Kyabram Catholic Parish



St Augustine's-Kvabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

First Sunday of Advent ~ Cycle C

Sunday 28th November 2021



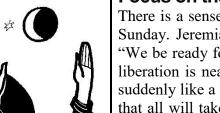
this week:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Readings for 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Readings for next Sunday

Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6



Focus on the Readings

There is a sense of urgency among the writers of our scripture texts this Sunday. Jeremiah preaches "The days are coming." St Paul writes that "We be ready for when the Lord's comes." St Luke quotes Jesus: "Your liberation is near at hand"; "Stay awake!" "The day will spring on you suddenly like a trap." The urgency come both from a sense of foreboding that all will take place in the hearers' lifetime and from the need to live lives now with integrity, goodness and watchfulness.

The coming of the Lord in these early days of advent refers to the second or final coming of Christ the Lord and Saviour. The latter part of Advent focuses on the first coming of Jesus of Nazareth. In one way the prophets of old have one eye on the birth of the Saviour in the world and the other eye on the final day, the end of time when judgment and reward will come upon all the world.

The prophets are not prophets of doom and destruction essentially. While disasters may happen in our time and any time their messages are of liberation and redemption. Christ is very positive: "We are to stand erect, hold your heads high", (v 28) and again "to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." (v 36).

Liturgical Jottings Advent Devotions

Apart from the very rich liturgical celebrations provided by the Mass Prayers, the Lectionary Readings and the Office of the Hours. We have a rich tradition of Advent devotions, namely the Advent wreath originally designed for the home, the Jesse Tree, the Advent calendar and more recently small booklets of daily reading, reflection and prayer. Some are available online and printed copies may be ordered from several dioceses and religious publishers and bookshop. Some parishes have copies for sale.

Quote of the Day

Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other- things that are of no real consequencethe door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside." Dietrech Bonhoeffer, Letters from Prison - 21 November 1943

Pope Francis on Advent

Advent is the time to welcome Jesus' coming, as He comes as a messenger of peace to show us the ways of God.", Jesus urges us to "stay awake" for His coming. The image of staying awake does not mean keeping one's eyes literally open at all times, but means having one's heart "free and oriented in the right direction" by offering ourselves for the benefit of others in service.

Angelus Message 1 December 2019



Commentator: On this First Sunday of Advent we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of one to come as Saviour of the people.



Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the square, who show us a future we never anticipated.

We light the first candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what might be. All: Come Lord Jesus renew our faith. (Light a purple candle.)







Thank you to all those involved with the preparation of the children and the Sacramental Masses this weekend.

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome parents, family and friends of the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We congratulate the following children and ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

Tamara Brennan Lilly Camin Eden Cornwall Georgia Fitzallen Xavier Graetz Finn Guiney William Keirl Ethan McGlade Alvssa Morton Olive Morton Riley Nicholson **Toby Parsons** Stella Pegoraro **Toby Powles** Gemma Tomasini Milla Young

Ruby Brown Kate Carroll Ashton DePasquale Noreen Gallardo Caleb Greenshields Finn Hughes Marli Kent Toby McKiernan Lulu Morton Ted Morton Morgan Parsons **Zavier Parsons** Noah Phelan Isla Smith Zac Wakenshaw Eva Zobec

Ava Butcher
Mia Clydesdale
Lydia DePasquale
James Goff-Quin
Jasmin Grima
Willow Hughes
Meki Kurilic
Aleyah Morton
Myah Morton
Daniel Napolitano
Rhys Parsons
Charlotte Pegoraro
Chloe Powles
Lachlan Sullivan
Isla White

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THANK YOU

Special thanks to our **Bereavement Support Group** who have organised beautiful services along with **Kyabram District Nursing Service**for over 25 years in our church. We are most grateful for your care and dedication to remember those who are grieving the loss of a loved one in our community.

Thank you to all who helped arrange the **Cemetery Mass** to honour our lost loved ones. Setting up, packing up and your attendance is most appreciated.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 32 can be accessed through the following link:

https://mailchi.mp/97470d9a24c3/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8703337

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page).

ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 2nd December at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome. Covid restrictions apply – **face masks must be worn.**

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to an evening celebration with **Mass and a sausage sizzle** on the lawn outside the Church on **Tuesday 14**th **December at 6.00pm for Mass**.

