

be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

06 DECEMBER 2020

BELIEF IN GOD'S PROMISES

The life of faith is one in which the believer is inevitably called to deal with the tension between God's promises and our present experience. When the people of Israel were dragged into exile their experience was that their God was powerless to save and that the ancient promises had been forgotten. It is at precisely this moment that Isaiah dares to proclaim a message of hope in the midst of desolation, pardon instead of punishment, and that the God who can subdue all things will again stoop to gather the weak and lead them home.

Peter's Christians were clearly worried by the fact that the Risen Lord had not come back in glory as they expected. How could this be interpreted other than as a sign that God's plans had somehow changed, or that God no longer cares? Peter's response is that, despite appearances to the contrary, God's delay should be seen as an opportunity for us to make ready for the Lord's return. It is a moment of grace rather than a sign of God's lack of fruitfulness.

When John the Baptist declared that the longed-for Messiah was near, his contemporaries must have wondered if it was possible. How could this come to pass when the province of Judah was powerless under the rule of the Roman empire?

Advent is always a reminder that the call to believe comes to us in the midst of the complexity of life. It meets us head-on with a challenge: are we prepared to take the risk of believing in God's promises?

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

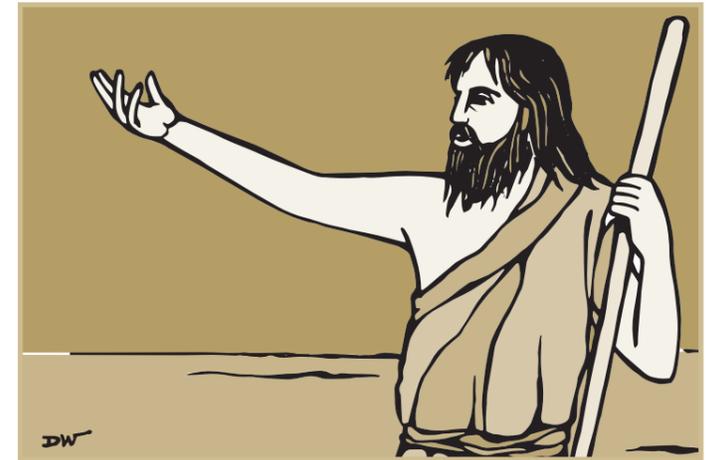
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, /

a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his

people. / His help is near for those who fear

him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**



2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Pet 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will

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Sunday Mass Times

6.00 pm — (Saturday Vigil)

8.30am — (Sunday)

10.00 am — (Sunday)

Weekday Mass/Services

Monday 7/12 No services

Tuesday 8/12 Mass 12 noon

Wed 9/12 SHC Mass 7.30am

Thursday 10/12 No services

Friday 11/12 Mass 12 noon

Saturday 14/12 Mass 10am

Weekly collections

Letter boxes have been installed in the front & western church foyers for your collection money. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Feast Days this week

Monday 7th December

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Tuesday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 9th December

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit

Friday 11th December

St Damasus 1, pope

Saturday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reconciliation

After midday Mass on Fridays

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

Baptisms

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team

Weddings - Contact Parish Office

Knights of the Southern Cross

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring

Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

Popes' Prayer Intentions for December

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Direct Giving App

You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au>

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donation or set up recurring donations to the parish and for the support of the clergy.

Readings for next weekend

12th/13th December, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians

5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Hannah Sheridan (Ireland)

Deceased

David East, Margaret Nicholls

Anniversaries

Mary & Owen Rice, May McGearty,

Gerry Duffy, Jim Edwards,

Simon Van der Linden,

Maureen Marshall (Fr Phillip

Marshall's mother),

Sick

Lindsay Head, Peter Boxshall-Smith,

Lauren Eblen, Regina Mahon, Tibor

Ferencz, Gabrielle Adolph, Jimmy

Ryan,

Marilyn Huddleston, Frances McKenna,

Peter Paige, Robyn Williams,

Pam Wallman, Barbara Driscoll,

Jim McClafferty, Peggy Traynor (Ire),

Robert Wolf, Kevin Pardon, Pam Wynn,

Leon Grealy, Chris Boast, Bob McEvoy,

Rachel Bainbridge, Taylor Keen,

Charlie Hamblen, Duncan Booth,

Fr Peter Dunn, Pat Donnelly,

Eileen Paige, Betty Fowles, Mr Biro,

Margaret Mary Roche, Debbie Canino,

Sr Marietta Green, Margaret Doyle,

John Wallace, Carol Swavley,

Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Advent Collections

This Advent we will be collecting items for the homeless or disadvantaged. We will be supporting the Moore St and Hutt St centres along with Vinnies and Backpacks4kids. All items must be new and un-used. Please place your items in the boxes in the foyer.

