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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

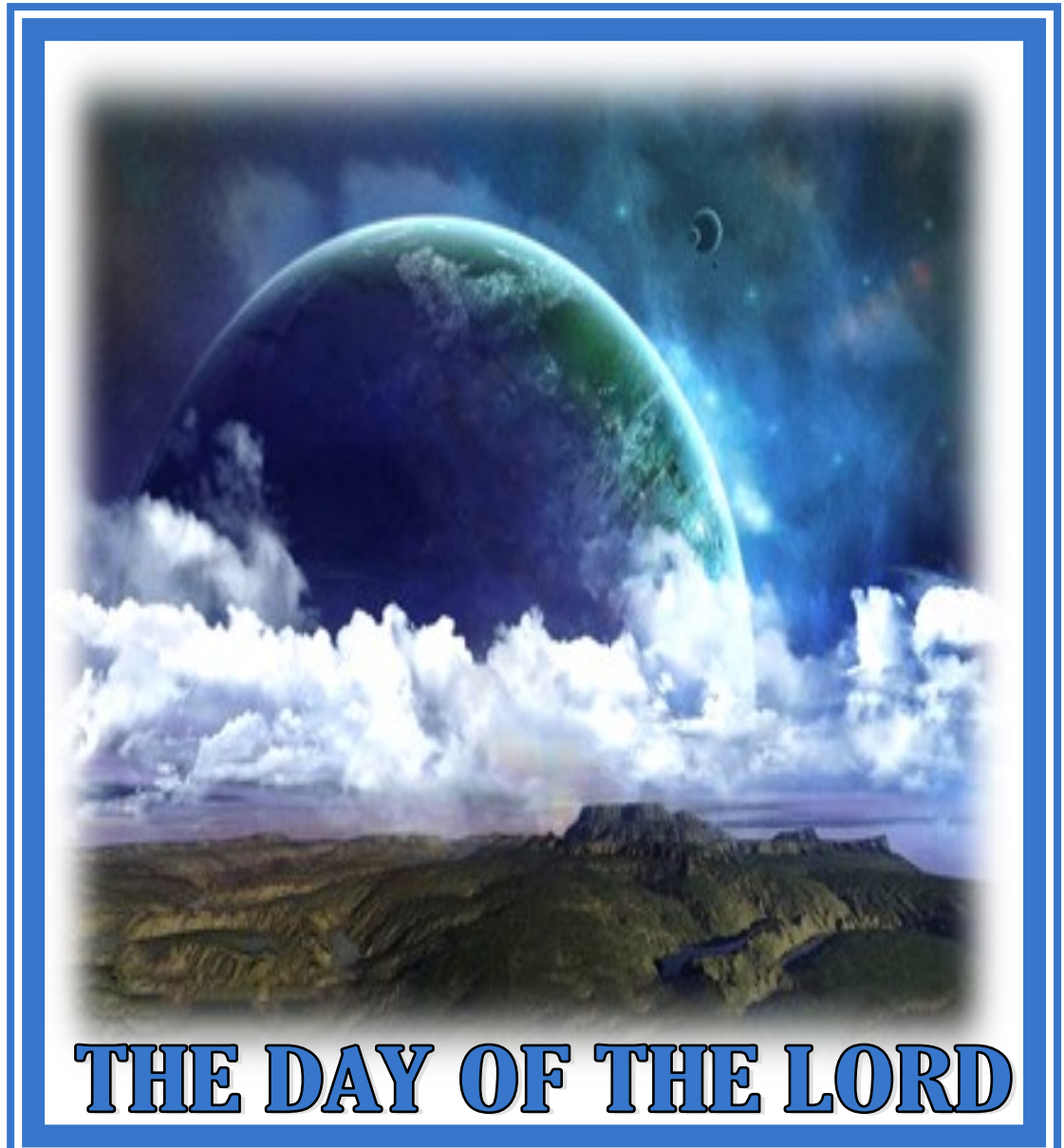
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253**

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE DAY OF THE LORD

*Face Masks are not mandatory,
but encouraged for those 12 years and over.*



People of Promise

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon – Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

First reading - Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'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

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

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.

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.

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

Second reading - Hebrews 10:11-14,18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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MASS BOOKINGS

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BOOK for Vigil and Sunday Masses. Once numbers are reached parishioner's will no longer be allowed into the church.

