

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

5 December 2021



Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ



Luke cites a Scripture passage from Isaiah. This passage expresses the prophet's hope during the time of the Exile in Babylon that God will soon come to act and redeem the people and bring them back to their own land. The passage he quotes is from the opening of Isaiah chapter 40 which begins with a message of consolation.

'Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

One of the issues facing the early Christians was the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John was popular and had disciples who continued to preach his message even after John's death. It seems some were wondering who was the greater figure, Jesus or John. Luke looks back to the prophet Isaiah to present a theology that John was simply the one preparing the way for Jesus. He was the voice 'in the wilderness' as Isaiah had prophesied. Luke is therefore making a comparison between the saving God of the Exile, with the saving God present in Jesus. The theme of continuity between how God acted in the past and the events happening now, is Luke's method to affirm that God is faithful. Israel's story can thus shed light on current experience.

That God keeps faith is also the message of Paul to the community of Philippi – the one who began this good work in you, will see that it is finished, or brought to completion, before the Day of Christ Jesus. In Paul, we also see the strong sense of 'End Time' hope that dominated early Christian theology.

The Gospel today uses a technique we see in films of moving from a wide-angle panorama to a narrower-focussed single character. It begins in Caesar's Rome, and then moves to the region of Judea governed by Pilate, then to a smaller state, Galilee, with a puppet king Herod and his priests, Annas and Caiaphas. Having rolled all these 'credits' past our eyes we then meet the principal actor – the Word of God. Kings and governors are only background players in Luke's story. His focus is on God and the 'little ones' of this world through whom God can act. These introductory verses show Luke's interest in history – not for the sake of a historical record, but for the sake of Luke's particular theology. Luke will show the continuity between God's actions in the past and what God did during the time of Jesus, and what God is now doing in the time of the Church. History is an aspect of Luke's theological agenda!

John appears in the barren hills of the Judean wilderness calling the people of Israel to repent, and through baptism to express their desire for cleansing from sin. Scholars know from their excavations that the people of Israel practised ritual bathing before they entered the Temple. The cleansing waters prepared them to come before God. John's baptism is similar. He invites people to be prepared, for God is coming to them as Saviour.

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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 4/5 Dec	Weekend of 11/12 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	Susanna Hooper	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Giselle Shankar
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha, T Scanlan	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
Dec Mon 6	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Maria Retnam (No Communion Service at 8.00am)
Tue 7	8.00am	Mass (St Ambrose) Church
Wed 8	8.00am	Mass (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
Thu 9	8.00am	Mass (2nd Week of Advent) Church
Fri 10	8.00am	Mass (2nd Week of Advent) Church
Sat 11	8.00am	Mass (2nd Week of Advent) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
Sun 12	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Advent Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Advent Year C) Church



Christmas Nativity Play (for Christmas Eve mass)

Due to lack of numbers we are not able to proceed with the Children Nativity Play on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to the 6 children who have come forward to volunteer to take part.



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 which will be provided soon

Thanks, Social Committee



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

MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held this Sunday 5 December after the 9.00am Mass.

Hosted by
Giselle and Lina
All are welcome



Condolences & Prayers

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Maria Retnam's family on her death on 28 November.

Funeral Mass

10.00am Monday 6 December.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Mary Grace Burke's family on her death on 1 December at the age of 101. Her Funeral has not been finalised.

Catholic Mission 2021



Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery will be a live-streamed YouTube event from 7pm to 8.30pm (AWST) on Friday December 10. A recording will be available for those who wish to view it at a more convenient time. Students from 10 Catholic colleges will be involved in the readings, music, artwork and keynote address.

These young & passionate voices will provide us with a beautiful & thought provoking experience during this Advent Season. For more information on how to attend the event online or in person, scan the QR code or email Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Family Mass - 7.00 pm
(Nativity play)
Vigil Mass - 9.00 pm

Christmas Day

Morning Mass - 9.00am
Chinese Mass - 11.00 am

New Year's Eve

6.00 pm

New Year's Day

9.00 am

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

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME - DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND (COVID-SAFE RULE)

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Saint Paul is so thankful for his friends who are his 'partners' in spreading the Gospel.

Who are your partners in life? Do you have a best friend or a group of friends that partner you and one another through life's ups and downs? Describe such a friend. Are you thankful for this special friendship? How do you show your thankfulness?

Are you a thankful person in general? Do you write a lot of thank you notes? Do you always remember to say thank you when you are given something? Do you often consider all the things you have to be thankful for? How can you improve in this area?

What do you think it means to be a partner in spreading the Gospel? What would Gospel-spreading partners do?

Next Sunday Readings

12 December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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