



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Assistant Priest: Fr Tuan Tran  
Secretary: Ms Bern Press - Mon & Tues 9:00 - 11:00am  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 6th December 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kevin London, Val Mats (nee Probst);  
Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Colin Gee; John Donovan; Patrick McCulloch;  
Frank Conroy; Maude Press; Margaret Harrison; Bernard Perkins;  
Patricia Callinan; Vincent Lantry; Dawn Davidson; Fred Barr;  
Florence McNamara; Allan Simson; Patrick Barr; Barbara Plunkett;  
St Mary While RSL; Margaret Doolan; Dulcie Withers; Bert  
Carpenter; Edward Eisley; Mabel Lobsey; Terrance Austin;

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.*

### And for those who are ill:

Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward, David Seiler; Rita Looney;  
Bobble Falton; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Crane; Bill  
Gleeson; Billy Gooden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher;  
Flora Noar; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Giff;  
Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael  
McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin  
Gallagher; Andrew McLanus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Geentree;  
Rosaleyn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Other Intentions:

12/12/2020R:	W Rheinberger
13/12/2020R:	M & J Easley
C:	Volunteers

### The Sacred Liturgy

**Quirindi:**  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

**Werris Creek:**  
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

**Willow Tree:**  
Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

**Carroona:**  
To be advised

**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and  
after each Mass except Saturday  
night

### Weekday Mass Times:

**St Brigid's:** Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday &  
Saturday at 9.30am.

**Werris Creek:** Mass Wednesday; No Mass on  
Thursday at 9.30am.

### Exposition of the Blessed

### Sacrament & Benediction:

**Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any  
Sunday at 11.30am**

*Rosary is said prior to Mass  
only when there is no Benediction*

*No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the  
Month during Mass*

### Coming Events

Tues 8 Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 9.30 Morning Tea  
to follow, please bring your own morning tea  
Fri 11 Dec St Joseph's School Graduation Mass at 9.30am  
Mon 14 Dec Reconciliation for Parishioners at 6.00pm with visiting priests

### Coronavirus

#### The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.**
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

### Christmas Mass Timetable

<b>Christmas Eve Werris Creek</b>	- Mass at 5.00pm
<b>Christmas Eve St Brigid's</b>	- Mass at 6.00pm
<b>Christmas Eve St Brigid's</b>	- Mass at 7.30pm
<b>Christmas Day Willow Tree</b>	- Mass at 8.00am
<b>Christmas Day St Brigid's</b>	- Mass at 9.30am
<b>Christmas Day Werris Creek</b>	- Mass at 9.00am

### Confessions at St Brigid's on Saturday Evenings - 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Due to COVID-19 and St Brigid's only able to cater for 64 people safely socially distancing. You will need to book for Mass over Christmas. The Mass times are listed on the bulletin, but you must register to which mass you will be attending. There are sheets at the back of the Church with the times allocated, please write down which mass you will be attending. Please advise family and friends.



### Christmas Raffle is a \$50.00 IGA

**Voucher** Please write your own tickets, use both sides of the ticket book, and place money in the tin provided. **GOOD LUCK.**

### Saints to Remember

<b>St Ambrose</b> - Memorial - 7th
<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> - Solemnity - 8th
<b>St Juan Diego Cuahutlatatzin</b> - Memorial - 9th
<b>St Damasus I</b> - Memorial - 11th
<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> - Memorial - 12th

**Invitation to all** We celebrate with Father Vic on his birthday this Tuesday 8th December, which is the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Following 9.30 Mass we will gather in the comfort of Fr Stan Campbell Hall for morning tea. For a COVID 19 safe gathering we ask that you bring your own morning tea, but cool drinks, tea and coffee will be provided. **Hope you can come so we can enjoy sharing others company, especially Father Vic's.**

### Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.  
Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

**CWL Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars** - \$10.00 each and are available at the back of the Church.

**Planned Giving \$438.00 + \$35.00 = \$473.00**

**First Collection \$367.95**

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

**Alléluia, alléluia!**

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

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1: 1-8

*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

## 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



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

06 DECEMBER 2020

## 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, let every cliff become a plain, 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