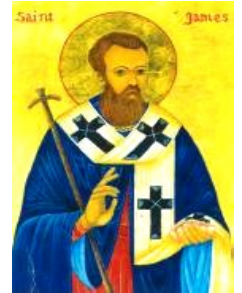


1ST SUNDAY ADVENT YR B 2020 29 NOVEMBER

The Parish of St James Coorparoo A Vibrant, Prayerful, Inclusive Augustinian Parish Archdiocese of Brisbane



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Stay awake! With these words, Jesus cautions his disciples to be constantly vigilant and to be alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent. Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Perhaps the time of preparation this Advent is also a call to stay awake and stay alert in faith. One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life is comfortable, the perceived need for faith appears to diminish. Many young people in our society cannot see the value of religious belief or religious practice. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. The gospel call to stay awake in preparation for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Over the last three weeks, the gospel passages from Matthew 25 were reminders about continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. This week, with the beginning of Advent, it is the gospel of Mark that also reminds us that we cannot take the Kingdom for granted and must remain vigilant in working to realise the Kingdom. This vigilance needs to be applied to nurturing our own faith life as well as making a difference in the lives of those around us and the needy in society. Rather than 'Stay awake!' maybe some of us need to be told, 'Wake up!' It is never too late to pay closer attention to faith and perhaps this Advent is an ideal time to do that.



Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 9th DECEMBER 2020, 7.30pm St James Church

The Second Rite is a very powerful **communal** celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation which begins with a hymn, followed by prayers, appropriate scripture readings, a brief homily, an examination of conscience—all leading us to repentance.

"The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. ... Good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite" (*Liturgy Brisbane*). Again, it is not the format for lengthy advice or discussion on the part of either the penitent or the priest.

The Rite concludes with the celebrant giving all penitents a penance, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving, then a blessing, and the dismissal of the gathered assembly.

LIVING the gospel

Stay Awake!

By the time the Church begins to celebrate Advent as a period of preparation towards Christmas, the stores have been filling with Christmas paraphernalia for weeks. It starts out small with a few decorations and wrapping paper and eventually takes over every retail outlet. In the midst of this excess of Christmas consumerism, it is often difficult to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, as we are cautioned in this week's gospel. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.



Have you thought? Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

- Q. What does the call to 'Stay awake!' mean for your life?
- Q. What appear to be the things that challenge the importance of religious belief in society today?
- Q. How do you nurture your spirituality and faith?
- Q. During this time of Advent, how can you encourage others to properly prepare for Christmas?

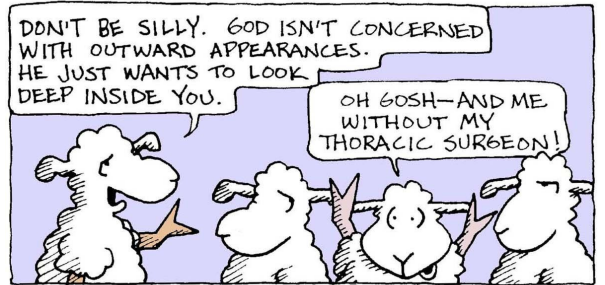


Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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"Would that you might meet us doing right."

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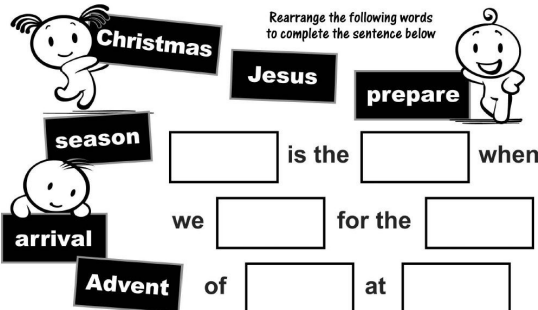
How will I present myself when Jesus comes to me this Advent?

Pick the missing word...

WATCH OUT AND BE

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CAREFUL READY HAPPY



CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- What are some things you look forward to?
- How do you get ready to prepare for them?
- Today we begin Advent – what are we preparing for in Advent?
- Jesus asks us to watch out and be ready as we make our preparations to celebrate Christmas.
- How can we make Advent a time of preparation this week?

Thank you very much for Financially Supporting Your Parish:

- **Thru Direct Debit (this is our recommended option).** Kindly complete the **"Direct Debit Request - Offertory Giving" form**, and drop the completed form in the Priory Letterbox, (or scan it / take a picture of it) and send it via email to the parish office.
With the Direct Debit method, you have the liberty to decide on the amount to be donated as well as the frequency of this (fortnightly or monthly). This donation method mirrors our Sunday collection: 1st Collection (**Augustinian Order**) and/or 2nd Collection (for the upkeep of **St James Parish**).
- Thru parish **planned giving envelopes** (given out each June)
- Thru processing **your own transfer** using your bank account app or website (see below).

