# Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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**Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS**

**First Sunday of Advent - Year B** **Sunday 29 November 2026**

*Readings for this week*: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; 1 Corinthian 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

*Readings for next Sunday:* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

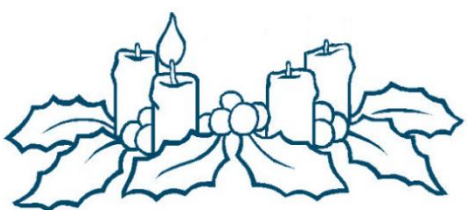


## Liturgical Jottings

### Symbols of Advent I

First there are the symbols and rituals that are used at Sunday liturgies, secondly those at home and thirdly in public places like schools. The primary symbol first seen in the churches is the colour violet, technically blue violet or purple. The priest's vestments, altar candles, banners and clothes symbolise repentance and waiting. The advent wreath has moved from the home to the church with the people joining in the blessing of the wreath and the lighting of the candles with verse and response. Some churches have the Jesse tree. Each day during advent a new symbol of salvation history or Old Testament personages are added to the branches of the tree, marking the progress of God's People to greet the saviour's birth.

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## *Looking at the Readings*

Advent (Latin: Adventus) means coming. In Advent we await the coming of the Lord in three ways, as in the first reading the coming of God into our world to save us, the Gospel Reading, the coming of God at the end of time and thirdly coming of God into our hearts. There is a subtler coming: we come to our God. We accept the invitation to come and follow Christ Jesus, to walk with him, to listen to him, to suffer with and to reach out to others and come to the joy of his birth, resurrection and life.

The verb "come" is mentioned three times in the Gospel, only topped by "stay wake" mentioned four times. Not only are we awaiting the coming of the Lord, and following Christ words to stay awake, but we must use this gift of time well. Active waiting is not being still, we have other times to be still and reflect, but rather to do good deeds, to comfort, give peace, meet with others. Australian Christmases have many opportunities to wait actively we come to the end of academic year, workplaces have Christmas or end of year parties, we send greetings by cards or face-to-face. We show the face of Christ to all we meet.

## *Advent Prayer*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved. *Responsorial Psalm 79(80):2-3,*

## Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts the potter working with the clay: we are the work of God's hands (Isaiah 64:8). *Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago*

## Pope Leo XIV on Advent,

We remember the first coming of Jesus, God with us, to learn to recognize him each time he comes and to prepare for his return. Then we will be together forever. Together with him, with all our brothers and sisters, with every other creature, in this finally redeemed world: the new creation. This waiting is not passive. In fact, the Birth of Jesus reveals to us an engaging God: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, Anna, John the Baptist, disciples, and all who encounter the Lord are called to participate. *6 D 2025*

## *On the Lighter Side*

Chocolate Advent calendars don't work. Someone ate all the chocolates in one sitting, but at least he ate them in order.

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|  **Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list** | **For those who have died and those who are grieving** | |
| | **For those whose anniversary occurs at this time** | Cesare Mercuri, Giuseppe Ceniti |
| | **Our sick and their carers** | Sue Nihill, Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Mary Vraca, Russell Parsons, Sue McDonald, Margaret Bannan |

## ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**Saturday 5th December 6:00pm**

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| Commentator: | Carol Coulston |
| Reader: | Denice Bourke |
| Gospel Procession: | Deb Turvey |
| Gifts: | J Caiafa & D Hamilton |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Not Required |
| Screen Operator: | Ged Pollard |
| Music Operator: | Trish Warnett |

**Sunday 6th December 10:30am**

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| Commentator: | Theresa Cook |
| Reader: | Elisabet Edwards |
| Gospel Procession: | Connie Serra |
| Gifts: | L Mercuri & A Lombardozzi |
| Eucharistic Minister: | A Ciavarella |
| Screen Operator: | Debbie Worm |
| Music Operator: | Trish Warnett |

**Sunday 13th December 10:30am**

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|---|---|
| Commentator: | Mary Gale |
| Reader: | John Keane |
| Gospel Procession: | Anna Ciavarella |
| Gifts: | S Gregg & D Phelan |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Elisabeth Edwards |
| Screen Operator: | Debbie Worm |
| Music Operator: | Trish Warnett |

**Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month**

**6:00pm (Oct – Mar)** 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass




**Names on Prayer List:** Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

*Advent is a time of waiting and hope. God gives us grace and strength to remain faithful.*

*Stay alert to God's presence each day. Pray, show kindness, and notice the needs of others.*

## Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 2nd December

**Weekday Masses**

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| Wednesday 2nd December | 9:15am |
| Friday 4th December | 9:15am |

**Weekend Mass**

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| Saturday 5th December | 6:00pm |
| Sunday 6th December | 10:30am |

**Weekday Masses**

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| Wednesday 9th December | 9:15am |
| Friday 11th December | 9:15am |

**Weekend Mass**

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| Sunday 13th 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 (30 minutes before Mass)*
***Shared lunch:*** *4th Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall*
***Eucharistic Adoration*** *every 1st Friday of month at 5:30pm*

## Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.