This an opportunity for us to give thanks and celebrate the end of a difficult and tiring and your continued support throughout the year.

Please bring your own chair and drinks.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 5th December at 8.30am:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M DiPetta; Special Minister – A Ryan

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs



George Limbrick, Ken Colvin

Anniversaries: -

(Please email the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.)



DIARY DATES		
Mon	29 Nov	-
Tues	30 Nov	Mass 5.00pm (vax unknown) (Intention – Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life)
Wed	1 Dec	-
Thurs	2 Dec	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Fri	3 Dec	-
Sat	4 Dec	No Mass
Sun	5 Dec	Mass 8.30am (fully vax)
Mon	6 Dec	-
Tues	7 Dec	No Mass
Wed	8 Dec	-
Thurs	9 Dec	Mass 9.15am (vax unknown)
Fri	10 Dec	-
Sat	11 Dec	Reconciliation 5.30pm (fully vax) Mass 6.00pm (fully vax)
Sun	12 Dec	Mass 8.30am (fully vax) Mass 11.30am Tongala (fully vax)

ADVENT LEAFLETS FOR 2021

After we have coped with challenging COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, 'The Journey Onwards' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets for 2021.

Printed sets of these leaflets are available at the back of the church, or the direct link is:

https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2049-advent-leaflets-2021-news

These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Advent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on 'The Way', a movie about a famous pilgrimage - the Camino de Santiago.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

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Fr John Paul Pasala

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Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

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 $\label{eq:continuous} Tues/Wed/Fri-8.30am\ to\ 12\ noon \\ Thursday-8.30am\ to\ 5.00pm$

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Mass Times

Kvabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday (2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturday of

the month): 6.00pm **Sunday**: 8.30am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand

and great glory. When these things begin to the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see await what menaces the world, for the powers ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the because your liberation is near at hand.' the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in

and to stand with confidence before the Son of strength to survive all that is going to happen, earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the down on every living man on the face of the on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be

person of faith.

in proclaiming that the answer is 'yes' for the

face of suffering? The readings for today agree

disappointment? Can there be hope in the tensions. Can there be faith in the midst of can be marked by so many contradictions and is writing. Our world, indeed our own lives, that it is not always easy to discern what God writes straight with crooked lines.' We know The Portuguese have a proverb that 'God

The Gospel of the Lord

deal of faith indeed

disappointment would have required a great words of faith in the face of such horror and Israel going into exile in 587BC. To speak loss of faith that accompanied the people of in the midst of the massive upheaval and Jeremiah writes words of hope and promise



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Breaking Open



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

28 NOVEMBER 2021

FIRST READING Jer 33:14-16

FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who I made to the House of Israel and the House

who shall practise honesty and integrity in I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

And this is the name the city will be called and Israel shall dwell in confidence In those days Judah shall be saved

RESP PSALM

- truth, and teach me: / for you are God my teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord,
- humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. R. the path to those who stray, / he guides the

best to prepare and encourages them to keep any moment. Paul advises them about how

their vision and commitment while they are

Jesus at a time when the earliest Christians only some twenty years after the death of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians was written

believed that the Lord Jesus would return at

those who keep his covenant and will. / The 3. His ways are faithfulness and love / for to them he reveals his covenant.

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts

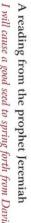
hopeful, ready and waiting

Christopher Monaghan CP

words, to give them hope so that when he and consolation. Luke reminds them of Jesus

returns, he will find them confident and

May the Lord be generous in increasing your



'In those days and at that time,

The Lord-our-integrity.

The word of the Lord

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1

- 2. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows
- Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

delay in the return of the Lord. They found ran the risk of being discouraged due to the Some twenty years later Luke's Christians

Jesus would return and needed encouragement themselves fearful of that day when the Lord

SECOND READING

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

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

love and make you love one another and the

with all his saints. and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes you may be blameless in the sight of our God may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that whole human race as much as we love you. And

have not forgotten the instructions we gave you to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more on the authority of the Lord Jesus. from us, and as you are already living it. You progress in the kind of life that you are meant Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

