#### LITURGY OF THE WORD Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading *Mal 3:19-20*A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9*

# (R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- 1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
- 2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.
- 3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

# (R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Do not give anyone food who refuses

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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# **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'. It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings. We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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# Velcome to Our Church

For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

### Upcoming Events

Choir Practice Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

Wrap With Love Luncheon 30th November

Craft Group - 10am Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News" Wednesday after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @ 8am

COFFEE CLUB Venue: Corrigans Cove All Welcome COFFEE N CHAT

### MASSES THIS WEEK:

THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

#### **Monday 14th - Sunday 20th November**

**No masses this week** as Fr Tom and Fr Eden are on Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Galong.

Please keep them and all the priests and deacons in your prayers.

**Saturday 19th:** Reconciliation 9.30am

Vigil Mass 6pm

**Sunday 20th:** Mass 9am



#### ST BERNARD'S PARISH

has a new Parish Priest who commences here on 10th January, 2023.

He is *Fr Loi Viovicente* who is presently Parish Priest of North Belconnen in Canberra.

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# **Walking Together**

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. Amen

19/20 NOVEMBER

Church Cleaning

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#### **9.00 AM MASS:**

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### **MORNING**

TEA: N Beatty & M deSmet

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Will be held in the Parish on the weekend of 26th and 27th November.

Any generous donations will be gratefully accepted.

#### ADVENT SEASON

In the lead up to Christmas, Advent commences on the weekend of 26th –27th November. During this time there will be another 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 13th December @ 6pm at St Bernards.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

will be advertised in the next couple of weeks after



discussion with The Liturgy Committee

Fr Tom and Fr Eden will have their final week end masses in Batemans Bay and Moruya on the weekend of 31st December and 1st January, as they take up their next postings on the 7th & 8th January, 2023.

#### SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY KITCHEN OUTREACH

If you have a couple of hours on a Friday afternoon and could deliver food parcels in the Batemans Bay, Catalina and Denhams Beach area, then this is the volunteer job for you.

How often depends on you. Ring Lisa 0475 267 711 for further information.

#### Join the Pastoral Care Team going to the residents at the Glen.

We have 7 Catholic Residents at the Glen who look forward to a visit and HC.

We need one person to join our team and to go once a month to the Glen.

Orientation to the Glen, 1:1 training provided and all resources. Phone Carolyn 0400 021 119 or Marie W 0405 028 057

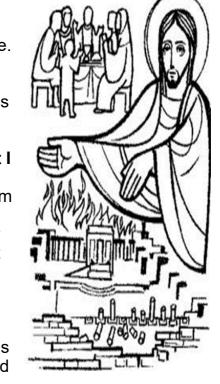
#### **CLERGY RETREAT**

Fr Eden and I will be on Retreat from Sunday 13th November (after Sunday Masses) until 18th November. The diocesan clergy retreat will be held at Galong Monastery.

#### Do we have trust and hope?

Thomas Merton, a Cistercian monk, reflecting on his life, penned the following conversation with his God:

'My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never lead me to face my perils alone.' This conversation with God shows Merton's awareness of himself and that his trust and



#### What is the source of our hope and believing?

hope in God is very grounded.

Psalm 97 today reassures us that 'the Lord comes' despite all the catastrophic happenings the disciples were witnessing in their time and we too witness in our day: nations fighting nations, environmental disasters such as famine and floods; persecution of Christians. All this can be overwhelming, leaving us and the disciples in their time fearful and anxious. Yet Luke in the Gospel grounds the disciples & us in what is happening today not in 'what ifs ...'

Even if much in our world seems to be crumbling we should not seek to escape from the present—the end of 'a' world is not the end of 'the' world. What counts is our endurance; that we stand firm and have faith in the Lord no matter what happens. As the Entrance Antiphon proclaims: 'The Lord says this: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.'

Let us this week renew our hope in the Lord and his plans for us. Marie Weatherall

#### Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara

#### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions November

#### For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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