

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Advent- Year B

3rd December 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Be on your guard, stay awake

responsible for the safety and prosperity of the nation. Gradually it was applied to the longed-for royal messiah.

After greeting the Christians with customary expressions from Greek society (grace to you) and Hebrew tradition (peace), Paul offers a brief prayer of thanksgiving and then moves to the theological point of the passage, namely, the community's anticipation of the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Corinthian Christians were living in the 'time between'. Christ had died and risen from the dead. However, they lived in anticipation of his return. At issue was the manner of their lifestyle and the character of their commitment in the 'time between'. Paul reminds them that all of their talents and the gifts that they had from God were meant to aid them in living faithfully until the Lord's coming.

A thrice-repeated command, 'Watch!' surrounds a parable that emphasises the need to be ready at all times, because Christians do not know when the Lord will return. The Greek word for 'time' (kairos) refers to a special time, more than mere chronological or sequential time (chronos). Kairos is uncommon time and uncommon events occur within it. Waiting for the Lord's return is like the situation of servants who remain behind when the householder goes abroad. Each servant is given a certain authority within the household. The gatekeeper is singled out and told to be on the watch. The parable highlights the uncertainty surrounding the householder's return and the vigilance required of the servants as they wait.

The reading is a composite of a communal lament (63:16-17,19) and a historical recital (64:2-7). The people feel abandoned even by their ancestors Abraham and Jacob/Israel, and so they cry out. They blame God for allowing them to stray from the path of righteousness (v.17), but they also pray that God will intervene now to re-establish a relationship with them (v.19). Attention then shifts to the account of God's mighty deeds of the past (64:3). The people hope that God will work similar wonders for them. The reading itself does not contain an explicit message of hope. However, having admitted their own culpability and praised God's past favours, they seem confident that God will manifest divine power again.

This communal lament contains several images of God: attentive shepherd and imperial ruler, military captain (Lord of Hosts), and cultivator of vines. What apt images to characterise the relationship between God and the people! Though God is very powerful, like an imperial ruler or a military leader, the care that God provides compares to that of an attentive shepherd or a patient vine dresser. The final plea for help mentions one who sits at God's right hand, traditionally considered the place of honour. This may have originally been a reference to the king, the one who was

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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

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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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	Susanna Hooper	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
	Counters	Terry & Meagan Scanlan	H & F Tay

Parish Calendar			
Dec Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church	
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church	
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church	
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Advent weekday Cycle 2) Church	
Sat 9	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church	
Sun 10	7.30am	Sunday Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church	
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent Year B) Church	
	11.00am	Sunday (2nd 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

2024 Christmas Masses

24 December 2024
7.00pm Family Mass
9.00pm Vigil Mass

25 December 2024
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.

Centre for Faith Enrichment

Come along to a great faith event on the eve of the Immaculate Conception.
7 December 2023 7 - 8.30pm
Newman Siena Centre
Clune Lecture Theatre
(Light supper provided)
By Fr Robin Koning SJ
Speaker and Vocations Director

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 glyosphate 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 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

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

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

It is hard to be the clay and to let God be the potter. That's like praying, 'Whatever you ask of me, God, I'm willing to do it. I'm all yours. Point the way, and I'm walking it.'

It is easier to be the potter and want God to be the clay. That's like praying, 'God, please do this and do that; please give me this and give me that.'

- When did you pray as if you were the potter? What happened? How did you feel?
- Did you ever pray as if you were the clay? If so, what happened? How did you feel? If not, why not? What might happen? And how could you feel?
- What is the hardest challenge God might ask you to accept? What is so hard about it?

Next Sunday Readings

9 & 10 December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Visitation of our Lady's Statue

We would like to commence the visitation of our Lady's Statue in Parishioners' homes. The statue will be dropped off in your home on a Saturday and picked up the following Saturday.

If you would like to have the statue
in your home, please call Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Christmas Jesus prepare
season is the when
we for the
arrival Advent of at