

Sentences, for the second Sunday of Advent

Sentence:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. (Luke 3.4, Isaiah 40.5a)

Prayer of the Day:

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us the grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

AMEN

Readings for this week, the second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11
2 Peter 3.8-15a

Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13
Mark 1.1-8

Readings for next week, the third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

Psalms 126 or Song of Mary
John 1.6-8, 19-28

This Week ... St John's Wollombi

8.30am Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. John West

Next Week ... St Mark's Laguna

10.00am Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

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Wollombi Valley E-pistle

From the Churches of St John's, Wollombi and St Mark's, Laguna

Sunday the 10th of December 2017

Rearranging the Deckchairs on the Titanic.

We have come to use this phrase as a way of describing a futile and trivial pursuit in the face of an impending disaster.

The period of Advent (the four Sundays prior to Christmas) in the church year is a serious reminder that Christ will return, that everything will be burned up and that we will be held accountable for the way in which we have responded to him in this life! Our reading, this week, from the first letter of Peter, chapter three, tells us that Christ's return is delayed as God waits for more people to come into his Kingdom (his family) to enjoy his presence in this life and the next. He also challenges his Christian readers to order their priorities in the light of the fact that everyone will, one day, stand before God.

We insure our possessions and our lives against events, which may or may not happen. But it is surprising how many people never even think about, let alone research, what might really happen in the absolute certainty of the next life!

This Sunday, 10th December, 10am at St John's, Wollombi, is an opportunity to check out some of the facts, and over tea or coffee to ask any questions you would like answered. Everyone is welcome!

Rev'd John West

St Michael's services

Mass Saturday 16th December at 6pm.

An invitation to all the good folk at Saint John's and Saint Mark's that everyone is most welcome to join us for Christmas Mass at Saint Michael's at 11.30 on Christmas Day. Never mind if it is hot, the air conditioning works perfectly.

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