



Readings for this week: Jeremiah 33:14-16
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



Liturgical Jottings

Springtime of the Liturgy II

After the New Testament books that provided many liturgical texts came early writings of the Church: The Didache, perhaps collated from several sources in 1st & 2nd centuries contained framework of the Eucharistic Prayer, though not a complete text. Letters from Clement of Rome, Justin Martyr, and Clement of Alexandria and a homily of Melito of Sardis give us witness of the way of celebrations of prayer and sacraments. The most important document of this era is the Apostolic Tradition of St Hippolytus (ca 213) which describes the liturgy and Christian practice in Rome. Other rich sources are found in Catechesis from Jerusalem, the Anaphora of Addai & Mari (Syria) and from Serapion in Egypt.



Focus on the Readings

Today the church begins the Season of Advent. But Advent begins at the end: the readings and prayers of the Liturgy focus on the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel of Luke explicitly refers to the end of time, space, the earth and the heavens when Christ will come with power and great glory. Luke grants us a smidgin of comfort the other gospels omit: "Stand up, ... your liberation is near." (24:28). It will be a time of confidences, hope and joy.

The Prophet Jeremiah words have, as at several times, two levels of interpretation: the Messiah's first coming or his next coming at the end of time: "In those days and at that time" (Jer 33:15) The Advent Preface also carries the two comings of Christ: At Bethlehem and when He comes again in glory and majesty. Again, the prophecy is not gloom and doom but speaks of great promise and hope (Advent Preface 1).

The Christians progresses through Advent, starting at the end being vigilant and waiting, On the second Sunday on hearing the warnings in the mission of John the Baptist, Third Sunday on the coming of the Messiah – a time of rejoicing. And the Fourth Sunday on the events leading up to the birth of the saviour, the first Christmas, a new beginning.

Quote of the Day

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord. *Henri Nouwen*

Excerpts from the Synod 2024

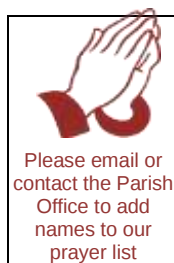
The Synod on "Communion. Participation and Mission" published its final document containing an Introduction and Five Parts. Each begins with a quote from the Gospel of John. All post-resurrection passages inspired the titles of the five parts: The Heart of Synodality Called to Conversation; On the Boat Together, Cast the Net; An Abundant Catch; and finally: So I Send You".

The synodal journey took place in the light of the second Vatican Council with its two foci: **Aggiornamento** [bringing up to date] and **Ressourcement** [returning to the sources]. The synod described the Council like a seed thrown onto the field of the world and the Church. to grow and flourish. (n.5)

On the lighter Side

A Christmas pageant that went badly: Hand puppets were given to all the children to act out the nativity at Bethlehem. There were sheep, cattle, camels, shepherds, kings and Mary and Joseph. However, a wolf was mistakenly put in the bag. A very creative lad found it. The wolf terrorised the sheep, bit the shepherds and howled all night, giving no-one any peace.





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Brian O'Meara
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Gordon Warner
Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 8 December 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Deb Turvey
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: A Basile & M Sgammotta
 Special Minister: Debbie Worm

Saturday 14 December 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Denice Bourke
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Special Minister: *Not required*

Sunday 15 December 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Rob Miller
 Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai
 Gifts: Barry & Jan Lowe
 Special Minister: Connie Serra

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 27th November

Weekday Masses

Wed 4 December 9:15am
 Fri 6 December 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 8 December 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wed 11 December 9:15am (Liturgy)
 Fri 13 December 9:15am (Liturgy)

Weekend Mass

Sat 14 December 6:00pm
 Sun 15 December 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wed 18 December 9:15am
Wed 18 December Reconciliation 5:30pm
 Fri 20 December 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 22 December 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.
 Last week: \$ 574.00



Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.
 The next one will be on 4th December.
 All welcome.

Parish Reconciliation: Wednesday 18th December 5:30pm

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December at 6:30pm in the Presbytery

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man. *Luke 21:36*

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS are Christmas Cards with purpose! Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. **Pick up a catalogue at the back of the church, use the QR code or go to www.globalgifts.org.au**



My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ. This is revealed in every Mass and Sacrament we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know. **Celebrant:** May this sprinkling of the waters of baptism remind us of our first sharing in grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming among us today and be ready for his second coming.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. As we read the prophet Jeremiah's words "See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks..." we accept the Lord Jesus as the offspring of the House of David.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you come among us now, as St Paul urges us "...to make more and more progress in the kind of life that [we] are meant to live..."

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory, as you warned us: "...the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory".

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

MISA DI GALLO

Misa de Gallo Novena will be celebrated from 16th-24th December at 6.00am at St. Brendan's in Shepparton. Fr Uday will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 18th and encourage Kyabram and Tatura parishioners to attend. Mass will be followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre behind the church. Please bring a plate to share.

FOR SALE: There are 4 copies of God's Word available for sale for \$20 each. There is also a Columban Calendar and a few 2025 wooden calendars.

Lebanon Crisis Appeal

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured, and critical infrastructure has been destroyed.

In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal.

This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

A poster for the Lebanon Crisis Appeal. It features the Caritas Australia 60 Years 1964-2024 logo at the top left. The title "LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL" is in bold. Below it, text states: "Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care." A "DONATE NOW" button is on the left, and the website "caritas.org.au/lebanondonate" and phone number "1800 024 413" are on the right. A QR code is on the right side. A photo of a person holding a red flag is on the right. A small photo credit "Photo: Caritas Lebanon" is at the bottom right.

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The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C begins a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time. The themes focus on hope in God's promise, faithful waiting, and growing in love. We are reminded to live in holiness and be watchful for signs of Jesus' return.

Through prayer and strength, we stay faithful as we prepare for His coming. This time helps us get our hearts ready for Jesus by trusting in God, living with love, and staying alert to His presence.

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C encourages us to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. Through hope, love, and vigilance, we grow closer to Him.



PRAYER

Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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