Try booking Links for November:

20 / 21 Nov <https://www.trybooking.com/BUVWB>

27 / 28 Nov <https://www.trybooking.com/BUVWD>

Bookings **CLOSE** on the Thursday 6.00pm for Trybooking and Thursday 12.30pm for office bookings. Office bookings will only be available to parishioners who **DO NOT** have access to online booking. **NO** bookings will be taken after the closing times. Bookings will need to be made every week until numbers attending are increased to full capacity. Office hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9am to 12.30pm. **NOT** open Wednesday.

For those of us in places where COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, there is enjoyment and trepidation. In fact, it can be quite difficult to go back to dealing with crowds, as well as managing expectations as things open up slower than desired. This week, **as the scripture reflection emphasises**, let us keep the Lord in our sight and be living signs of Christ's love and forgiveness as we once again start to move about more.

THE END TIMES

To be frank there's nothing like a good end of the world prediction! The reason is most predictions about the world's demise usually amount to nothing. Our Lord alludes to this point today, not even he in his human nature knew when all things would pass, so its highly unlikely that I or some other preacher can give you the day or the hour. More strikingly though our dire gospel reading today reminds us that this world is not forever, it is transitory, material and therefore prone to decay.



This outlook is not meant to depress us, though it may, but rather to draw our attention to the fact that despite our best efforts at trying to stop global warming, or climate change, or whatever, the universe as we know it will come to a conclusion. We cannot stop this and we do not know when this state of affairs will occur.

Crucial to our own lives though is the more imminent demise of our own human reality. November is traditionally the month where we consider our own mortality as we commemorate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We start this month of November not considering our own terrestrial terrors such as melting glaciers or reduced numbers of polar bears but rather we look beyond the horizon of our present reality. The fact for us is that we will one day face God, our supreme judge. This reality is something we confess every Sunday "He [Christ] will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". Jesus foretells this state of affairs in the gospel too:

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory;

Jesus' exhortation to us though is to have faith and hope. In the passages prior to our gospel selection for today Jesus points out that there will be numerous false Christs and false prophets "who will rise up and shew signs and wonders, so that, if it were possible, even the elect would be deceived. 23 But you must be on your guard; hereby, I have given you warning of it all." What this amounts to is that no human authority nor even any created spiritual reality can provide the universal panacea to world problems and if the recent meeting in Glasgow was anything to go by we haven't come close to any real global solutions, perhaps we are fine for now! Yet, Our Lord's words strike at the very heart of our present crises, and the one's in the future, and that is that our global problems cannot be definitively solved by humanity. Yes, humanity is ingenious, adaptable and capable but because ultimately all things are tending towards consummation in the final coming of Christ it is only, in the final analysis, Jesus Christ who will be the solution to our ills. This does not let us off the hook, indeed we do need to find solutions about our current crises but we also need to realise there is a bigger game at play and that is a supernatural one. In his letter to the Ephesians St Paul outlines the real cosmic battle which surrounds us:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles

Cont...of the devil. 12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; 16 besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

The cosmic battle which confronts us, the supernatural conflict that seeks possession of our souls is indeed the true crisis. Whilst we may be dismayed and distracted by the affairs of our world, as Christians, we cannot boil everything down to a purely naturalistic base. Salvation is not deliverance from the evils we have created in our exploitation of the natural world but rather salvation is the deliverance from those imbedded tendencies towards selfishness and greed which have led to our destroying of our God given home. It is not so much about whether we didn't dispose of our rubbish correctly or whether we threw our cigarette butt out the window, it is the disposition towards apathy and disregard; it is on these characteristics we will be judged.

One may posit then that our current crises as we well know are created not just by practices that we see as normal these are merely symptoms of sick spiritual dispositions. Sin is pollutive.

As we contemplate then the end of time and the things that accompany it let us be mindful of our own greed, self-centeredness and apathy. Let us realise that the true cause of our ills are not external but rather internal. May the Lord Jesus exorcise the selfishness from our own hearts so that we may be truly vigilant for his return and aware that no one other than Jesus Christ can save us.

