

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

ANTIPHON: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

RESPONSE: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

TODAY'S READINGS Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

NEXT WEEK (2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C) Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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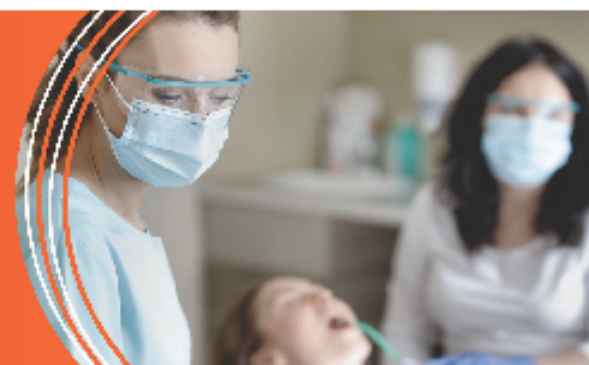
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Prevailing hope, not despair



28 November 2021 1st Sunday Advent Year C

Over the centuries there have been terrible disasters that to the people of the time would have seemed like signs of the apocalypse. There was the Black Death in the 14th century that killed 50 million people in Europe; the First World War followed by the influenza epidemic; and the destruction wrought by the Second World War.

When we hear Our Lord in Luke's Gospel warning of "signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony ... people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world," we may think of the threat of nuclear war, followed by a long nuclear winter destroying most life on earth.

Or perhaps we recall the warnings of scientists, echoed by Pope Francis in his document *Laudato Si'*, about the imminent catastrophe from global warming and climate change. This is no longer science fiction. We are facing longer droughts, more severe flooding, more extreme weather events and fiercer storms. Rising sea levels will displace hundreds of millions of people from low-lying areas, including the major river deltas which produce much of the world's food.

Jesus knew nothing about these frightening new threats to life on earth. But he knew a lot about the trauma and tragedy that had occurred in Jewish history over hundreds of years, and he knew what his followers would encounter.

Despite all this anguish, curiously Jesus'

message is one of incredible hope, not of despair. Jesus says to stand tall and confidently when the Son of Man comes "with power and great majesty", since our "liberation is near at hand." We can barely imagine what this mysterious "liberation" implies as the Reign of God transforms the universe.

Neither Jesus nor Luke are claiming to be futurologists, forecasting the future. Rather, they are affirming hope in the promises of God to guide our lives. We have here no lasting home; our lives are preparing us to be welcomed into our home in heaven, delighting in the intimacy of God's presence.

Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and pray "for the strength to survive all that is going to happen." Jesus is warning of the need for courage when his followers face threats of death and persecution. While warning the disciples against backsliding, Jesus is not telling them to withdraw from the challenges of life. He urges them not to let "your hearts be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life."

As St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, may the Lord increase "your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you." Today the words "the whole human race" take on new meaning as we face great and new challenges such as the current pandemic.

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WEEK START SUN NOV 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Sat @ 9am, 6pm

New Mass Times Sun @ 6.30am, 8.30am

Mon - Fri (incl) @ 6.30am

MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9am

Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.

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FYI Regina Caeli delivers newsletters to those who find themselves isolated and unable to visit parish.

Children's Church will resume in Feb next year 2022 for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.



Coming Nov-Dec-Jan 2021
Nov 28 1st Week Advent Year C

Dec 5 2nd Week Advent Year C

Dec 12 3rd Week Advent Year C

Dec 19 4th Week Advent Year C

Dec 24 Christmas Eve, Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Jan 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

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Regina Caeli Parish Mass of Healing & Hope Sat Dec 4 '21 at 9am. Transport available on request.

