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Sunday, 03 December 2017
First Sunday of Advent – Year B



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Advent will be a time of many blessings for us at St Mary's Cathedral – literally. Today, the First Sunday of Advent, as well as blessing the Advent Wreath we have the Blessing of the nativity scene in Cathedral Square after the 10.30am Mass.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, 17th December, we will have the Blessing of the needlepoint hassocks (kneeling cushions) just completed after a years-long volunteer project, and at the same Mass the Blessing of our new ceremonial "Umbraculum" and "Tintinnabulum" (the processional pavilion/umbrella and bell which are the official emblems of a Minor Basilica) acquired through the generosity of the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral.

And there will be the daily blessings which come to us as we prepare to welcome the afresh Lord into our hearts and homes each day of Advent-tide expectation.

It is the wisdom of the Christian tradition to moderate our joys now a little in order to more fully receive the gift of grace at Christmas.

May your Advent therefore be one of many blessings.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 6.00PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER DUE TO THE MASS BEING HELD IN THE DOMAIN FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL.

Liturgy...

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**
 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**
 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**
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Liturgy...

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



Liturgy...

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



CATHEDRAL CLERGY

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher
Father Donald Richardson, Dean
Father Brendan Purcell
Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo
Father Pierluigi Passoni*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

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Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
Weekday Mass	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
Reconciliation	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments)

****COELIACS:** Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.