*The next one will be this* ***Wednesday 2nd December.***

## Plate Collection and Envelopes

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The collection for last week was $ 615.70

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

*May God bless you always.*




## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Church. All welcome. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be this Friday 4th December.**




*Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.*

***Mark 13:35-36***

## OPEN HOUSE

On **Sunday 6th December**, the old Byrneside Catholic Church (which is now a private home) will be open for parishioners to have a look following Mass.

There will also be an Open House on **Christmas Eve** at 6pm. Finger food will be available

## PARISH FUNDRAISERS

- Sacred Heart Parish Pens can be purchased for $5 each.
- Columban Calendars for $10 each.
- The school and parish are selling raffle tickets for a Scratchie tree drawn at the school Christmas Carols on 3rd December from 5pm. Sales after Mass.

## SAFEGUARD TRAINING

All volunteers including PPC & PFC members are expected to complete mandatory Safeguarding and some basic workplace and safety training modules every 2 years

Please use this link below to complete the training.
https://cdos.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register
Volunteers will need to use the code ***SAFEGUARDING*** in the box titled 'Registration token' to gain access.

**MISA DE GALLO** at St Brendan's in Shepparton. Fr Uday will celebrate Mass on 18th December at 6am. All welcome

## Meeting in the Spirit Group

The first of our Advent Reflections is this week on Wednesday 25th November at 6:00 pm in St Mary's Hall. Following on each week during Advent we will meet there to reflect on the Sunday Gospels on the following Wednesdays December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. All are welcome.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The College of Consultors met and considered their recommendations.

Effective from Last Sunday 22nd November 2026:

**Fr Andrew Fewings**: Parish Priest of Nathalia and Numurkah

**Fr Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS:** Parish Priest of Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong

**Fr Arun Korlakanti SHS**: Parish Priest of Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill

**Fr John Paul Pasala:** Administrator of Beechworth

**Fr DJ Suguitan:** Parish Priest of Euroa

**Fr Wilford Urmaza RCJ**: Parish Priest of Shepparton, Shepparton South, Mooroopna, Nagambie and Dookie.

Please pray for these communities - for Fr Andrew, Fr Jophin, Fr Arun, Fr John Paul, Fr DJ and Fr Wilford.

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Reach out. Give life.

**Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the Parish community of Sacred Heart for your generous support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal.**

As **the Pope's Mission Agency**, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than **160 countries** and over **1,100 dioceses**. Your contribution of **$500.00** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in **Kampira, Malawi**, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, **"One in Christ, United in Mission,"** reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.
**Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.**

Lord, help us stay watchful and ready for your coming. Give us the grace to live faithfully each day. Guide us to prepare our hearts with prayer and good works. Teach us to trust in your timing, even when we do not understand. May our hope in you never fade. Amen.

## CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

## 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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# DIOCESE NEWS – 29/11/2026




Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

The latest Along the Track can be found on our website under the heading of **Sharings / Along the Track**

**Diocese Website:** https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

**Diocese Facebook Page:** Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

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## INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org




## Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

**Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there.**

An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture & the importance of relationships in sustainable development.

In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

**Volunteers Needed!** Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. More info here.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

With Caritas Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful gift that creates lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. You can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse Gifts at https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - for retired priests of Sandhurst.

We have 15 retired priests, and our fundraising assists the provision of housing, medical and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the parishioners & public of the Diocese.

The Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal is the ONLY annual Diocese of Sandhurst appeal, with 100% of funds raised going to support our sick and retired priests. The 2026 appeal is live until 30th June 2027.

Your Donations are essential and your generosity is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired.

All donations are tax-deductible and can be made via the information on the envelopes at your church or by contacting Joanne Bravo at the Bishop's Office.

Receipts for donations can be requested via phone, email or by using the envelopes provided.

Any questions are very welcome. Contact Joanne Bravo on 0432 398 073 or at joanne.bravo@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. Thank you.

