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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

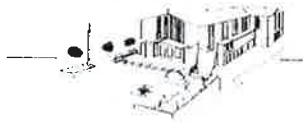
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrating St. Andrew's Feast Day

The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath



The candles and the light remind us of the light Jesus brought into the world.
The waiting for the four candles to be lit symbolizes the long years of waiting for the Saviour.
The greenery suggests life, growth and hope.

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Carmen Farrugia, Christine O'Meara and all those who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Throughout November we are praying for 'All the Faithful Departed' especially those listed on the November envelopes.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church



Happy St. Andrew's Feast Day

Let us all try to imitate St. Andrew
and introduce someone to Jesus.

Come and celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint
at the 9.10 am Mass on this Mon. 30 November

CONFIRMATION 2020



Welcome and thank you to the Very Rev. Gerald Gleeson VG,
for coming to St. Andrew's to confirm our candidates.

Congratulations to those who received this special Sacrament this weekend.
A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in the preparation of the candidates
and in the actual celebration.

St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS APPEAL. *next weekend.*

Donations to this appeal are 100% tax deductible. You can donate online or by
using the tap machine (Malabar)
Let us help those who are less fortunate.

In our Piety Stall this Christmas

Columban Calendars - \$9, St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards - (both parishes)
Christmas Colouring Books - \$3.50 All proceeds go to the SVdeP Society.

November Masses

November Mass envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for deceased
family and friends. Throughout November the envelopes with names will be placed near
the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased loved ones.

November is a good time to think about how concerned we are about our eternal future.

St Agnes's and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Let others know there's plenty of room.

Churches are now allowed to have more than 100 people attending each Mass
as long as we keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,
please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

The Pagewood and Matraville Masterplan website is now live at

<https://pmm.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au>

The launch of the Masterplan is now on the website.

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

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.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Fr Chris Monaghan CP as our reflection writer. Fr Chris is President of Yarra Theological Union, University of Divinity, where he teaches both Old and New Testament. In his reflection, he will consider briefly each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, of the Jesuit College of Spirituality, University of Divinity, for his insightful reflections on the Gospels over the past three years.

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Breaking Open the Word

**THE CALL TO CONVERSION**

As Advent begins, we set out once again to prepare our hearts for the great feast of God's humble presence among us. Expectation and complacency, longing and listlessness, can all be found in our hearts as we prepare for Christmas. Today's readings speak of our need for God's presence and our thankful response of faithfulness.

The reading from Isaiah is a passionate plea for renewal and change. The people have been left to their own devices for too long. If God would only tear open the heavens and come down, the mountains would melt before God's presence. Isaiah hopes that the hearts of the people of Israel should also melt so that God the great potter, could once more mould, shape, and breathe life into their hearts.

Paul's perspective is one of thanksgiving for the gifts that have already been given as the community waits for the Lord's return. Such gifts are given to sustain us as we wait for the moment when Jesus will finally be revealed in glory.

It is one thing to be grateful for blessings and gifts received but the Gospel calls us to take the next step of using these gifts faithfully. The parable of the master who leaves his servants in charge during his absence is as relevant today as in the days of Mark. It is important to note that each of the servants is entrusted with a task to be faithfully completed. As Advent begins each one of us is given the task of preparing our hearts and lives to welcome the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-19. 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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.