

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.**

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Fr Michael Trainor as our reflection writer. Fr Michael is senior lecturer in biblical studies with the Australian Catholic University and parish priest of Lockleys in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. His area of specialisation is the study of the New Testament and its relevance for our contemporary world, ecology and pastoral life.

We are very grateful and thank Dr Rosemary Canavan for her insightful reflections on the readings during the past liturgical year.

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**Breaking Open
the Word**



THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

1 DECEMBER 2024

STAY AWAKE!

On this First Sunday of Advent we come into a new liturgical year with the Gospel of Luke, penned for urban Greco-Roman followers of Jesus, possibly living in Rome in the late first century of the Christian Era, around 85CE.

Today's Gospel proclamation comes from a particular literary style, called 'apocalypticism'. It is a style not to be taken literally. It is more like theological poetry intending its listener to recognise images that come from the writings and prophets of the First ('Old') Testament. Its fundamental insight is a reminder that, despite all the calamity and upheaval present in the world, God is present and liberating. Rather than being overwhelmed by global tragedies and disasters, Luke's audience is encouraged to 'stand erect ... with heads held high' and recognise that freedom and release are near. Jesus followers are to be confident in God's presence and care of them, themes that Luke will repeat throughout the year.

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by global events. At the beginning of this new liturgical year, today's Gospel proclamation is timely. It is a reminder that a different, divine power is at work. Hence, Luke's injunction, 'Stay awake'. We need this reminder. We can forget or be lulled into a form of spiritual forgetfulness by the unimportant or ephemeral. Advent becomes this precious moment to allow ourselves to view the world with faith and confidence in the continual care of God.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David. 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.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

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

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your redemption is near at hand.

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



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

1st Week of Advent YR C

- 01 Sun:** First Sunday of Advent
- 02 Mon:** No Mass
- 03 Tues:** St Francis Xavier
- 04 Wed:** 1st Week of Advent – ND School Mass
- 05 Thu:** 1st Week of Advent
- 06 Fri:** 1st week of Advent
- 07 Sat:** St Ambrose / Vigil Second Sunday of Advent YR C


SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS


- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- ***For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT – YEAR C

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR! The Early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
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	Account #: 140 608 771	Account #: 667 172 433
	Reference: Name	Reference: Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 7 th Dec 6.00pm	Joy Intervencion		M Jackson T Hanson	M Jackson L Nguyen	A McPherson S Lopera
Sunday 8 th Dec 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	L Blake	M Piliae P Palmez	D Rodrigues L Blake	P Sekulla
Sunday 8 th Dec 10.00am	Oliver Perez	J Intervencion	I Intervencion V Conier	T Seputro J Branchi	Z Chong A Megee
Sunday 8 th Dec 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		G Godfrey S Irene	P & J Pereyra	M Lanarolle J Mai

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **30th November 2024:** V Bennett U5/263 Fulham St Cloverdale & R DeZolt 17 Greenfields Caversham.

Archbishop's Appeal For LifeLink 2024

If you haven't already placed your donation, please do so over the next week. Donation envelopes can be placed in the **2nd Collection**. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card: www.lifelink.com.au

SVDP Christmas Appeal

Baskets have been placed at both sides of the church for your donations of in-code non perishable food items to help make hampers, to give to those in need in the area.

Morning Tea and Christmas Carols

Morning Tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the 8.45am Mass on **Wednesday 4th December**. Notre Dame School Choir will join us after 10am for Carols. All are invited to attend.

Fundraiser Breakfast – Sunday 1st December

After the 8am & 10am Masses this weekend in the Parish Centre. Cost: \$6.00 for Bacon & Egg Burger or \$10 for Bacon & Egg Burger with the lot. Tea & Coffee Available at NO charge.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale after all Masses. Tickets \$3 each or 4 for \$10.00. Donations for prizes towards the raffle can be left at the parish house. All proceeds for both events go towards the PBF.

Meetings for December 2024

Parish Pastoral Council: Thursday 5th December @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Parish AGM: Sunday 8th December @ 11.15am in the Parish Centre.

Fundraising/Social Committee: Thursday 12th December @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Baby Jesus' for Christmas

We are after 3 Babies born September 2024 onwards to be our special guest for our Christmas Celebrations Please see Fr Quynh for more information.

Bishop Don Sproxtton's Canonical Visit

The Canonical Visit to the Parish was cancelled in June of this year due to Bishop Don's loss of voice. The visit will now take place **14/15th December**. We will be having Morning Tea in the Parish centre after the 8am Mass on Sunday 15th December. After the 10am Mass there will be an early lunch. To help with catering of lunch you are asked to bring a plate of savoury or sweet to share. All parishioners are invited to attend Morning Tea or Lunch.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures.

Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Archdiocese of Perth – Parish Employment

Job Vacancy – Part Time Position for Parish Secretary for Scarborough Parish & Claremont Parish.

Email parishsupport@perthcatholic.org.au for full job descriptions.

Notre Dame Community

On Sale Now- School Side Entrance

SVDP Christmas Cards - \$3.00 pack of 5
Columban Art Calendars - \$10.00 each

Christmas & Simbang Gabi Flyers

Available from both sides of the church, please take one of each home and place on fridge.

Simbang Gabi 2023

The 9 Nights Novena Masses in English, will commence **Sunday 15th December @ 8pm** in the Church with Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth celebrating the first Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this Filipino Tradition of Masses leading up to Christmas.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, deceased members of the Xavier Family, Rosario Retamal, recently deceased Coleen D'Souza and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Tina Murace, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson & Rob Petty.

Baptisms:

Welcome into our Catholic Faith Community:
Koa Paul Michael Griffin