# International Day of People with Disability
3 December

**International Day of People with Disability 3rd of December**

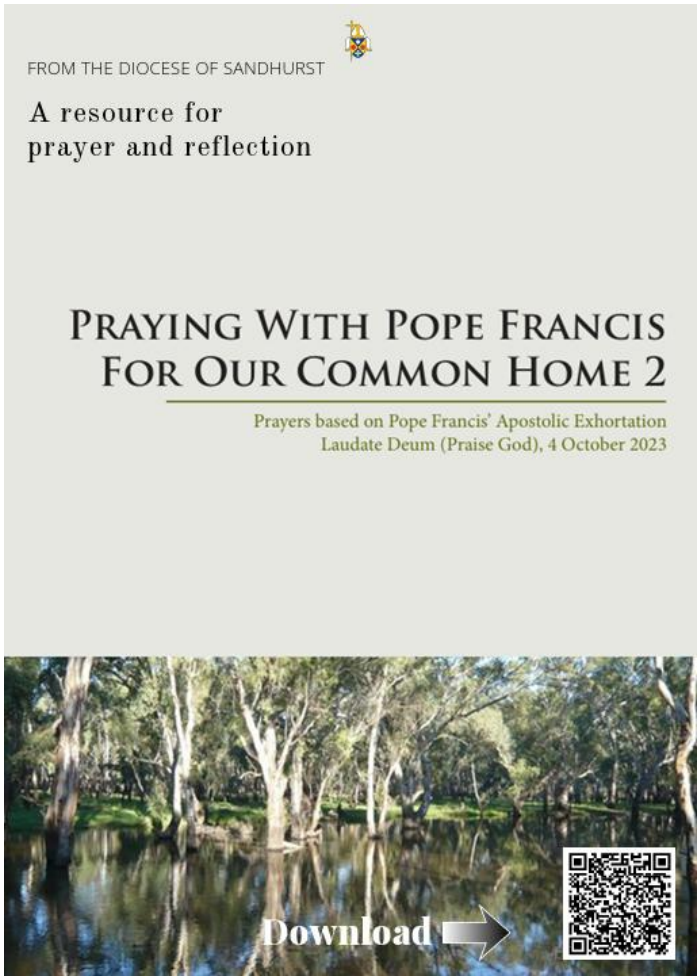
The 3rd of December is an opportunity to celebrate those with disability and the contribution they make to our communities. As the Final Report from the Synod on Synodality states (S.63) "*we recognise the apostolic capacities of people with disabilities who feel called and sent out as active agents of evangelisation. We appreciate the contribution that comes from the immense wealth of humanity they bring with them*". The Disability Projects Office coordinates the Catholic Accessibility Forum as a place for people with disability, families, carers, community organisations, parish and diocesan leaders to promote active participation and belonging in the Church. We are looking for more people to join the forum. If you would like to learn more or take part, please contact disability@catholic.org.au.

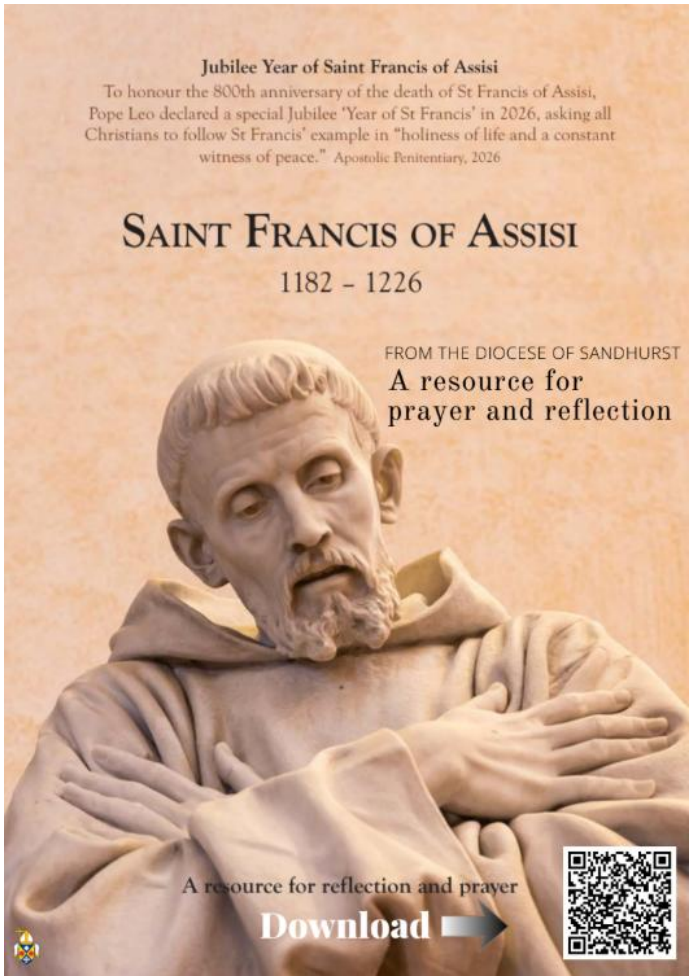
**"Magnificent Humanity" an Advent-Christmas Resource for Reflection, Discussion and Prayer**
This year's Resource covers the four weeks of Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of the Holy Family.
It interweaves the weekly Mass Readings with Pope Leo's messages on the opportunities and challenges
Intelligence, taken from his 2026 Encyclical *Magnificent Humanity*.

