

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday of Advent- Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Prepare a way for the Lord

God will re-establish the wealth of the people and that the land once barren and forsaken will yield an abundant harvest.

The reading from 2 Peter contains three distinct yet connected themes: the delay in the return of the Lord; the apocalyptic dissolution of the world; and the manner of life that is required of a faithful Christian. The author of the letter insists that, despite what seems to many to be a very long delay, the Day of the Lord will indeed come. Its timing, like that of a thief in the night, is unpredictable. Therefore, Christians should not grow weary of waiting, nor should they become careless in their waiting. The destruction described has a saving purpose. First, apocalyptic judgment will purge the world of sin, and then the righteous will dwell within the new heaven and new earth.

Just as the account of God's creative work starts, 'in the beginning' (Gen 1:1), so Mark's gospel points to a new beginning (v.1). By applying the prophetic passage to John the Baptist, the author bestows prophetic authority on one who led an austere life and delivered an exacting message. Attired like the prophet Elijah (v.6; see 2 Kgs 1:8), John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The scope and character of the crowds that he attracts signal the spiritual hunger of the people. John got the attention of the crowds, but he quickly turned it away from himself and toward Jesus. John's appearance, his message, and his baptism all heralded the good news of salvation.

The message of Deutero-Isaiah opens with the exclamation 'Comfort my people'. The passage itself seems to be a prophetic commissioning. The people are directed to act out their deliverance even before they see evidence of it. The picture sketched resembles the carefully repaired highway over which victorious kings or generals travelled in triumphant procession on their return home. There is an element of universalism here. Not only they, but all humankind will see the glory of their God. This wondrous display will be the first proof that they have finally been delivered from their suffering. The second directive is given to the people in Jerusalem itself. They are to announce that the mighty, victorious God is coming.

The psalm depicts the people awaiting a reply to a plea that they must have made elsewhere. Their confidence that God will respond rests in the conviction that they are God's own people; they are faithful people; they trust in God. There is great expectancy here. The people have done what they can to get God's attention. Now they wait confidently for God's response. Lovingkindness, truth, justice and peace are characteristics of a covenantal relationship. When they meet and embrace each other, salvation is complete. The psalmist is confident that

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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ROSTER		Weekend of 9/10 Dec	Weekend of 16/17Dec
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Mary Webster	Mary Webster
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Shirley Whitfield
Counters		H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar


Parish Calendar		
Dec Tue 12	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church
Wed 13	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church
Thu 14	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church
Fri 15	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church
Sat 16	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church
Sun 17	7.30am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church



Seniors Christmas Lunch

The last Seniors lunch will be our Christmas lunch on Thursday 14 December 12.00 to 2.00pm

Please put your Name, Contact and Total coming on the list in the Foyer so that we can prepare enough food for all.



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits

Important Notice

We would like to inform parishioners that our Monday Communion Service is suspended for December and January and Saturday 8.00am Mass is cancelled until further notice



2023 Christmas Masses

24 December 2023
7.00pm Family Mass
9.00pm Vigil Mass

25 December 2023
9.00am Morning Mass

VOLUNTEERS 2024 COUNTING ROSTER

Counters are urgently required to assist with the weekly collections. Please place your name and contact details on the form located in the church foyer.

Alternatively you can contact Terry Scanlan on 0439972583 or tscanlan1240@gmail.com for further details.

Parishioners can also assist by making donations via direct payment EFT to the 1st and 2nd collection bank accounts.




Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Gardening & General Maintenance of Garden

Two of the church volunteers have reached retirement age and we are looking for volunteers to take over maintenance of the grounds and gardens.

It has been suggested that two mini working bees be conducted each month. One on the first and one on the third Saturday. If any parishioner is available on either of these two days each month, please place your name on the list in the foyer. Ideally, we would wish to see five or six volunteers on each of the two Saturdays.




Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm.
Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

Tasks include but not limited to-

- Maintaining gardens, removing all weeds and dead material - dead heading plants
- Spraying weeds in all paved areas, car park, footpath and kerbing with glysohate or something similar.
- Treating areas of ant infestation in all paved areas, car park, footpath and kerbing with Antex or something similar.
- Collecting and disposing of any rubbish, leaves etc on grounds
- Sweeping all paved areas and car park perimeter
- Watering pot plants in church and columbarium

It is realized that many of our parishioners have busy lives and a number of commitments, but we are asking for only a few hours of your time each year to maintain the grounds of your church.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will

prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Waiting for Christmas is hard. It is hard to wait for anything. But it is especially frustrating to wait for something when you don't know how long it will take or what is holding it up – for example, driving along on a busy highway and coming upon a traffic jam that cannot be explained. As far as you can see there is no accident, no construction, no reason for all four lanes to be at a standstill. But if you have been in such a situation long enough, you might have seen what sometimes happens. Sooner or later people start trickling out of their cars to talk to one another. They start getting acquainted and cracking jokes. Suddenly the waiting doesn't seem like such torture. Why? Because people begin to comfort one another.

How does attitude affect waiting and even pain? How does comfort affect attitude?

When have you been comforted by a friend or a family member? What words helped? What actions helped? What did he or she try to do for you? Have you ever been able to be of comfort to another? What have you done or said? What happened?

Next Sunday Readings

16/17 December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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