



Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

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!'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

First Sunday of Advent B, Year B

29 November 2020

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

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.

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.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

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.

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St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:

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St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley
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Parish School:

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

We Remember: We remember Hans Wilke recently deceased, our deceased family and friends; and Ann Sandy whose anniversary occurs at this time and also those whose names are in our Remembrance Book: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Meditation, Prayer and Chat: Connect with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by joining the liturgy via zoom to:

❖ **Friday Night Prayer** – hosted and lead by Jo Ryan.

❖ **Meditation Group** – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

❖ **Scripture Reflection** – 11.00am each Sunday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

Stewardship: Your Stewardship envelopes can now be returned when attending Mass and placed in the baskets in the narthex. For convenience you may continue to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

Church Account – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)

Presbytery Account – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

Welcome: We welcome Fr Lenin Thenamirtham to St Bridget's today. Fr Lenin is the newly appointed Assistant Priest to our affiliated parishes, residing at St Anne's Presbytery, Kew. Observing social distance, please make yourself know to Fr Lenin after Mass (5.30pm).



Advent Reflection: Scripture reflection group invites you to join us for Advent reflection using resources developed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to help you deepen your Advent journey, including weekly guided reflections on the Advent readings, Sunday Gospel reflections and other multimedia to help engage with Scripture from a contemporary perspective. These opportunities might deepen your sense of Advent anticipation, as you await and prepare for God's great gift of love and hope for our world: Jesus. Sunday morning @11.00am via Zoom.



Christmas Appeal: St Vincent De Paul Greythorn Conference will conduct their annual Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 5 & 6 December. Envelopes will be available for donating when attending Mass, or for on-line donations, account details will be advised next weekend. This year has been tough for all of us, but for those marginalised, the issues are more compounding. Your generosity is appreciated, and no doubt will be rewarded.

Broadcast Mass: We will continue to offer the broadcast Mass each week, rotating around our churches. Online Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts. YouTube link for this week is <https://youtu.be/zziZAwlsBPA>.

Lector Roster for 5 & 6 December

Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
E Kelly	R Canale	R Stewart
NOTE: Lectors please ensure that you book your attendance via Trybooking.		

Mass Times at our Parishes from Tuesday 1 – Sunday 6 December:

	St Bridget	St Bede	St Anne	St Joachim
Tuesday		9.15am		
Wednesday			10.00am	
Thursday		9.15am		
Friday 4 Dec				
First Friday	8.30am	9.15am	10.00am	
Saturday	5.00pm	6.00pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	9.00am 11.00am	10.30am	8.00am

Parishioners are welcome to book for any Mass across the affiliated parishes. Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass so that you have time to hand sanitise and are marked off the list as an attendee. If you are unwell, please do not attend Mass.

Parishioners must book using Trybooking. The link will be sent out each Thursday. If you do not have the internet, then ring the parish office on Wednesday morning to be booked in. If you find – after booking – that you are unable to attend, please cancel so that someone else can use that place. There is a strict limit on the number of people that can attend each Mass. Social distancing applies, and no one may be admitted unless wearing a mask (except people with a medical exemption) or without a prior booking.

Refugee Family Support: St Bridget's Refugee Action Group **NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Covid 19 has been a big challenge for the refugee families. They have no access to government financial support including JobKeeper or JobSeeker. It has been difficult for them to manage day to day expenses. Unfortunately the father of our first family is now ill and will be unable to work for the next six months whilst having medical treatment. Until he is well and able to return to work, we propose to assist the family in any way we can. We seek your financial assistance to support the family in this time of need. Please donate directly to St Bridget's Refugee Family Support Fund (Tax deductible). Bank account details are below. Please include your name in the "remitter" field.

Account name: St Bridget's Parish Refugee Action Group

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB Number: 083-347

Account Number: 34780 0103. Your generous support is appreciated. Thank you in advance. RAG