God love you. Fr Mannes OP

HOLY SPIRIT

The end of the world has happened. The news is good. It is Good News. 'The historical sacrifice of Calvary is the ending not just of an age but of all the ages. The Exaltation of Christ and God's self-giving of God's own Spirit marks the gathering in, the recapitulation of all times and all space. The weight of Glory hangs over our age like the Seal over the sealing wax and we look for the signs of the in-stressing of the kingdom 'on earth as it is in heaven'.

'The Holy Spirit flows over the threshold of the Age as a beginning of what is already and is yet still to be. It is Christ's glory which is our strength and his glory is his Cross. The sacrifice of Calvary cannot be repeated because it is not terminated. It throbs through every molecule of the cosmos and stands at the heart of the Trinity.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed using electronic methods (Direct Debit, EFT, Credit Cards) to make contributions to both the Fathers' and Parish accounts during lockdown and to those who have resumed using envelopes, the collection boxes or Tap & Go contributions now that we are able to attend Mass. Our largest loss of income was from those parishioners who could not use their envelopes to make their normal contribution due to the lack of Masses. If possible you are encouraged to include any contributions which were put aside pending resumption of Mass.

MASS BOOKS

Liturgical Year C; because of the financial strains of Covid parishioners and readers who require a copy of the Daily Missal or Readers' Break Open the Word will need to purchase their own copy for the new liturgical Year C year. Copies are available from The Catholic Bookshop at the Archdiocesan Office adjacent to the Cathedral at Manuka. Should you have difficulty in getting to Manuka please phone the Office which will order items in for you. The Daily Missal and Break Open the Word cost \$25.00 each if ordered through the Office.

SPRING CLEAN

Spring Clean Up: In the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass on 21 November there will be a variety of items either free or for which a donation would be appreciated. The free items are stationery, books from the Dominican Laity library and a selection of religious art. Those for which a donation would be appreciated are two electric typewriters which the Dominican Fathers no longer need and a printer belonging to the Parish which is no longer needed. Please call into the Centre after Mass and you may find something of interest to you.

You cannot force someone to comprehend a message that they are not ready to receive.

Still, you must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.



PRAY THE ROSARY On Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are most welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday except the Third week**,

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions have are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836>

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The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

**I know the Lord is always with me,
I will not be shaken for he is right beside me.**

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke,

Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Una Bell, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Denis Lawrence

In Loving Memory - Mary Boyle

ADVENT PROGRAM

Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at:

bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent Starting Sunday 21st November. Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

RECONNECTING

'Time to meet up again at 'Gang Gang' Frencham place, Downer on Thursday 18th November (the third Thursday of the month) from 10 -30am for a cuppa and chat. All parishioners welcome especially newcomers.'

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies will hold a Christmas Appeal at masses on the weekend of 27 and 28 November. Donation buckets and an eftpos machine will be available for your donations. If you are unable to attend masses on that weekend, we will provide you with advice on other ways to donate in the coming weeks. 25% of the proceeds collected from our parish in this appeal will go towards covering pre-made Christmas hamper costs and for assisting Vinnies work overseas. We are doing this because the COVID closedowns have prevented us from organising our usual hamper collection through the school and our usual Ozanam Twinning appeal in October.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY - Come back to the Father!

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 11 December

2021 - 9:30am to 4:30pm - St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla. to book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BUTGN>. Or text Maida 0423 658 326.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE will be printing a Christmas edition for distribution in early December. In this edition, we want to uncover once and for all **"Who cooks the best Christmas Cake, pudding etc. in your parish and in the Archdiocese?"** Do you have a parishioner who is famous for their Christmas baking? You can either contact Don or Jeanine directly at catholic.voice@cg.org.au or send through a story and picture by **Tuesday 23 November**

ROSTER 20 / 21 November 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte - M. Tran, Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
Welcome - K. Murphy, A. Moore

Sunday 8am

Acolyte - J. Smith, Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson,
Welcome - K. Murphy, A. Moore

Sunday 10.00am

Acolyte - J. Wade, Reader - C. Rheinberger, A. McCarthy,
Welcome - K. O'Brien, C. Bergin

Sunday 5.00pm

Acolyte - S. Sedgwick, Reader - M. Brotohusodo,
T. de Luca, Data Projector - C. Bailey

Counters - C. Ryan, J. Smith