1st Collection: Augustinian Order

Account Name: Augustinian Priory
BSB: **064 786**
Account #: **006160102**
Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits)

2nd Collection: St James Parish

Account Name: St James Parish
BSB: **064 786**
Account #: **006161103**
Reference: (Surname, & First Name if first name fits)

- Thru a **cheque**. Please indicate on the envelope if it's going towards **ST JAMES PARISH** and/or the **AUGUSTINIAN ORDER**.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for recently deceased:



Rodrigo Urbano; Edgar Galdo; Nora May Convine; Salvadore Resolado (father of Fr Saldie OSA); Pauline Donaldson; Anna Maria Harkins.

And these anniversaries: Daniel

Reilly; Flaviana & Eulogio Diz; Tom Lunney; Serafino Berta; Sofia Atsaiou; Reg Chapman; Gregoria Ricablanca; Palmiero & Amalia Savini.

Please pray for these unwell: Tina Romano; Pauline Donaldson; Rex Ducat; Charles di Bella; Bill & Carmel Trewern, Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman; Danny Pearsall; Olive Williams; Neil Scanlan.

Give prayers to our Baptismal Children: Saoirse Wynne.



Parish News

Yared family are looking for a carer for an elderly parishioner from 9am – 3pm on Wednesdays (morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea supplied). Phone 0450604091. Will discuss payment. Joseph.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH A CHRISTMAS LIKE NO OTHER

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many families were already doing it tough trying to live a dignified life on JobSeeker payments that were below poverty levels. Now, with the health, economic and social impacts of COVID disrupting the lives and livelihoods of all Australians, the need for support grows each day, with families brought closer to the poverty line as time passes.

Make a life-changing difference to disadvantaged Queenslanders:

* Visit the Jesse Tree with Christmas tags for gift giving - located near the side entrance to the Church. All donations received by 13th December will be greatly appreciated as the Christmas Hampers will be delivered the following week.

* If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose are available at the door or on the pews.

* You may wish to make a direct deposit to: BSB: 064786; ACCT: 100026564 ACCT NAME: SVDP St James Conference Coorparoo
THANK YOU for your generous support!



The Little King's Movement depends entirely on public donations, no government subsidies either. St James Parish community have supported Little Kings throughout the years. In January 2021, we will hold the **TLKM APPEAL**. More details soon.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND



good works



NOVEMBER

- 28/29 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite) **Year B: 1st Sunday Advent**
28 YA worship night after 6pm Vigil Mass
29 Paul Wilson from Augustinian Volunteers Australia to speak at mass

DECEMBER

- 2 Wednesday 6.30pm Graduation Liturgy for St James School
4 Friday Farewell 9am mass for St James School
5/6 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B 2nd Sunday Advent**
7-11 Parish secretary on annual leave (volunteers will monitor our parish office phone)
9 Wednesday Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation [7.30pm]
11 Friday Anointing mass 10am (no 8am mass on this day)
12/13 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); **Year B 3rd Sunday Advent**
12-20 No Christmas Cheer this year, due to CV19 conditions.
15 - 23 Christmas Novena masses (to be co-ordinated by St James parishioners) 7pm except Saturday 6pm

Today's Readings

1st Sunday Advent

First Reading *Isaiah*

63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8 Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1: 3-9*

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading *Mark 13: 33-37* Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.



Parish news

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas Cards and

Calendars available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church ...



Vinnies
good works

Christmas cards \$3

Franciscan calendars \$8

Columban calendars \$10



Friends of St Augustine Coorparoo...

Invitation to our Christmas Luncheon on Friday **11th December at 1pm** Easts Leagues Club, Coorparoo. RSVP: For catering numbers, please send acceptances, no later than *Tuesday 8th December*, to Cathy Monderde – cathy.monderde@gmail.com or send text to 0455 313 215. Parishioners are most welcome to join "Friends of St. Augustine" group and come to our end of year gathering.



Archdiocese News

Position Vacant –
Safeguarding Officer

Office for Safeguard-

ing Services located at the St Stephen's Cathedral precinct. The position is a full-time 37.5 hour role. visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> (careers).



JANUARY 2021

Palms will enter its 60th year with an Orientation Course January 2021. Please visit www.palms.org.au.



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November 28 / 29 Paul & Cecilia

December 5 / 6 Sylvia & John

NEXT WEEK December 5 / 6	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 6PM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S	Marie G
LECTOR	Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M	Ana I
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Anne S Paul D	Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Yen N Pat P	Benedict Denis S
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19	restrictions
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah	Rodel/ Ramil/ Alyssa/ Klaris
POWERPOINT	Paul	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S	Sydel /
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M	Mark G / Marie G / Matheus H

Mass Times & Services:

WEEKEND: Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm (marshal required)
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm (marshal required each mass)

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm...by appointment only.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am (postponed until further notice)

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 4th December.

NEXT HEALING MASS: Friday 11th December, at 10am (not 4th—Farewell School mass).

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (at this stage).

Next Sunday's Readings:

2nd Sunday Advent

First Reading Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.

Second Reading 2 peter 3: 8-14 We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website ([look for the Prayer tab](#)).

www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings.

