

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Daniel 12:1-3*

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*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 15:5, 8-11. R.v.1*

**(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.

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.

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

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*

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.

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### 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 *Mark 13:24-32*

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*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social. God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they? They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side. Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God. We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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### Thirty-Third Week in ORDINARY TIME Year B



### CHURCH EVENTS

**Choir Practice**  
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**Wrap With Love**  
Wednesday 27th  
November 1pm CMR

**St Bernard's Church Memorial Service**  
Tuesday 19th November  
10-11.30

**Enjoy the Good News**  
Wednesdays after 9am  
Mass

**Craft Group 10am**  
Thursdays Church Meeting Room

**ADORATION**  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

### **KEEP ME SAFE, O GOD; YOU ARE MY HOPE** *Psalms 15.*

A first reading of the texts for this week did not suggest or offer much motivation in "what is the inspiration for me/us" from the readings? However, after a pause for a rethink and considering the readings, I had a moment on which to reflect on what is happening in our world. I came to the realisation that we are experiencing similar difficulties to those of Jesus and His community. The song Time Warp from the Rocky Horror Show sprang to mind. We are reminded that the world in Jesus' time was fraught with difficulties, social and political tensions for the community and for Jesus personally. Despite all that was happening Jesus stayed true to His mission of love and spreading knowledge of the Kingdom. As we look around our world, we are aware of countries and their people experiencing difficulties and distress from the ravages of war and damage caused by erratic weather: floods and fires.

The language and imagery of the readings are often referred to as being 'apocalyptic' and it highlights some aspects of cosmology. Brendan Byrne (*A Costly Freedom page 196-198*) comments on this part of Mark's gospel "a long discourse of Jesus on the future facing His disciples". Perhaps us? Further Brendan suggests that there is a "two pronged message." We are to "maintain HOPE and remain sure that He will come again both as a deliverer and the One to who an account must be given so be vigilant and watchful in our pattern of life."

What is HOPE? Do we ever take time to reflect on the word and what it means to us in relation to our FAITH and what else it helps us to manifest?

Sister Joan Chittester in a talk she delivered on The Spirituality of Hope described HOPE as "a gift of life." She further explains "The spiritual task of life is to feed hope and hope lies in the spiritual life we cultivate. Hope is not something to be found outside us. Hope is not a matter of waiting on the outside to get better. It is what happens inside. Hope is fulfilled in the future." The spiritual task feeding hope, is to lead us to transform ourselves allowing us to create a real sense of hope and trust in God.

Life has many endings and new beginnings but God remains constant and eternal. We cannot know God's exact plans but we can trust. We need to be open and alert to all of the ways the Spirit shows us God's presence.

Veronica Lawson RSM offers us some advice. She suggests that as part of our trustful willingness we may respond to a call to pay close attention to what the "other - than - human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's way. How are we treating the planet? Being aware of the distress of many countries and people, are we being mindful of who we are called to be?

### **Points to ponder in light of the readings as we travel another week!**

What do I understand hope to be?  
What gives me hope in difficult times?  
What are some signs of hope in my life?  
How can I be a light of hope to other?

*Ken and Carolyn Evenden*



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 18th—24th November**  
**Monday 18th** NO MASS  
**Tuesday 19th:** Adoration 4pm  
 NO MASS  
**Wednesday 20th:** NO MASS  
**Thursday 21st:** NO MASS  
**Friday 22nd:** NO MASS  
**Saturday 23rd:** Mass 5pm  
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30  
**Sunday 24th:** Mass 9am

**Masses in Aged Care Facilities**

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge
- **NO MASSES WILL BE HELD WHILE FR LOI IS AWAY**

**ROSTERS**

**16/17 NOVEMBER**  
**Cleaning**  
 18-22 B Coffey/M Paine

**5.00PM MASS**  
 Welcomer: B Oerder  
 Commentator: M Bridges  
 Reader: J Quigley  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 L Rodwell  
 Computer Screen  
 M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
 Welcomer M Britt  
 Commentator . A Skinner  
 Reader: B Basevi  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 A Scicluna A Skinner  
 Computer Screen T Priest

**23/25 NOVEMBER**  
**Cleaning**  
 25-29 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**  
 Welcomer Volunteer  
 Commentator J Quigley  
 Reader P O'Kelly  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 J Wain  
 Computer Screen  
 K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
 Welcomer M deSmet  
 Commentator N Beatty  
 Reader: J Whiteford  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 L Stevens B Maynard  
 Computer Screen Terry Jones

**MORNING TEA:**

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 N Beatty & M deSmet

**COUNTERS:**  
 B Basevi/ C Meade

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 D & L May

**CLAIM THE DATE**

**Parish Memorial Service** at St Bernard's Nov 19, 10am – 11-30am for those who have died this year and any loved one you may wish to remember. Twenty eight families have been invited so we need help with shared morning tea.  
*Let us know if you can assist:*  
 Marie W: 0405 028 057 or Carolyn E: 0400 021 119.  
*All are welcome*

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place at the weekend of Masses Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec1.  
 \$ donation or take a Gift tag for a child.

**Pastoral Care Team Thank you Liturgy** Tuesday Nov 26 in CMR , 10am – 11-30am. Shared morning Tea.  
 RSVP by Nov 19: Marie W: 0405 028 057

**Advent Group Program:** Will take place over 4 weeks on Wednesdays after 9 am Mass on Wed Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18.  
 Why not join us and prepare spiritually for Christmas?  
 Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

**THANK YOU Fr Xavier** for looking after the Parish while Fr Loi has been on holiday. We hope you have enjoyed your time here at the Coast.

**CLERGY RETREAT**

There will be NO MASSES this week as the priests are attending the Clergy Retreat. Fr Loi will be back on the afternoon of Friday 22nd November and will celebrate Mass with us on Saturday 23rd @ 5pm

**ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS**

The Last session of "Enjoy the Good News" for this year will be on Wednesday 20th November and it will resume in early February next year.

**WORLD DAY of the POOR 2024**

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 17th November 2024 to be the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of :  
**"The prayer of the poor rises up to God."**

This year's theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (cf. Sir 21:5)

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that "the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart" and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.



This Advent, we are inviting people around the world to Join us for a weekend **Advent Mission Event online Retreat** on 7-9<sup>th</sup> December and accessible online for all of Advent.

To find out more, the website link is: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.**

**Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.**

**Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.**

**Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.**

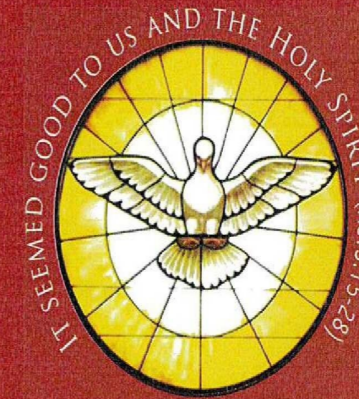
**We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

**Our Lady, Help of Christians Pray for us**

**St Joseph Pray for us**

**St John Vianney Pray for us**

**St Mary of the Cross Pray for us**



**YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit**

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE**

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**For anyone who has lost a child**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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**Remembering the Sick:**  
 Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, 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:** Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre