

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ



Today's First Reading, Jeremiah 33:14-16, expresses the hope for the restoration of David's dynasty following Israel's return from captivity in Babylon. In the years leading up to the time of Jesus, this text became a key vehicle of the hope for an ideal king of David's line who would be God's instrument inaugurating prosperity, justice and peace. Christian readers of the Old Testament naturally referred God's promise to make a 'virtuous Branch for David' to the coming of Jesus. In fact, there are echoes of this text in the angel Gabriel's description to Mary of the status and role of the child she is to bear

The Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2, well expresses the early Christian sense of living in expectation of the second coming of the Lord. What matters above all is to be 'blameless' in the sight of our God and Father when the Lord Jesus comes.

Today we no longer look to a literal 'arrival' of the Lord on the clouds of heaven (see 4:16-17). But Christian faith has never abandoned the sense of accountability that goes with this expectation. Hence we can hear as addressed to ourselves Paul's exhortation to his very recent converts in Thessalonica to make more and more progress in living out the gospel.

Advent is a time for examination in such areas. It is also a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires and allowing them to surface. They can ride up, so to speak, on the scripture texts that the Church puts before us at this time.

God's only wish in our regard is to communicate to us the life and love for which we long. Each Advent should expand both our longing and our capacity to receive the gift of God.

The Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36), taken from Jesus' long instruction on the future (21:5-38), again focuses upon the second coming of the Lord. It is full of the kind of apocalyptic descriptions and portents that have always excited the fundamentalist religious imagination. They create real difficulty for preachers today. The important thing, I think, is to focus upon the basic intent of such discourse, which is to address the sense of dismay and challenge to hope that calamities of various kinds present. While God may appear to be silent or absent, somehow all these things are held within the divine purpose, which will ultimately win through. The reference to the coming of Jesus as Son of Man catches up the vision of Daniel 7:13-14, a text which played a very significant role in early Christian messianic hope. Jesus will come 'with all his saints' - the 'communion of saints' that unites the Church on earth with all who have gone before us to the Lord and with all those holy ones who lived before his coming, will at last be revealed.

While the basic message is one of comfort and reassurance, the second part of the gospel adopts a more admonitory tone. Believers must be like people expecting visitors but unsure as to when exactly they will arrive. The time of waiting requires attentiveness and a sharp spiritual sense. Anything that dulls the spirit (debauchery and drunkenness) or causes it to be distracted (absorption in the cares of life) must be avoided.



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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 27/28 Nov	Weekend of 4/5 Dec
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Ron Fris	Antonia Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Joanne Agar, Arthur Moy	Elizabeth Noronha, T Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 29	8.00am	Communion Service (1st Week of Advent) Church
Tue 30	8.00am	Mass (St Andrew) Church
Dec Wed 1	8.00am	Mass (1st Week of Advent) Church
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass (1st Week of Advent) Church
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (St Francis Xavier) Church
Sat 4	9.00am	Funeral Mass for Mary Baruffi
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
Sun 5	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Second Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Second Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Second Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Second Sunday of Advent Year C) Church

Christmas Nativity Play (for Christmas Eve mass)



If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Children's Mass on Friday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au There will be rehearsals held on the three weekends in December



Seniors Gathering Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16 December 2021
12 to 2pm

If you are interested please put your name and contact details on the list provided.

Thanks, Social Committee

New Counters Needed

Volunteers are needed to count the second collection on Sunday mornings.

Due to retirements new counters are needed. If you wish to volunteer please write your name and contact details in the form provided in the foyer.

It takes less than an hour to do the job

2022 Columban Calendar

If you have ordered your calendar it can be collected from the Piety Stall. The cost is \$9.00 each.

MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held next Sunday 5th December after the 9.00am Mass

Hosted by Giselle & Lina

All are welcome



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays 10am - 12noon
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon
\$5 per session

All proceeds go to Manning Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits!



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

Old & New Readers

Please consider being a reader at Sunday Mass from January to June 2022. We are short of readers. Please put your name down in the list provided in the foyer.

If you have not read before, there will be training before you do it the first time.



VINNIES 2021 APPEAL

It is the time of the year when Vinnies are seeking support for their Christmas Appeal. Baskets for goods donations will be left in the foyer of the church. Preferred items are toiletries, baby powder, laundry powder, tissue packs, long life milk, rice, canned food and soups, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, instant noodles, biscuits. All donations will end on the weekend of 11 & 12 December and be collected on 13 December by the Como SVDP conference. Thank you for supporting this appeal.

They are also asking for new members to join their Conference. They provide emergency assistance for needy people in South Perth, Como, Kensington, Manning, Waterford and Karawara. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mike Cosson on 0419 938 959.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas

John Paul Church Willetton
Wednesday 8 December 7.00pm

Thomas More Church Bateman
Thursday 9 December 7.30pm

Queen of Apostles Church Riverton
Tuesday 14 December 7.00pm

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First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

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

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

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.’

Next Sunday Readings

5 December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever tried to draw your family tree? How many uncles and aunts do you have? How many cousins do you have? How many grandparents do you remember knowing? Are any of them still alive? If so, what are they like? Do you have any older relatives that you really admire? What country or countries are your relatives from?

Luke and Matthew want us to know that Jesus was born in King David's family. How would you feel if you found out that one of your ancestors was a king or queen?

What do you think your children and grandchildren might be like? Where do you think they might live? What country do you hope they will live in? What do you hope for all people living in the world by the time your children or grandchildren are grown?



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During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Write down some of the ways you can help family, friends and people in need during Advent.

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