

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B) 14 November 2021**

First reading Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has sanctified. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

**Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the
Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

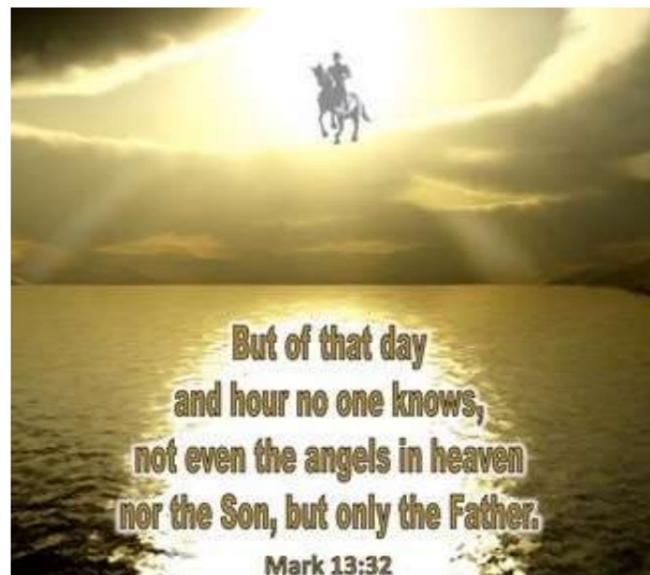
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

’The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
12pm-for not fully vaccinated

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm
Next Healing Mass: 4 November
**Current restrictions allow 70 fully
vaccinated people at Mass.**

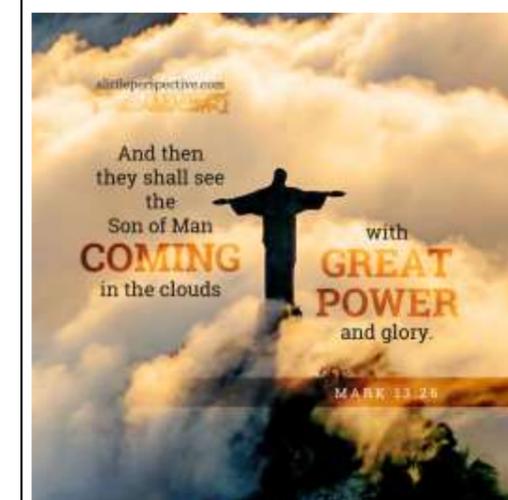
Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)
Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment
Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

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The Son of Man will come in the clouds with great power and glory

Towards the end of each liturgical year, the Church reflects upon the end of time when Jesus will return in his glory and power and all the angels with him. All the nations will be gathered before Him and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The anticipation of His second coming is an essential part of our faith. During the Mass after the consecration we acclaim, “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.” The Scripture readings, however, reminds us of the threefold meaning of Jesus’ coming: His first coming when He took flesh and was born of Virgin Mary; His second coming either at our death or at the end of time and the world that will bring our salvation to completion; His coming into our lives each time we step forward in genuine Christian living. How do we prepare to welcome His arrival? I recall a true story of a man who left \$57,000 in his will to Jesus. He said the money is for Jesus’ own use when He will return at His second coming. But the money was to be invested at the highest interest in the meantime. Does anyone really think that Jesus will be shopping at a posh department store for a new seamless robe and sandals upon His return? Does anyone feel money is what He shall require from us at the end of time? Is this what the man of Nazareth is all about? Jesus, I believe, is more interested in the way we conduct our lives this moment rather than tomorrow. He is more eager to see us improve life for others today than He is to remove us from it.