12th & 13th December:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap or bodywash

19th & 20th December:

Sanitary Products or Shaving Products,

Socks or Underwear

Thank you for supporting these

worthy causes.

We welcome into our community this weekend through Baptism: *Welcome*
Lachlan & Grace Willoughby



Sacred Heart Xmas Vigil Mass

This year due to COVID restrictions, attendance to our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass held at Sacred Heart Senior College in the Joseph McAteer Centre, Scarborough St, Somerton Park will need to be booked through **Trybooking**. **You will need to have a ticket to attend the Mass.**

If you wish to attend the Vigil Mass, Trybooking will open Monday 7th December, at 9am.

You will only be able to book free tickets for a maximum of 5 people per transaction.

Please note that Scanning the QR code will be a requirement for Sacred Heart as well an entry ticket per person attending.

Numbers are restricted and once maximum capacity has been reached, the booking system with automatically close. If the COVID restrictions ease before Christmas more tickets will be released.

The link is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMUOM>

As numbers are restricted at Sacred Heart there will be also be Christmas Eve Vigil Masses at St. Joseph's Brighton at 7.30pm and 10pm. Once again due to COVID restrictions numbers are limited. There will also be Masses on Christmas morning at 8.30am and 10am.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday 12th December, 10am at Brighton or Wednesday 9th December, 12 noon at Hallett Cove

Advent Penitential Liturgy & Reconciliation

Thurs 17th Dec, 10am at Brighton or Wed 23rd Dec, 7pm at Hallett Cove

Congratulations

We congratulate Deacon Tim this weekend on his 5th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions we will now be selling our cakes, cards and calendars after all Masses in the McAuley Room in the Activity Centre.

Cost:

Christmas cards: \$5 per pack of 10

Cakes: Large (\$17), Small (\$13)

Puddings (\$13)

Columban Calendars; \$9

Come over and have a look.

Items also available from the parish office during working hours.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event or meeting in the Brighton Parish you will be required to Scan the QR code with your phone. You will need to download or log in to the free mySA GOV app. If you do not have a phone then you will be required to sign in. QR codes are located in each area of the Parish. This is a mandatory requirement by the SA Government. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Please note that scanning the QR code will be a requirement for Sacred Heart as well an entry ticket per person attending.

Obligation for Sunday Mass

The obligation for NOT attending Mass on Sundays is still available for all parishioners.

Coming to Church

Dear Parishioners due to the updated COVID restrictions, we are only allowed 100 people for Masses with 4 sq metre distancing.

BOOKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES IS NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

Unfortunately, once we reach 100 the doors will be closed. We would respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID marshals. We take our instructions from the Archdiocese through the SA Government.

COVID Marshals

We are extremely grateful to the people who have done the COVID training, and offer their service at our weekend Masses. However, due to the changes, we desperately need to have a few more people for each Mass time. If you wish to volunteer, please speak to either Emmy or Clare or call the parish office for further information.

Vinnies Sewing Group.

The Vinnies Sewing Group have finished for 2020. Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the parish this year.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group have stopped meeting for this year. The Group will recommence on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Parish tablecloths – if you have taken some for washing, can you please return them ASAP. Thank you

Community newsletter

Our next Community newsletter is due out next weekend. Please send to Pat any photos or articles for inclusion by Tuesday this week. Any quips or photos from lockdown experiences would be good to include.

Parish library

Our parish Library will be open on Tuesday 8th Dec. and the final gathering will be on Friday 11th December. Come and join us for Mahjong on Friday mornings. We have a great selection of books, DVD's and puzzles for you to borrow. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and great company.

The Southern Cross Christmas edition

The Southern Cross will be inserted in *The Advertiser newspaper*. The insert will appear on Saturday December 12. Copies will also be available in the church foyer from the weekend 12th /13th December.

Music Ministry

Are there any musicians players/singers who would be willing to assist with Music Ministry at any of our Mass times:

Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am or Sunday 10am.

If so, could you please call Clare at the parish office 8296 7292 or email pa@brightonparish.com.au

Christmas Mass Ministries

There is a form included with your newsletter today to volunteer for any of the Ministries for our Christmas Masses. As our numbers will be restricted we are offering more options and will therefore need more volunteers. If you can help, please complete the form and return it to the box in the foyer or to the parish office ASAP. Thank you

Wanted: Loving Married Couples

Become a Sponsor couple
SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT|

www.smartloving.org/webinar

