



St Patrick's Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Keith McQueen, Maureen Paton
Anniversaries: Jo Di Battista Fleur Kuseta,
Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Bianca, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, John Phillips, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Jennifer Berridge, Shayne, Con Doensen, Carol eWright, Susan Lee

Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8.45am-9.10am

Friday: 8.45am-9.10am & 9.45am -10.25am

Saturday: 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

Anointing of the sick By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

Parish office - Please call 0448 658 418

Pastoral worker - Please call 0448 664 731

St Vincent de Paul - If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

Care group Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every Friday following 9.15am Mass. Fr Francis will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass.

Rosary Group

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary, concluding with simple Benediction.

Italian Prayer Group

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church.

Christian Meditation: Saturday morning at 9.15 am in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For more information please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
 myself wholly to You. Never permit me
 to be separated from You.
 Amen.

Booking is still required for our weekend Masses Only

Please note each mass is limited to 50 people with **VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN.**

27th & 28th November

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPAP>

4th & 5th November

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPAW>



We are a child safe Parish

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish
(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50**

21st November 2021

Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 2303.60
Presbytery	\$ 958.55
Restoration	\$193.75 -

The guidelines from the Archdiocese may be found at

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

Important points are as follows:

- Vaccination status unknown: maximum of 50 people inside the Church
- Booking for weekend Mass is required. This may be done via try booking or by calling the parish mobile 0448 658 418 during office hours. There is no longer a need to book for weekday mass.

We have had requests regarding donations to our Parish. Bank details are below should you wish to contribute. We thank you for your kind generosity and support.

For Parish/Thanksgiving

Account Name: St Patrick's Church Account
BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 63931 6508

For Presbytery/Priests

Account Name: St. Patrick's Presbytery
BSB: 083 347 Account: 63931 5513

Available for sale at the back of the church

Columban Calendars \$10
St Vinnies Christmas Cards \$5

St Vinnies News!

This year's Christmas Appeal theme is 'no child should be born into a world without hope', with a focus on a couple, where the female is eight months pregnant, who are forced to live in a tent as they cannot afford anywhere to live, let alone be able to enjoy their first Christmas as a family. The story also highlights the St Vincent de Paul Society approach to helping people, which is to take action and 'do something.'

Our Christmas Appeal this year highlights a quintessential Christmas story of this compassionate love. Our “good works” change lives from within, as we reach out to people with material needs.

As Vincentians we are influenced by voices crying in the wilderness. Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Blessed Rosalie Rendu, Charles Gordon O’Neill, our patron St Vincent de Paul and of course today Pope Francis, cry out a very passionate but clear message: serving Christ in the people affected by poverty through love, respect, justice, hope and joy. There is an uncomfortable message in a secular society focussed only on looking after ourselves. This year our Appeal captures a quintessential Christmas story of need, hope and joy. So, as we prepare for the birth of the Christ-child may we all continue in faith to hear the voices that influence our mission offering hope for the hopeless, shaping a more just and compassionate society.

Your generosity to the Vincentian cause is very much appreciated. There are envelopes in the Foyer of the church for monetary donations or you can use one of the following methods:

PHONE DONATIONS: Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12

ONLINE DONATIONS: Donate direct to vinnies.org.au

- Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the name of the conference over the phone
- Receipts will be issued by the Fundraising Team

A “Wishing Tree” has been set up in the Foyer of the church with “Stars” marked with the ages of children for whom we will provide gifts this Christmas.

If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to hear more about this very special cause and how you could help, please contact the Parish Secretary who will give you the name & number of one of our members. We would welcome new members as our numbers are declining.

FROM DEBBIE’S DESK

It never ceases to amaze me just how much you can learn about God by simply observing the way in which the world moves around us in each day. In noticing people, and the way in which we relate to each other as we negotiate the wonders and the challenges of daily living, we learn about God, the author of all life. If nothing else, in being mindful of God’s presence, we are reminded to thank him for the awesome opportunities that come our way as part of daily living. When we meet people who are particularly ethical, particularly generous or thoughtful, or particularly beautiful in other ways, we feel that we have been touched by God through them. This happens to me regularly. Thank you God! How blessed I feel to work in a vocation where I can clearly see God’s work unfolding in the wonderful people I work with and meet each day, even when encounters with another may not be kind or comfortable. I would encourage you to find that awareness for yourself this week, the first week of Advent. What a fabulous week to be reminded that the world is indeed a beautiful place, chock-filled with God’s presence.

My life away from the Parish is rich with little smiles, lots of mess and baby hugs. One day a week, I am blessed to have 3 baby granddaughters to look after at once, for the whole day. ‘Huey’, ‘Duey’ and ‘Lewy’ are all at different ages and stages, one has just turned 3, one is toddling, and one is now crawling. These little cousins love each other passionately, and openly display affection for each other, as tiny as they may be. They also think that the sun shines from Nan’s face!

I am watching their friendships develop before my eyes, and I can feel our own love for each other flourishing as we spend more and more time together. I can never have just one baby on my knee, sitting down attracts a crowd. Each child has her own capabilities and I love watching each one develop new skills and confirm their individual personality traits from week to week. ‘Huey’, the eldest, is finally trying to find helicopters in the sky. Her sense of hearing picks up the sound as they approach, and I watch her searching the sky in basically the correct direction. I still need to help her to pick up the tiny object amongst the clouds, but she can find a helicopter with help. She is now old enough to co-ordinate her hearing and her vision, whereas her little sister cannot yet even respond to the sound of something so abstract. I point out the mooing of local cows, the 3 year old can search for an animal she can’t see, her sister ‘Dewy’ does not try. However, ‘Dewy’ can hear birds and look for them, as they are more easily visible to her and she often sees birds in our garden. They are a part of her daily experience database, cows half a kilometre away are not. Little ‘Lewy’ turns her head towards the sound birds make, but she has to be able to see a bird very close to her to work out where the sound is coming from. Having the opportunity to observe 3 developing grandchildren so close in age to each other is fascinating.

I can only imagine how our heavenly Father responds to each of us, his beloved children, as he loves us into being, loves us through every breath we take, and loves us to our last moments of living on this earth, and beyond. We are all so different. We all have our own story to tell. We all have experiences, good and bad, and capabilities that vary, depending on who we are and what we are going through. Just as I take great pleasure in experiencing my granddaughters’ growth, I know that our loving Father is even more interested, even more involved, even more a part of our living than I can ever be with my children or grandchildren. God knows exactly what experiences and genetics have made each of us the person we are today. He understands our motivation and our choices, and what drives us or limits us. When we sin, he knows why we sin. When we turn back to him, he is waiting, drawing us to himself. He uses our world to speak to us in as many ways as we are capable of noticing. Just like Hewy, Dewy and Lewy, we each have our own age and stage, our own capabilities, and our own potential. There is no ‘one size fits all’, because God loves us as ourselves, who we are, not who we should be.

Through his inspiration, we learn from each other, we teach each other, we express his love to others simply by being ourselves. If I am able to begin each day in the knowledge that today God will use me to speak to someone else, what joy will come to me? What hope will I embrace? For in accepting that he speaks through me, I acknowledge that he lives in me, and that I am integral to his plans. For most of us, this is hard to accept. We do not value ourselves as much as God does.

Allowing myself to be available for God’s use sounds like an Advent project to me!! How fortunate it is that Advent starts this week!