

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

RECENT DEATHS: Leondis Dean (former parishioner)
Mollie Bruty (Carmel Milenkovic's mother)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Ryan, Doris McKenzie, Lorna James, Shane Broadbent, Alex Cuthbertson, Rona Hutchinson, Trish Larkens, Patricia Hains, Ben Holmes, Thomas Luke Jess, Con Mulcahy, Jacinta Packer, Bill Kirkpatrick, Margaret Harney, Lynette Vogels, Nola Wheeler, Frances Herbertson, Jim Davis, Brian Lane, Rita Waugh, Sharon Barker, John P Treacy, Agnes & Perc Lunn, Mary McMahon, Mary Agnes Doyle, Michael McCluskey, John Pearce & Dal McErvale

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molombly, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Bernadette Franc

Dec 4th: Jim Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess

Dec 4th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leader

Dec 4th: Clarrie & Genevieve Johnston

Special Minister

Dec 4th: Therese Jess

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen Flowers

Nov 27th Dec 4th: : Sue Mahony

Church Grounds

Nov 27th Dec 4th: Jim Mahony & Tom Franc

Newsletter

November: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

December: Angela Gerrard 0439565468

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

December 4th

10.00 am LLA

November has been a month of remembrance for those that have passed away. Please ensure you add to our book any names of your family or friends who have passed away. May they RIP.

Christmas Eve Mass ...time to be advised.

Columban Calendars are available now from Sue Mahony for \$8.

CHRISTMAS BOX is available for contributions to be placed in for a special Christmas Gift for a local family.

UPCOMING DATES:

Today: Advent Concert at St. Andrew's Uniting Church 2 pm.

Dec 4: Farewell Rev David Thompson St Andrews Uniting Church 2.30 pm.

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[e-News – Diocese of Ballarat \(catholic.org.au\)](http://e-News – Diocese of Ballarat (catholic.org.au))

SPECIAL MINISTER TRAINING:

Online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the ACU website for future dates and enrolment. This is a 5 week innovative and comprehensive program.

acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy

ADVENT: is an invitation to become spiritually alert, not alarmed. It is the season where we cultivate an awareness of Christ, that he will train our eyes to see him, not just in the past, or in the future, but now in many different ways every day.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK:

Lord, help us to understand your coming as a present reality. Amen.

Points of interest:

For Sundays in Advent, each Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from Isaiah. The readings from an apostle serve as exhortations and as proclamations, in keeping with the different themes of Advent.

—*Lectionary for Mass: Introduction, §93*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****Breaking Open
the Word****THE SAVING WORD**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

27 NOVEMBER 2022

WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**



2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! **R.**

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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