Link to resources

You can download the Resource using the QR Code. It will also be available for download through the dio
via social media.

Use it for your own reflection over the coming weeks or, better still, get together with a small group to refl
together.



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# *Carols*

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*With special guests*

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir

Marist College Choirs

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

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

## GOSPEL

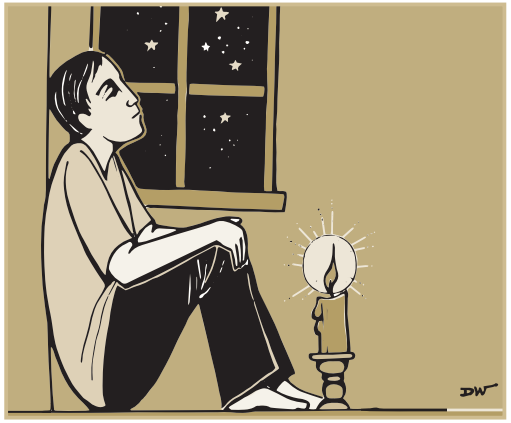
Mk 13:33-37

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE COMING OF GOD

Today is the first Sunday of the new Liturgical Year. From now until the last Sunday before Advent next year our focus will be on the Gospel of Mark. The earliest of our four Gospels, Mark was written around the 70s CE to followers of Jesus living in Rome at a time of upheaval, suffering and internal divisions. These themes will emerge and be addressed by Mark's Jesus in the year that unfolds.

Today our Gospel theme seamlessly links to the final Gospel reading from Matthew last Sunday. It is about spiritual alertness amid what is occurring to Jesus' disciples. While Mark is explicitly addressing Greco-Roman followers of Jesus of the first century CE, these words are for us, too, as we await the coming or 'advent' of God. This coming occurs daily. We also look for God's coming and presence in tragic global events and in times of personal upheaval and sadness.

In this first week, we are invited to 'stay awake', not to become spiritually dulled or overwhelmed by what preoccupies our lives. Mark registers the classic times of day in which the disciple is called to alertness: evening, midnight, cockcrow and dawn. Significantly, these words lead into the final story of Mark's Gospel: the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. In a strange way today's Gospel orients us to the holiest week of the liturgical year, Holy Week in 2027.

**Fr Michael Trainor**


# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) / B — 29 NOVEMBER 2026


## FIRST READING

Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down — at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

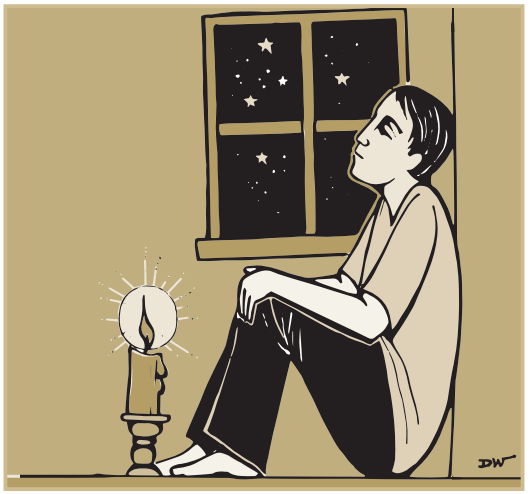
## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,/shine forth from your cherubim throne./O Lord, rouse up your might,/O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,/look down from heaven and see./Visit this vine and protect it,/the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**



3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,/the man you have given your strength./And we shall never forsake you again:/give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ **The word of the Lord.**