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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

28 November 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi
6.30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday: 8.00am - Willow Tree
9.30am - Quirindi

Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Coming Events

- Thurs 2 CWL Meeting in Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.00am
- Fri 3 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 4.30pm
- Sat 4 Marion Prayer at 9.30am at St Brigids Church with a Cuppa at St Joseph's Centre after Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass with the Raffle to be drawn
- Sun 5 Mass at 8.30am for parishioners
- Fri 10 Advent Reflection group at 10.00am in St Joseph's Centre. No RSVP Required
- Fri 10 St Joseph's School Graduation Mass at 10.00am for Parents and Students

Planned Giving \$727.00 + \$50.00 = \$777.00

First collection \$235.00

Raffle & Morning Tea The Drawing of the Raffle will on **Sunday 5th December** and will be the last "after Mass" morning tea for 2021. We thank the Gunning family once again for being the provider of the beautiful food and drinks. The raffle prize for the winner - \$40.00 Tamarang Service centre Voucher, 2nd Prize \$20.00 Chemist Voucher (which has been donated) will be drawn so make sure you have your tickets in it. If you haven't already done so. Your kind support is much appreciated

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Priest/leader. Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son who died on the cross was raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery, our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends who have gone ahead to their rest in Christ, may share in the joy of His resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

R. Lord, have mercy
R. Christ, have mercy
L. Lord have mercy
R. Lord have mercy

Our Father...

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let your perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace. Amen.

Saints to Remember
St Andrew - Memorial - 30th
St Francis Xavier - Memorial - 3rd
St John Damascene - Memorial - 4th

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Josephite Calendars
For those people who ordered and paid for a Josephite Calendar they have arrived and are at the back of the Church on the white table for your collection. Many thanks

Advent Each year during Advent there is usually one morning where Parishioners are invited to morning tea and join in a reflection on the coming weekend Gospel. **Friday 10th December - begin at 10.00am at St Joseph's Centre after 8.30am Mass.** There is no pressure at all on you to share if you are not comfortable with that, but it is so beneficial to just come and LISTEN. This could be part of your preparation for Christmas in your own spiritual way. No RSVP required

Save your Postage Stamps With Christmas Cards circulating soon perhaps a reminder about the Stamp Saving. Save your Postage Stamps with Used Stamps with funds going to the Josephite Mission in Peru. Box for them at the back of the Church.

Men ALIVE gathering on Zoom through reFUEL every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm for one hour and spend quality time with God and great men from across Australian and New Zealand. The environment is relaxed, welcoming and non-judgemental - all are welcome... Come and See! Each week we provide the opportunity to take time to reflect and share with other men, to pray together and to deeply ponder one of the readings for the coming Sunday. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609>

Advent Pilgrimage 2021 is approaching very quickly. Make sure you sign up to the "Advent Pilgrimage 2021" Group in order to stay up to date on all the recording releases as well as the LIVE zoom sessions! Join us for Prayer, Spiritual Reading, Special Guests and Fellowship. Hosted by Matthew-Hermann Tague. Go to www.parcousieworld.com and follow the links.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

- Christmas Eve Mass Friday 24 December**
6.00pm - St Brigids Quirindi
7.30pm - St Thomas More Werris Creek
- Christmas Day Mass Saturday 25 December**
8.00am - Immaculate Heart of Mary Willow Tree
9.30am - St Brigids Quirindi
- 6.30pm - St Thomas More Werris Creek (Vigil Mass for Sunday)
- Sunday 26 December**
9.30am - St Brigids Quirindi
- No Mass at Willow Tree this Sunday**



GOSPEL

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be consoled with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive: all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

The Portuguese have a proverb that 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' We know that it is not always easy to discern what God is writing. Our world, indeed our own lives, can be marked by so many contradictions and tensions. Can there be faith in the midst of disappointment? Can there be hope in the face of suffering? The readings for today agree in proclaiming that the answer is 'yes' for the person of faith.

Jeremiah writes words of hope and promise in the midst of the massive upheaval and loss of faith that accompanied the people of Israel going into exile in 587BC. To speak words of faith in the face of such horror and disappointment would have required a great deal of faith indeed.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians was written only some twenty years after the death of Jesus at a time when the earliest Christians believed that the Lord Jesus would return at any moment. Paul advises them about how best to prepare and encourages them to keep their vision and commitment while they are waiting.

Some twenty years later Luke's Christians ran the risk of being discouraged due to the delay in the return of the Lord. They found themselves fearful of that day when the Lord Jesus would return and needed encouragement and consolation. Luke reminds them of Jesus' words, to give them hope so that when he returns, he will find them confident and hopeful, ready and waiting.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

28 NOVEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the hand.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

'The Lord-our-integrity.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

SECOND READING

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the



whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 64:8

Alléluia, alléluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alléluia!