MASS OF HEALING, RECONCILIATION, AND HOPE

Stay Home if you are unwell

Use provided hand sanitiser on entry

Keep 1.5m from others

Christmas at a glance:

Christmas Eve: Carols 6pm with Mass 6.30pm

Christmas Day: 6.30am, 8.30am

No evening Mass Christmas Day

Sun Dec 26 : 6.30am, 8.30am



PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

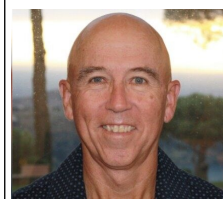
Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember this November all family / friends gone before, including those of John Scott, Noela Young, Elijah Felix, Anastasia Fruen, Victor Evile, Fred Niu Fruen, Danico Evo, Kata Pero, Pepo Jania, Damir Gasparfu, Fr Marko, Tringali & Countryman families, Dr Barry Duncan, Roy Gleadhill, Sheila Herat, George & Colleen Lee, McKenny, Neilsen, Pius Tan, Victoria Tan, Lew Ching Nam, Chen Shiu Juan, Owyong Chin, Fr Louis Fossion families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: NEIL CREMIN, TONY DEUTSCHMANN (FATHER OF BRIAN, TONY & LAVINIA (DEC))

DR JOHN RUTHERFORD, PADDY LOGAN, FAITH COLLINS, MARIE DUNN, DAWN GRIGSON, WAYNE HOUGHTON, MAUREEN LANGRIDGE, GRACE OGILVIE, KAREN RODDA, MAUREEN THORNTON, ANNIVERSARIES ROY GLEADHILL, JOHN SCOTT, JACK & JOY MCNAMARA, PAT, JACK & MICK O'CONNOR, LEO & GAY RYAN, IVAN, NANCY & STEPHEN GARRETT, DIANE MCNAMARA, GLORIA & ANNE-MARIE MCMAHON, TOM STERNFELDT, SOPHIE GARRETT ORGAN DONOR

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A message from A'bp Mark...

Recently has been some big changes for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Firstly the appointment of Dr Sally Towns as Executive Director of BCE. Sally has been Director in Lismore, & will take up her new job after Easter next year. Before Lismore, Sally was working with Catholic Education in Cairns & before that Principal of Catholic college in Hobart. So she knows the Australian education scene well. We had announcement of the new Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, Fr Tim Norton SVD. Tim is a Divine Word Missionary who has been Provincial in Australia & recently a Director of international program in Nemi, near Rome. He will return to Australia at the end of 2021 & be ordained bishop in February. Then he will set about work of a bishop locally, nationally & internationally at a time when entire Church has to become more missionary. Fr Norton will provide support to Archbishop Mark & Aux. Bishop & Vicar-General Ken Howell. Finally we ordained two deacons, Adrian Eldridge (Nambour) & Ernesto Villalba (Hispanic Community which gathers at New Farm); Adrian, born in England, Ernesto in Venezuela. They were there with their wives & families who are very much part of the journey. Director – Bishop – Deacon: all called to service in the Church for the world. Say a prayer for all of them.

The Church calendar begins with the **Advent** season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation, not just for Christmas celebrations & holidays, but for the great Nativity of Jesus

The word 'Advent' means coming.

The first of four candles symbolises 'hope.'



PROCESSIONAL B Farrell COME TO SET US FREE

R/- Come to set us free, come to make us your own. Come to show the way to your people, your chosen. Open our lives to the light of your promise. Come to our hearts with healing, come to our minds with power, come to us and bring us your life.

V3 You are promise of salvation, you are God in human form. Bring to our world of emptiness and fear the word we long to hear. **R/-**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE M HAUGEN GIFT OF GOD REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

OFFERTORY J MANIBUSAN OPEN MY EYES

V1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

V3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

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COMMUNION J M MEALE O COME, O COME EMMANUEL REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET

REFLECTION B BONIWELL WILL YOU LOVE ME

V1 Will you give me your life for ever? Will you carry my cross ev'ry day? Will you walk in the light of my presence? Will you follow the truth of my ways.

R/- Will you love me as I have loved you? Will you live with me the darkness as I die? For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night, and the sun will be shining on you.

V2 Like the purest of gold in the furnace, is your love strong enough to endure? Does your faith carry on through the shadows? Does it shine in the night for the world? **R/-**

V3 Can you walk in the footprints of silence, through the wilderness sands in the sun, from the desert of doubt and temptation, to the glorious mountain of fire? **R/-**

RECESSIONAL D SCHUTTE CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

R/- Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!



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