

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi

Ma 3:19-20

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *2 Thes 3:7-12*

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *21:5-19*

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.



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

12th / 13th November, 2022

*Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come,
stir up within us a longing for Your kingdom,
steady our hearts in time of trial,
and grant us patient endurance
until the sun of justice dawns.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.' Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS Wed 16th Nov St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude
Thurs 17th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary
Fri 18th Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, apostles

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wed & Thurs 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.
Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Eufronia Oracion, Carmela Piro, Frances Middlebrook, Luigia Cecchin, Patricia Danaher, Mary Stewart, Noel Clarke, Ivka Kruljac

The sick: Catherine Ziegfried, Ben McLaey, Ray Stackpole, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach., Neil Waghorn.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation. **Pope Francis has invited everyone to pray the Rosary with him for peace around the world.**

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New friends welcomed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP resumes on Tuesday 8th Nov. This week we have Sr Fiona Shanahan from the MGL's as our guest presenter. Doors open at 10.15am, for a 10.30am start. All welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday in the Parish Centre.

CALL OF GUADALUPE: THE MUSICAL is BACK again in all its glory!. **24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall** Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com>

lease note NO MASS at 7PM on Tuesday 15th November, 2022.

Fr THOMAS INVITES YOU TO A PARISH LUNCH on Sunday 20th November at 12pm At FEAST,F.T.G HOTEL Please indicate your interest on the **sign-up sheet** Cost: **Adults \$35,Seniors \$22 4y-12y \$15 All welcome**

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. A HUGE THANK YOU to all our contributors. If you wish to contribute and haven't done so before please fill in the Stewardship for. God loves a cheerful giver!

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend at all masses. Please bring a little extra to support this cause.

Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - You are invited to a **Red Wednesday Prayer Vigil** at St Patrick's Cathedral on 23 November, 7.30pm. Joining many other ACN AUSTRALIA cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's will be floodlit in red on this night. **Red Wednesday** is an international initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for the 200+ million Christians who are persecuted for their faith. those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. You can also visit www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday to learn more.

2022 ORDINATION MASS AT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on Saturday **19 November, 2022 at 10:00am** – 11:30am Join us for Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of transitional deacons Huy Nguyen, Vinh Do and An Le, and the **ordination to the transitional diaconate of Thomas Christie**, Tien Tran and Peter (Ngoc) Nguyen. **Some of our parishioners may remember Tom Christie spent some time here at our Parish, from early March, until 24th June, 2018** as a pastoral placement during his 4th year at the Seminary. Among other things, Tom was involved in our Parish Musical – It's not about the girl- **Tom would like to warmly welcome anyone interested to come**

ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE - VOLUNTEERS/ PARISHIONERS You are invited to share a table with conference members at our forthcoming Parish meal on: **SUN 20TH NOV, 2022, FROM 12 NOON. THE FEAST, FERN TREE GULLY HOTEL** Please contact: **Connie: 0413 747 685 ; OR: Jenny 0400 210 727** to let them know if you are interested. Please sign your name on the sheet in the church anyway to give Fr Thomas a commitment of your attendance. We understand if you would like to share another table with another group.

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Maxwell Clarke Antemes** son of Jan-Paul & Helen, **Zephyr Anthony Hermant Mascurine** son of Jason & Amy, **Daisy Cecile Wise** daughter of Simon & Cecile and **Zoe Grace Hendricks** daughter of Donovan & Cherie who is to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy



ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES; MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

'Advent Anticipation' reflection day (in person event), **Saturday 26 Nov 2022, 10am-3.30pm.** This reflection day is an invitation into prayer and time to make space for anticipation and hope. A time to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands... Led by spiritual directors Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or Tel (03) 9890 1101.

ROSTERS: Mon 14th Nov to Sun 20th Nov, 2022

Flowers	Sue N, Lynne K
Linen	Carole D
Welcomers	6pm Myra N, Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine R, Peter C 11am: Priya F H, Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Alvi M 9am: Gordon V 11am Priya F
Counters	Genevieve & George W, Bindu M
Gardening	Carlos E & Help Needed

