, can be marked by so many contradictions and tensions. Can there be faith in the midst of disappointment? Can there be hope in the face of suffering? The readings for today agree in proclaiming that the answer is 'yes' for the person of faith.

Jeremiah writes words of hope and promise in the midst of the massive upheaval and loss of faith that accompanied the people of Israel going into exile in 587BC. To speak words of faith in the face of such horror and disappointment would have required a great deal of faith indeed.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians was written only some twenty years after the death of Jesus at a time when the earliest Christians believed that the Lord Jesus would return at any moment. Paul advises them about how best to prepare and encourages them to keep their vision and commitment while they are waiting.

Some twenty years later Luke's Christians ran the risk of being discouraged due to the delay in the return of the Lord. They found themselves fearful of that day when the Lord Jesus would return and needed encouragement and consolation. Luke reminds them of Jesus' words, to give them hope so that when he returns, he will find them confident and hopeful, ready and waiting.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP 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 Thess 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!