

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th - 18th November 2018

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

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. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, 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 achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

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

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

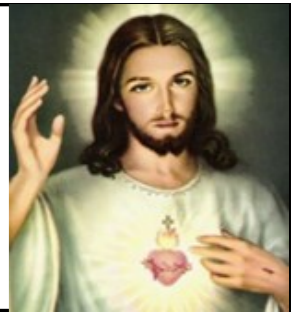


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Expand our Hearts that we may Serve You

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the liturgy puts before us a consideration of the end times as they have been presented in scripture through times of tribulation during, in Judeo-Christian history – and usually written in extreme figurative language called “Apocalyptic”.

The Gospel of Mark was written in Rome some 30 to 40 years after the death/resurrection of Jesus. Some Christian communities were experiencing persecution probably during the reign of the emperor Nero. In Judea, Jewish activists rose against Roman occupation and oppression which after years of war resulted in the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. For many this would have been regarded as an ultimate threat to the survival of their faith and culture. But in spite of the physical signs of destruction around them, faith in an eternally compassionate God strengthened and compelled them towards renewal, and new visions of themselves as a people of God.

So also the early Christian Communities continued to grow in hope and in number amid sometimes hostile environments and persecution. As in the cycles of nature, new life buds forth from seemingly dead branches, so with those faithful to the memory and promise of Jesus to be with them always...In today's Gospel, Mark portrays Jesus continuing His teaching about the costs of discipleship and the need for watchfulness so that they would not be caught unprepared for the 'final day of judgement'. His words and images drawn from imagery as in the book of Daniel, are not spoken to frighten his disciples, but to reassure them that whatever trials confront them in life, ultimately divine power will prevail.

Today, the language of the Gospel may not seem to be particularly helpful to us, but Jesus is giving us a way forward: keep watchful, be vigilant, continually responding in faith and love. We cannot live the future, we can only live in the 'now'.

The responsorial psalm provides an insight into a right attitude of heart and mind – not gloom, but joyful confidence that God will grant us 'the fullness of joy in God's presence'. This being so, and blessed by this Good News we should be led to expand our hearts to serve God and neighbour in Faith, Hope, Love and Joy and particularly looking out for those who have lost hope in themselves. In this time when the media draws attention to human abuse, hunger, dislocation and environmental tragedies of a global scale, the voice of Pope Francis calls us to be people of active hope and mercy for our planet and for each other.

Pope Francis has called on all parishes to observe this Sunday as the second World Day of the Poor. We might take on board the first words whispered to him by Cardinal Hummes on the day of his election...

“Don't forget the Poor!” We cannot live the Future. There is only Now!”



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only



Parish Stewardship Program

THANK YOU to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments – either at Mass last week or on line through our parish website. Your support is very much appreciated! A special thank you to all the new families who have joined us and to Fr Michael Morgan who generously gave his time to be with us at all Masses last weekend.

If you have not yet done so, additional pledge cards are available at the church entrance this weekend. These completed cards and any that you have brought from home should be placed in the baskets during the regular Mass collection. Your completed Groups & Ministries commitments should also be placed in the baskets or please leave them with Fr Jan after Mass. By doing so you will help with the next phase of the Program – the Follow-up phase where our dedicated volunteers will be making phone calls to confirm pledges.

Please note that the new envelopes will be available at Mass in the upcoming weekends. Thank you again for your support and generous response to our Program. We will have the final results available at our Social Event after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd December.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 21st November: Parish Stewardship Program Follow-Up Meeting - 7.00pm

Sunday 25th November: Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday 2nd December: 10.30am - Children's Mass, Followed by Parish Social Celebration at the Sacred Heart Hall, David St.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Dion Archer GAUCI** into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 11/11/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1189.40
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$597.20
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Church Renovation

Most of the planned works of renovation of our church has been done. We are now waiting for a larger crane to reach the church tower for repairs and painting. Painting and replacing gutter on the Bell Street side should be completed next week. Another job planned before Christmas is to replace the church lighting with brighter LED spotlights. Thank you very much for your continued support and for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Giving Tree 2018

For many years now Sacred Heart parishioners, school and St Vincent de Paul Group have combined to provide Christmas hampers for needy families in the Preston area. This year, our traditional 'Giving Tree' will once again be in the Church foyer for the first weeks of December, allowing us to collect, assemble and have hampers ready for delivery before the week of Christmas. Tokens hung on the tree will represent requests for food items, gift cards or cash donations (to cover the purchase of fresh food and vegetables). Volunteers to help prepare the hampers and accompany St Vincent de Paul members with deliveries on Friday 21st December will be most welcome. More information next week.



Assist a Student

Assist a Student is a national program of the St Vincent de Paul Society, aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty by providing education funds for students in partner countries in Asia and the Pacific. This weekend pamphlets are available should you or your family or group wish to consider sponsoring an overseas student for one year, to move towards a better future. "...education is the most powerful factor in allowing disadvantaged families to climb out of poverty and powerlessness.."

Widening the Door of Hope

A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation
Date: Tuesday 20th November 2018
Time: 7.30pm start, 7.00pm light refreshments
Venue: Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy, (enter via Young Street)
Orators: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael, Director, Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health University of Notre Dame, Sydney School of Medicine
Dr Stephen Parnis, Former Vice-President AMA, Emergency Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital
RSVP/Inquiries: by Monday 12th November 2018
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Make an Encounter in 2019

Timor Leste - April & September
Palms Australia Somoa - June; Myanmar - November
Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Somoa.
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'Footsteps of Faith' Encountering the Christian Tradition Study Tour

19th September – 15th October 2019: Ireland, England and Italy
Catholic Theological College invites you to join us on this exciting 27 day study tour, as we walk in the footsteps of saints and scholars, exploring our Christian tradition. Tour leaders: Rev. Dr Max Vodola, Dr Frances Baker RSM and Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM.
Information session: Saturday 24th November, 11.00am – 1.00pm
RSVP: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Margaret Doyle, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter & Yvonne Tierney

Those recommended to our prayers
Anna Maria Bellizia, Francesantonio Bellizia, Anne Macintosh, Fr. Rocco Monteleone, Vittorio Torzillo, Angela Viceconte, Mario Viceconte, Vincenzo Viceconte and all deceased members of the Bozzella, Carè, Ciancio, De Grandis, Fiorenti, Maiolo, Monteleone, Recchia & Zaffino families.



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, The Person of Jesus

When: 13th Nov - 11th Dec
(Tuesdays for 6 weeks)
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Preston
Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
By: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March, 2019
Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 24th November 2018



Legion of Mary
Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 24th - 25th November

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy Vincci Lee
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini M. Paiano T.	Pavan M. Fattori A.
Sun 10.30am	Eileen Stevens Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley George Mc Brien
Sun 6.00pm	Damian Casamento Jessica Suppiah	Robert Dullard