The following is Andrew Greeley’s reflection, taken from the homily of Fr. James Gilhooley, which may inspire us to make our own preparation for Jesus’ coming: “The Second Coming, the New Age, the New Epoch,” Andrew says, “can and should be happening throughout this day and week.” I saw the Second Coming at a Soup Kitchen where I worked. A white woman volunteer gave a black man soup, pasta, and coffee. As he was leaving, he thanked her. Then she noticed the bad condition of his shoes. She told him to wait. From the clothing closet, she brought several pairs. The woman got down on her knees and fitted each pair. Finally, she found his fit. In this forty-minute encounter, Jesus in His Second Coming was present. I was watching Him washing His apostles’ feet all over again. I witnessed the New Age today at a fast-food restaurant. A busload of children treated their waitress with kindness. “Please” and “thank you” were more plentiful than hamburgers and cokes. They cleaned their table. They left a generous tip and a happy waitress. There was no doubt but that the Lord was present. I see the New Epoch every time one of you gives me \$100 and asks me to give it to a family having a difficult time. If one looks sharp enough, you can see a smile on Christ’s face. I observed the New Order yesterday. I was lost and could not find the correct road. I asked directions of a young man. Though he was in as much a hurry as I, he U-turned and told me to follow him for several miles. Then he put my car on the correct road.



Can you not hear Jesus applaud as I tell you this story? I heard of the Second Coming yesterday. A mother told me of her return from a long journey. On her kitchen table, she found a dozen carnations waiting to greet her. The benefactor was her teen son. That day she saw Christ in her boy. I saw the New Epoch last week. A priest had heard that hostiles in a parish were gleefully giving another priest, whom he hardly knew, a hard time. He phoned. “May I buy you a good lunch?” The trip cost him not only the restaurant bill but also a round trip of 140 miles, and over half a tank of gas. Was not the Nazarene riding with him that day? You, I am sure, can fill in the blanks and tell me of the times when you saw the Second Coming this past week. And hopefully you were the cause of it.

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast Days of the week:

Monday 15 November St Albert the Great
 Tuesday 16 November St Margaret of Scotland
 St Gertrude
 Wednesday 17 November St Elizabeth of Hungary
 Thursday 18 November Dedication of the Basilicas of
 St Peter and of St Paul outside the Walls

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Lucia Lastrina (RIP 6/11)
 Marjorie Walshe (RIP 11/11)

We Commemorate

Mercedes Calleja, Rosa Cavaliere famiglie Paiano Loffo e Loria.
 Raffaella Scarcella (2 anniversario) e per tutti i defunti delle famiglie Paiano Scarcella.

Vincenzo Capobianco, Mario Caruso, Graziano Caruso.
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.



Meditation on Jesus

Greetings of Peace.
 I offer Meditation on Jesus on zoom.
 Meditation on the name Jesus has helped many to ease the distress caused by Pandemic.
 Those who wish to join zoom meditation may contact Fr. Gilbert.
 Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

Roster for weekend of 20 & 21 November 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Eileen Stevens Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
Sun 6.00pm	Anna Liggieri Ylenia Useli	Robert Dullard

Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 13 November 2021
Volunteers
 Thank you for your hard work



New Guidelines - Bookings required for Mass attendance

As of 6:00pm Friday 29 October 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish:

All regular weekday and weekend Masses will have a cap of 70 parishioners (including clergy) who are fully vaccinated. To be eligible to attend Mass you must have your vaccination record loaded in your Service Victoria App, or those without a smartphone please bring your printed vaccination certificate with you to Mass. **Pre booking is required for all weekend Masses.**

An **additional Mass** on Sundays for 30 parishioners (including clergy) who are **not** fully vaccinated will be provided at 12:00pm (Midday). **Pre booking is also required for this Mass.**

PLEASE NOTE: at all Masses face masks are mandatory and you must check-in. Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

We are now taking online bookings for all weekend Masses via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVJPN>

If your circumstances change and you can no longer attend Mass, the booking system allows you to cancel your booking to allow others to attend.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



It is time to develop a new form of universal solidarity that is grounded in fraternity, love, and mutual understanding: one that values people over profit, one that seeks new ways to understand development and progress. #COP26

ST Vinnies Op Shopping is back!



The Preston shop at 596-598 Plenty Rd, Preston is now opened from Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Donations of goods are welcome but due to a sudden surge, volunteers ask that generous donors phone the shop prior to delivering large amounts of goods. (ph. 9478 6845)
 The Preston shop also look towards opening the shop on Sundays .New Volunteers would be most welcome.
 Contact the shop for more information.

