

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. R.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' R.

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**


NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10 , Romans 15:4-9 , Matthew 3:1-12

Christmas Mass Times

Sat 24 Dec: 5.00pm Family Mass (Manly)
7.00pm Mass (Gumdale)

Sun 25 Dec: 9.30am Mass (Manly)

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Weddings, please contact **Kate Sellwood**
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

For the Children...
Be Ready
The word “Advent” means coming. During Advent we think about when Jesus will return and will we be ready. Jesus reminded the people around him about Noah’s story because he wanted them all to know how important it is to be ready for the coming of God



LET US PRAY
Our friend Jesus,
We ask you to send your spirit to guide us, so that we will lead good lives and be ready to greet you when you return. Amen

26/27 NOVEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A
Gospel Reflection

Advent means "Coming". During this season the liturgies encourage us, as we look forward to the Christmas celebration, to reflect upon the mystery of God's coming among us. It is a season of expectation, reminding us that we live in time.

The irresistible march of time has puzzled philosophers since ancient times. We shall learn a great deal about ourselves, if we get in touch with the moods that shape our lives – moods that almost invariably involve the passing of time: our hopes and fears, our yearnings and disappointments, our sense of achievement, the lessons life is teaching us. Our faith should help us to situate this pattern of our lives within the designs of God. Where the march of time is leading us has only become clear, of course, because God has made known to us why the world was created. If God had remained silent, time would seem like an ever- going nowhere. Since Old Testament times, however, God's people have been given a growing awareness God's designs – through the divine gifts of faith and hope. A greater familiarity with the Scriptures – in this time of renewal - can give us a more lively awareness of the unfolding of God's generous plan, and of our place in that plan. An authentic faith is inseparable from a strong Christian hope – the certainty that God's generous and merciful designs will be fulfilled: in the whole of creation, and in the lives of each one of us.

Today's readings remind us of this hope. The writings of the prophet Isaiah are filled with the message of hope. It is not surprising, therefore, that they will be used in the Advent liturgies of the coming Sundays. Today's reading speaks of the future God has in store for the whole human family - as the fulfilment of all our hopes. The nations of the earth will live in harmony – swords will be made into ploughshares and spears into sickles. The peoples of the whole world will come to share in the blessings of Israel, knowing the life-giving "ways of the Lord" and "walking in his paths". But the prophet reminds those of us – who, though we claim to be God's people, are often unfaithful to our calling - that we must play our part in God's great plan: "Let us walk in the light of the Lord".

The whole message of Paul's teaching is the Good News that the intervention of God that determines the whole course of the world's history has taken place in the life, death and triumphant resurrection of the Saviour – summed up in his words, 'You know “the time” has come'. And he gives us a vivid comparison: with the coming of Christ it is as if the darkest night has suddenly given way to the full light of day, revealing Christ as our life and our

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We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians– the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples on whose land we walk, live and worship.

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28 Mon	No Mass
29 Tues	6:00pm Mass
30 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
DECEMBER	
01 Thu	9:30am Mass
02 Fri	10:30am School End of Year Mass
03 Sat	9:30am Baptism (Gillespie) 4:30pm Reconciliation
03 Sat	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 5:00pm Mass (Manly)
04 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) (Children's Liturgy) 10.30am Nativity Play Rehearsal
05 Mon	No Mass
06 Tues	6:00pm Mass
07 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
08 Thu	9:30am Mass
09 Fri	9:30am Mass 6.00pm Family Christmas Twilight
10 Sat	9:00am Baptism (Hall, Cureton & Camm) 4:30pm Reconciliation
10 Sat	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 5:00pm Mass (Manly)
11 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) (Children's Liturgy) 10.30am Nativity Play Rehearsal
12 Mon	No Mass
13 Tues	6:00pm Mass
14 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
15 Thu	9:30am Mass
16 Fri	9:30am Mass (Lota House)
17 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
17 Sat	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 5:00pm Mass (Manly)
17 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) (Choir Sings) (Children's Liturgy)

protector. In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus urges his disciples to situate themselves within the designs of God, because these designs are approaching their mysterious final climax. Christian hope, he teaches us, lives in constant readiness to welcome the Son of Man.

THANK YOU

Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Thank you to all those who have purchased from our selection of beautiful, established ferns and small shrubs. The response has been heart-warming and we only have a few left. We are hoping they will find new homes in time for Christmas.

Parish Office Restoration Fund
Please be generous with your donation.

Copies of the Columban Art Calendar are now available from the Piety Stall for \$10.00. Those who ordered their calendars and paid for them, please contact the parish office to arrange collection. Advent Reflection books are expected to arrive early next week.

December 02 End of School Year Mass
December 04 Second Sunday of Advent
December 09 Family Christmas Twilight
December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

	Welcome	1 st Reader	2 nd Reader	EMHC	Screen
Saturday 26 Nov	Denis H	Gerardina R	Jan B	Alison G	Pam
Sunday 27 Nov	Anne S	June M	Donna R	Nola S	Cooper/Lewis
Saturday 3 Dec	Jan B	Colleen S	Nola S	Mikaela A	Anjoline
Sunday 4 Dec	Laura F	Helen C	Jasser N	New EMHC	Thomas

Anniversaries: Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Edith Christian, Eileen Brumpton, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, Kathleen Cooper, Prudence Costello, Hazel Fanning, Keyra Hancox, Eunice Harrison, Sybil (Patricia) Hendry, Edith Smith, Bernard Lawder, Sr Joyce Hoffman, Marjory Ide-Tolley, Eliza (Nellie) Laggan, Arthur Kelly, Margaret Kirkwood, Francis Mason-Johnson, Mary Watson, Win Campbell, Sr Margaret McKenna, Leslie Nutt, Graham McAuliffe, Margaret McKinless, Walter Passey, Dorothy Taylor, Des Osborne, Noel Peter Phillips, Stephen Leather, Annie Smithson, Vittorio Superina, Patricia Wamsley, Joseph Reilly, Fr Paul Siebert, Olga Morrison, and all whose anniversaries occur now.

Rose-Marie Dickson, Emma Walters, David Schilling, Pat Ellis, Emily de Looze, Jocelyn Barrow, Barry Smith, Dell Chapman, Ted Chapman, Mrs Ford, Richard Pook, Natasha Skitmore, Irene Gavrilla and Anne Dixon.

St John Vianney's, in conjunction with Bayside Uniting Church are pleased to present a...

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The first Advent candle is a candle of *hope*, it reminds us of how thousands of years ago people *hoped* and waited for Jesus, and today, we can have *hope* in Jesus too.

A purple candle with a flame. The candle is purple with a yellow and orange flame. It has some purple wax dripping down the sides.

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★ The Parish of St John Vianney's, Manly would like ★
★ to congratulate Brett and Mary Wilkie on 25 years ★
★ of marriage. Brett and Mary will be blessed during ★
★ the 5pm Mass on Saturday. ★
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