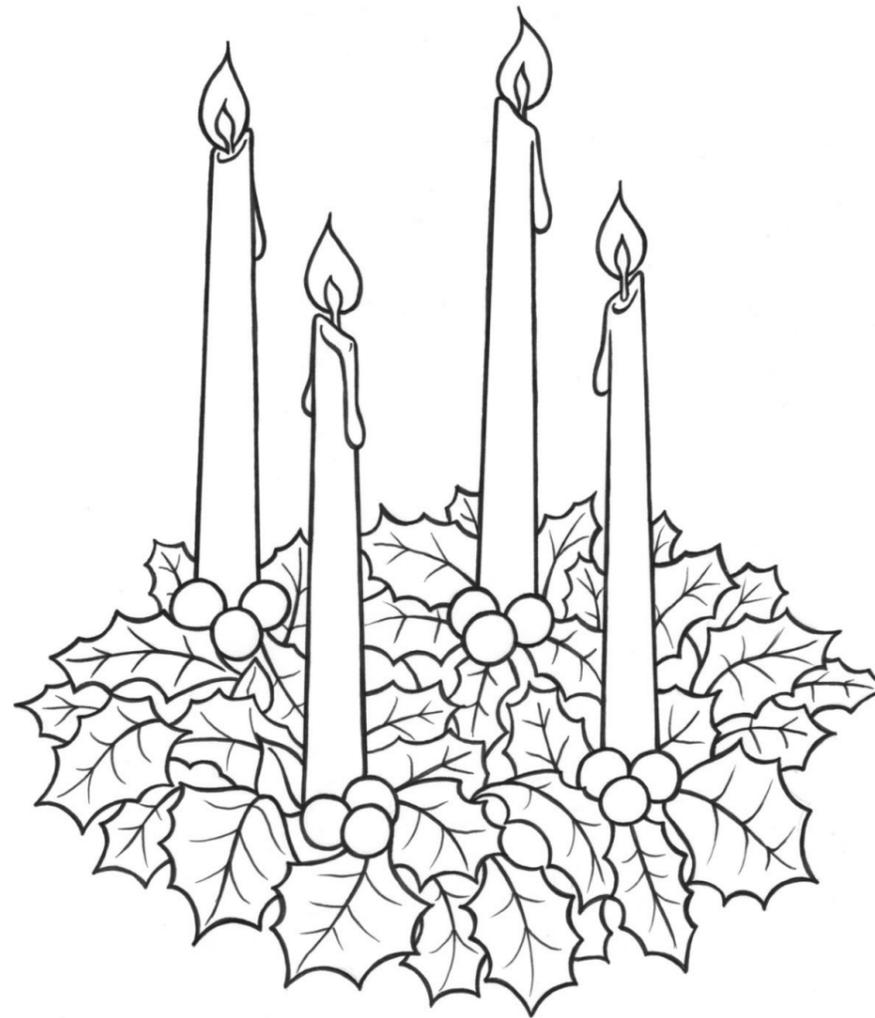


# ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE



Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER 2020



Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.  
Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers



**Recent Death:**

**Anniversaries:**

Vincenzo Iudica; John Caminiti; John Nolen; Mary McKinley; Sebastiana Gallo; Dick Fitzgerald; Maria Mezzatesta; Lance Bradford; Josephine Rocks; Mary Thompson; Talbot Nolen

**Sick:**

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;

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MANANGATANG MINISTRIES		
Date	29-11-2020 11:00am	06-12-2020 11:00am
Readers	Thomas Sebi	Joan Ryan
Prayer of the Faithful	Kevin Templeton	Kevin Templeton
Offertory	Margaret Carroll	Dianne Pook
Eucharist		

**FINANCES**

Presbytery: \$ 245.00  
Parish: \$121.00



R F B V A M E V E R Y T H I N G S  
H F S G B H I V I T C Z B E G E J  
M Y X M N H P G R S S D J S R M L  
K B C P F Y S L E E P Z X V F Z E  
R D L W D H B T N N N U A G Z Q P  
X R W A H I Q G G A K N O W Y J B  
F I E Q R O Y S U L T G U A R D Y  
W R C D W A U Q P S A S R S U M P  
V P J N X O N S H Q Z P V U U F W  
P M D B G M S A E Q G V V N X O R  
N B Q G F M I D N I G H T M F F S  
F J D O U R G K M S I W K O Z E L  
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R R R E T S A M Q C Z V G H P R X

Try to find these words:

- dawn
- everything
- guard
- house
- know
- master
- midnight
- ready
- servants
- sleep
- time
- watchmen

**Parish Updates:**

This weekend we commence the season of Advent.

It's great that our churches are open to everyone again! How appropriate that we can celebrate Mass without number restrictions.

Finally, we can have about 70 parishioners seated inside St Mary's while St Patrick's remains much the same.

When inside is complete we have more chairs available in the Narthex.

Please note ~ next weekend Robinvale has 2 Masses: 6:00 pm Saturday & 11:00am Sunday while Manangatang changes to Sunday 9am.

We need to commence Rosters again to keep our parish running smoothly. Please consider volunteering to help with some of the many jobs.

This Sunday you are invited to stay for a cuppa after 11:00am Mass in Manangatang.

**St Mary's Church -**

**Cleaning & Lawns**

**December**

- Molluso Families
- Natale Families
- Scarcella Families
- Iudica Families



- ◆ Mass Services Robinvale
- ◆ Saturday 5th December 6:00pm
- ◆ Sunday 6th December 11:00am
- ◆ Mass Services Manangatang
- ◆ Sunday 6th December 9:00am

**First Reading****Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8****A reading from the prophet Isaiah***Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

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.

**This is the word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help

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

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.

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

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.

**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.****Second Reading**

Cor 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.* 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.

**This is the word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!****Gospel** Mk 13:33-37**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

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!'

**The Gospel of the Lord****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ****Gospel Reflection**

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. Many young people in our society cannot see the value of religious belief or religious practice. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

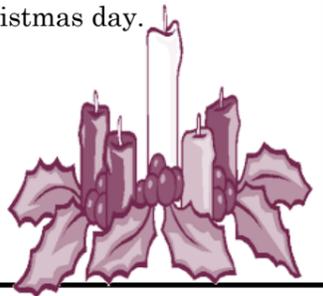
Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.

**Greg Sunter****School News**

On Wednesday we were joined by Fr Anthony, Pat Curran, Lisa Gorman (School Advisory Council), Tom Sexton (Executive Director of Catholic Education Ballarat) and Tracey O'Neill (Director of DOBCEL). They were here to sign papers to transfer the school over to the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL). Our school Leadership team and the two school captains joined the signing ceremony. Under the new governance model, principals will still continue to have appropriate delegations to lead and manage their school and staff supported by the CEO of DOBCEL. Fr Anthony will continue to play a fundamental and active role in the pastoral ministry of schools. Tom and Tracey had a tour of the school, lead by the School Captain's and Mrs Welsh before leaving for Swan Hill.



Light the Advent candle, one:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
we have started on our way,  
time to think of Christmas day.

**COVID SAFE PLAN:****St Mary's Robinvale & St Patrick Manangatang**

- ◆ 1.5m social distancing at one time.
- ◆ Please wear mask.
- ◆ Record your details in the book.
- ◆ Sanitise your hands and sanitise your contact surface.
- ◆ Please avoid interactions in the indoor space before or after the service.
- ◆ If you are sick or unwell, do not attend, get tested & please contact Parish Office or Mary Knight 0438 627 920

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