Advent after Lock down.

This coming Wednesday evening with only two weeks to go before the season begins we will form a liturgy group to plan our community Observation of Advent/ the Christmas season.

Volunteers in our parish liturgies and who have experience or interest in liturgy planning are welcome to contact Fr Aloysius on 0428 715 282or Stephen Costello on 0432 405 417 for more information.
 The meeting will be via Zoom.

Last Week's Collection: 7/11/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$513
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$899
 Thank you for your kind generosity



LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Deacon Hai is featured holding our Australian religious Response to Climate Change banner has been an inspiring member of the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle. He is soon to leave us to take the Divine Word regarding caring for God's Earth to his new ministry after he is ordained this month. Deacon Hai has made a

joyful and fruitful contribution to the vision for our Laudato Si' parish. He will be greatly missed by us all. We wish him peace, joy, and happiness in his ministry as a priest for the people he serves. *Thank you so much Deacon Hai and we wish you every blessing as you go forward into a world that needs you so much.*

CATHOLICS AT COP26

Although Pope Francis did not attend COP26 he sent an envoy to speak on his behalf for the Catholic people of the world. On Wednesday, 10 November, Catholic leaders discussed the following:

- What is happening with God's creation and why is COP26 so important?
- What has happened so far at COP26 and what are the key demands of the Church?
- How can we ground creation care in our Catholic faith?
- What is next for Catholic engagement and action?

The Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle will also address these questions over time so that we can more fully embrace all our parishioners as Laudato Si' people of faith and mission. Let us continue to pray for the success of COP26.

Please God, bless all the leaders of the world and the Laudato Si' Movement; gather your people together to help restore the Earth, our common home. Amen

Sacred Heart Christmas Appeal 2021



For many years, our Sacred Heart Community and school has collected Christmas food items, assembled and delivered hampers to families and individuals who members of our St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with basic living costs.

Last year, due to Covid restrictions, with the help of the Parish and Parishioners, we were able to support many families with food vouchers, so that they could purchase their own Christmas food.

Due to the current COVID conditions, we will need to continue this approach for this year. Rather than cash, we are asking for donations of gift Cards of \$10 or more (from Coles or Woolworths) -for individuals, couples or families to be able to purchase Christmas food items.

We would, of course, also welcome donations from parish or work groups to support us to reach more people who will be struggling not only towards Christmas but in the weeks that follow.

Please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with your contact details so we can acknowledge your kind donation with a receipt.

You may either deliver your gift to the presbytery or alternatively contact Moira Mc Mahon on 0439 619 623, Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 or Stephen Costello 0432 405 417 if you require us to collect your donation.

With thanks,
 Stephen Costello
 St Vincent de Paul Conference Preston

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

As we have reopened our churches to celebrate as one, we will be looking to preparing new rosters for Liturgical ministers and also current and potential volunteers who clean and prepare our church each week. Please take time to advise the office if you are willing to continue in your current roles after lock down, with details of your availability and experience. New volunteers will also be welcome. Please refer to the following information from the Archdiocese of Melbourne about who can serve as readers, altar servers or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

- A person who is in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Men, women, young and old who are committed to the practice of their faith and willing to participate in a parish initiated formation. (May soon be accessible online)

Persons aged over 18 must have a current Working With Children Check or be willing to apply for one.
 Assistance to do so is available.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC):

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office.

While most of our frequent volunteers already hold updated WWCC that are recorded in our parish register, we urge volunteers who have not yet applied for a Check or whose Check has expired or not linked to the parish do so via the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Any questions- contact Rachel at the office, Pauline O'Day or other members of the Child Safe Standards Committee. Thank you

Deacon Hai's Priestly Ordination

This Mass will be livestreamed. Links will be provided in the coming weeks. Please keep Deacon Hai in your prayers.



Deacon Hai's Thanksgiving Mass will be on Sunday 5 December at 10:30am here at Sacred Heart Church. We hope you can join us . Online bookings are required.
The Love of Christ urges us" - 2 Corinthians 5:14

Joke Corner

