

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

STAY AWAKE!

Happy New Year! Today we listen to the Gospel according to Matthew for the first time on this first day of the new liturgical year, Year A. Matthew writes for Jewish followers of Jesus living in the mid-80s of the first century. We shall listen to this Gospel aware that Israelite-Jewish concepts permeate its presentation of the Jewish Jesus, so different from Mark or Luke.

The language of today's Gospel is very Jewish. It is drawn from imagery of the Old Testament—typical, as we shall see, of Matthew—and from a particular style of biblical writing called 'apocalyptic'. Tempted to take our selection literally, it is better and to think of it as 'theological-poetry'. The evangelist uses a familiar Jewish literary style of writing. Its basic theme is that, despite the evil and tragedies that surround people, God will save and protect those who are faithful, especially at that definitive moment of divine judgement at the end of time.

Jesus' injunction is to 'stay awake' to this moment—not to fall asleep or become disheartened by its delay. God will definitively act against evil and vindicate the faithful. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder. We, too, must 'stay awake' and 'stand ready' to what will unfold in the year ahead and not be dispirited by all that seems negative, fruitless and disheartening. God's presence, the God who 'will be with us' will be revealed in the figure of the 'Son of Man'. This is a recurring theme in the Gospel and throughout this new liturgical year.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and
they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways;

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,

their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us
go to God's house. / And now our feet are
standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

Isa 2:1-5

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THE SAVING WORD

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2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes
of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there
to praise the Lord's name. / There were set
the thrones of judgement / of the house of
David. R.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace
be to your homes! / May peace reign in your
walls, / in your palaces, peace! R.

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say:
'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of
the Lord / I will ask for your good. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake
up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was
when we were converted. The night is almost
over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up
all the things we prefer to do under cover of
the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in
the light. Let us live decently as people do in
the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.
Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.



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THIS WEEK: 30 November 2025 - First Sunday of Advent - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Richelle M	Alister R	Perly C	Dulce T	Diana T	Mario N
1st Reader	Gian S L	Telmo E	Kumudu M	Kathleen T	Kirk D G R	Marvin D
2nd Reader	Grace S L	Glenda A	Gynn D	Teresa Tan	Tami T	Vernon A
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Paul M Marie E George E	Alister R	Teo C Ronald D Wynna D Rukmal M	Gilbert M Rosa M Roger S J Eva O	Jacqueline R Emman C Ian H Kirk D G R	Roland D Maria Sulfaro Michael D Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Anielle Mary Alm	Jepicho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	CFCA	AHFI	MWFF with LIHM Sisters	MWFF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CFCA

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	Delia J	Deepak J	Wynna D	Julie Ann M	RJ Baculo	Shereen Q
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Choirs	MWFF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Butch Eleazar	Emmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM



ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you." John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 2am, 3am

Thursday: 12am (midnight)

Saturday: 4pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

9-Day Dawn Mass.

First day of

9-Day dawn mass novena will be on

Tuesday, 16 December at 5:00 AM

President: Bishop Martin Ashe, DD

Traditional Breakfast.

We will have

our traditional breakfast after the mass

and we still welcome food sponsors.

Please contact the Parish office 03

93633132 or email: deerpark@cam.org.au.

Thank you.

Offertory.

We warmly invite families to

take part in the offertory procession

during our 9-day Dawn Masses novena.

This is a beautiful way to offer your

prayers, intentions and thanksgiving as

you bring forward the gifts. If your family

would like to participate on one of the

mornings please contact the Parish office

03 93633132 or Arlyn Lim 0430768008.

Thank you and may the Lord bless you and

your family.

EFTPOS facility

available in the

foyer the church for those who wish to

generously donate to the church. We

thank you for your generosity and

support. May God bless you and your

family.

1st Friday Vigil 6 December 2025, after the 7pm mass to be concluded with the mass at 12:00 Midnight.

NO SPC Youth meeting on Tuesday, 2 December 2025. The LIHM Sisters and some of youth leaders are attending the Catholic Youth Festival.

Volunteers. We need more church cleaning volunteers for the month of December. Please call the Parish office during office hours if you are able to help 03 93633132 or email deerpark@cam.org.au

Healing Mass. Sunday, 7 December. Praise and Worship at 2.30 pm followed by Healing Mass at 3.00 pm Fellowship after the Mass. All welcome. Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

Positions vacant. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people. Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <https://www.melbourne.catholic.org/jobvacancies>

Permanent Diaconate.

An invitation to all interested to become Permanent Deacons. Please check flyer in the foyer of the church

Piety Store. Christmas cards, Calendars Bible Diaries 2026 now available at the Piety store.

Next Week. 7 December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent - A

A VOCATION VIEW

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?