

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*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.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## TIMES OF GREAT DISTRESS

The time we live in could be described as a time of great distress. News of wars, destruction, floods, fires and so much more assail us. There are still some who stand on street corners with a sign proclaiming, 'The End Is Nigh'. Still others raise alarms on websites and social media. Our first reading today, taken from the last chapter of Daniel, presents Michael the Archangel warning of the end, of a time of great distress. He recounts the resurrection of the dead where those sleeping in the dust will be separated: some will be awakened 'to everlasting life' and others 'to shame and everlasting contempt'.

Paralleling this, in the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks to his disciples as his Passion looms. He speaks in apocalyptic, end-times, language of 'a time of distress' when the lights in the sky will fall. These events hail the coming of the Son of Man who will gather his chosen. This is the hope of what will come beyond the trials and crucifixion of Jesus, an assurance of God's presence echoed in Jesus' words, 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

In days of distress we, like the disciples, can hear Jesus' words, the Good News, if we remain faithful. The emphasis is not on what will pass away but on the saving grace of God who has sent his son, Jesus, and will raise him for the salvation of all. The end is not the end for those awakened to everlasting life.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

## FIRST READING

Dan 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

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

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

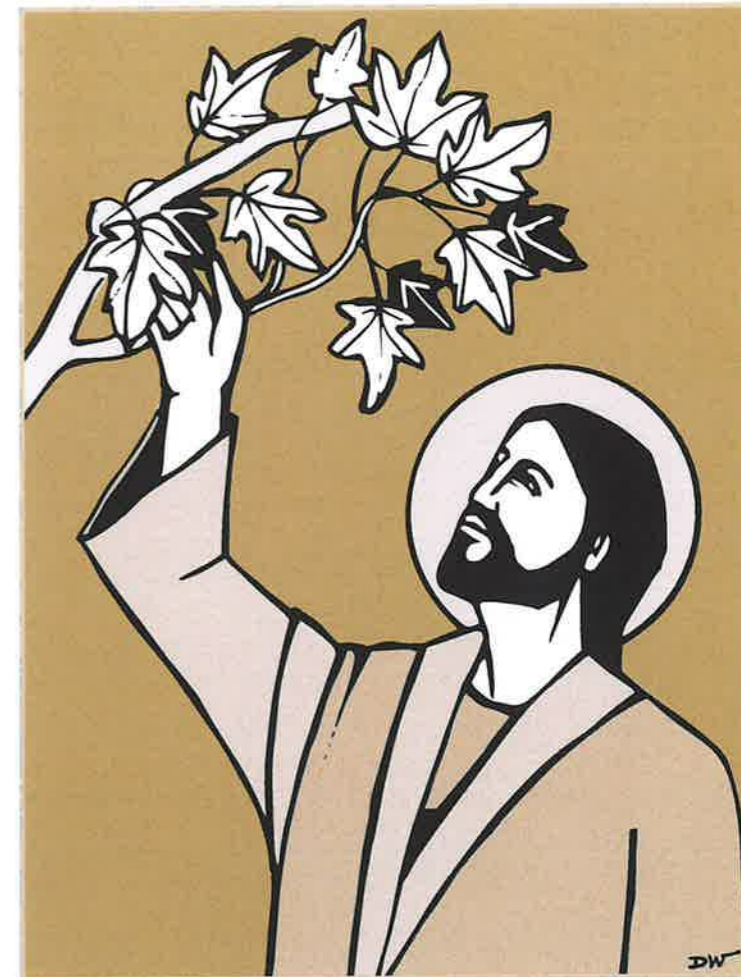
## SECOND READING

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*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!

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Baptisms are celebrated Sunday 10am Mass  
 Baptism- Request Forms can be found online  
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 thank you. Fr Mark

St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as  
 requested following Mass  
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month for  
 Nursing Home Masses 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
 9.30am Yallabee Lodge  
 11am Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month  
 Next date = 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9am

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 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5.00pm  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale  
 Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month  
 Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy  
 of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

We extend a very warm Welcome to New parishioners of our Parish, we kindly invite you to complete an introduction form with your family details. Forms can be located in the Church entry.

The Catholic Church dedicates November, starting with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory—those who died in grace but have yet to atone for all their sins. This reflects the Church's belief in the communion of saints, uniting us with those in heaven, purgatory and on earth. In November, Catholics are encouraged to pray for deceased loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them, reinforcing our unity in Christ. Pope Saint John XXIII expressed this beautifully, calling devotion to the dead "one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".

November Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of our departed family and friends: throughout November- we remember all our dearly departed; John Rudd.

Please include your loved ones in the November Remembrance Book on the Altar, also special prayer envelopes are available throughout the Church. Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for all who are sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence": Colin McMillan

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FAREWELL  
 You are warmly invited to join us as we farewell  
**MRS FRANCES ROBERTSON**  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 4pm  
 St Patrick's Parish Church  
 Followed by afternoon tea in the Secret Garden (Secondary Campus)  
 Please bring a small plate to share

Roster	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov- Confirmation	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Priest's away 17 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Bosco	Richard Cmunt	Fr Mark & Fr Kose will be away from Parish during the week to attend the Archdiocesan Clergy Retreat
Usher	Carol Byrne	Joan Simpson	
Reader / Commentator	Reader-Scarlet Psalm- Zachary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader- Riah	Belinda Wilkins .....	No Week day Mass :
Special Minister	Joan Simpson	Susan McPhie	
Mass Servers	Aidan & Jwanita Bosco		
Children's Liturgy	Carol Byrne	Suja Tessa	
Altar Linen	Michele Atkins	Gaie Mooney	
Church Care- reminder (always shown week in advance)	24 <sup>th</sup> J-A Brown, J Kelly, G Mooney	1 <sup>st</sup> Shane Bilish & family	
Hospital	Kathleen Bashford	Joan Simpson	

Flowers: thank you Claire Neumeyer and Maria Bacsko

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Next weekend Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / B

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7; 13-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8 Gospel: John 18: 33-37



The sacrament of Confirmation continues, strengthens, confirms and celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism. Please congratulate the children: Antonia Beltran, Zara Blyton, Phoebe Buscall, Charles Byrne, Mary Cox, Scarlett Croke, Hunter Fitzgerald, Riah Freeman, Zackary Kovacs, Quinn Lawley, William Lucas, Felix Schulz, Boston Varcoe, Mia Zanivan

### DEAR PARISH VOLUNTEERS- reminder ALL Volunteers.

Thank you to all those who have already completed the Code of Conduct Acknowledgement for your Church ministry in our parish. We still require A Child Protection Code of Conduct form for ALL volunteers of our Church \*\* Please see Fr. Mark after Mass to sign an updated Acknowledgement form, thank you.\*\*

The Second Coming. A Sunday school teacher asked his class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Again the teacher asked, "Well, then, if I were kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, they all answered, "NO!" "Well then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!" Good insight for a five-year old!