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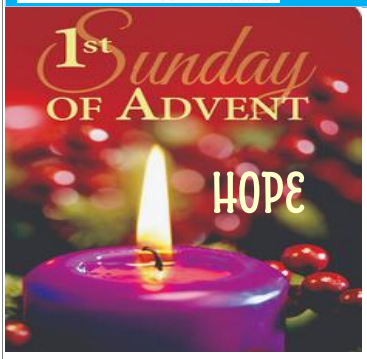

29th November 2026

Loving God, awaken our hearts this Advent to recognise your presence and trust your promises amid the uncertainties of our world. Help us to live watchfully in faith, generously in love and courageously in hope as we prepare to welcome Christ. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

Advent begins not with the celebration of Christmas, but with an invitation to stay awake. In a world filled with uncertainty, conflict and suffering, Jesus calls us to remain watchful and faithful. This does not mean living in fear of the future, but learning to recognise God's presence in the ordinary moments of life.

We can become so busy with our responsibilities and preparations that we overlook those who need our care. Advent invites us to pause, pray and pay attention. Perhaps Christ comes to us through a lonely neighbour, a struggling family or an unexpected opportunity to show kindness.

As we begin this season, let us keep our hearts open, our faith alive and our hope firmly rooted in God's promises.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: 'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' Mark 13.31

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading from Isaiah 64.1-9

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— [2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5]You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O Lord , you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord , and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.
Hear the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Biblical Background: Isaiah cries out for God to come among the people, acknowledging their sinfulness while trusting God as their Creator and loving Father.
Meaning and Relevance Today: In a troubled world, Advent invites us to seek God's presence, trust in divine mercy and remain hopeful for renewal.
Reflection Question: *Where do I long for God to bring healing, hope and new beginnings into my life and our world?*

Psalm 80.1-7; 80.17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading from 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you

may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Biblical Background: Paul gives thanks for God's grace to the Corinthian church and assures believers that God will strengthen them as they await Christ's coming.

Meaning and Relevance Today: Advent reminds us that we are sustained by God's faithfulness, even when we feel weak, uncertain or unprepared.

Reflection Question: *How can I grow in faith and trust in God's faithfulness as I prepare for Christ's coming?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13.24-37

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

[24]'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

For the Gospel of the Lord **PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Biblical Background: Jesus speaks of his coming in glory and urges his disciples to stay awake and remain watchful because they do not know the appointed time.

Meaning and Relevance Today: Advent calls us to live attentively and faithfully, recognising God's presence and responding to the needs of others rather than becoming distracted or complacent.

Reflection Question: *What can I change in my daily life to become more spiritually attentive and ready to welcome Christ?*

News & Notices

BAPTISM: Dale Family: We are pleased to welcome the Dale family, Christopher, Jessica, Mollie with baby Millie back to St Peter's for Millie's baptism at the 8.30 am service.

GUEST PREACHER / COMBINED SERVICE / COOKED BREAKFAST: Today we welcome to St Peter's, the Rev'd Kaye Pitman OAM to officiate and preach. Rev'd Kaye was one of six women ordained priest in 1992, the first time it was possible in Brisbane. She was a teacher, student, MOW member and the director of the deacon and priestly formation programs in Brisbane. We are delighted she has joined us for the combined service, baptism and cooked breakfast following the Service. Welcome to all our congregations who join us for this last combined service for 2026.

ANGLICAN & CATHOLIC EVENING PRAYER: We've been invited to join St Pat's for evening prayer **Mon 30th Nov. at 5:30 pm in St Patrick's Church**. Wine and cheese will follow. Please add your name to the attendance list at the back of St Peter's or call Marissa at our office to RSVP.

PARISH PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable food supplies, such as: tinned soups, veggies, fish etc; Snack food; porridge; long life milk; packets of cereal; pasta; packet meals etc. Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable food supplies for our community assistance pantry.

THIS WEEK: Sun: 8.30 am & 5.30 pm Gympie; 9.30 am Rainbow Beach **| Mon:** 9.30 am Mainly Music **| Tue:** 5.00 pm Meditation **| Wed:** 12.00 noon Service. **| Thurs**: 1 pm Bible Study.

Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link*: Zoom* information is the same each week
Web address: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483 Meeting ID: 724 678 8483

Prayers for those in need

Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Pam Dorman; Jill, Holly & Alby; Christian Ford; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Glennys; Narelle Hosking; Jenny; Lillian Lochel; Val McClurg; Daniel Saunders; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.

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Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Thurs, 24th Dec.

St Peter's Church Gympie

- 6 pm Family Service & Nativity Play
- 9.30 pm Carols
- 10 pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day Fri, 25th Dec

St Peter's - Gympie Cnr Amy St & Lady Mary Tce

8.30 am All Ages Christmas Service

Good Shepherd - Rainbow Beach 17 Carlo Rd

8.30 am All Ages Christmas Service

Merry Christmas


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