

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 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.

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Breaking Open the Word

'MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY'

The language of Daniel's prophecy and Jesus' dire warnings concerning the day of judgement that will accompany the return of the Son of Man were intended to be deliberately unsettling. In the centuries immediately preceding Jesus' birth a style of literature developed which is now known as apocalyptic.

The seeds for this style of preaching and literature had been sown earlier by the prophets who had spoken of the day of the Lord. At its heart was the belief that God would forcefully intervene in human history and set in order all that humanity had wounded through violence, sin, and unfaithfulness. It was theological reflection on a large scale since it gave expression to the deep-seated belief that God was the Lord not only of life and death but of human history as well.

Faced with a world that desperately needed to be set in order, the apocalyptic literature expressed the belief that the means that God would use would be cataclysmic, involving the resurrection of the dead prior to the distribution of rewards and punishments. The signs that would accompany this moment of judgement and grace were cosmic, involving the disruption of the natural order of the universe.

It is this mode of expression which Jesus himself uses in speaking of God's intervention in our world at the coming of the Son of Man. It is crucial to note that while the heavens and earth will be overturned there is a point of reference that does not change or pass away – Jesus' life-giving word.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 NOVEMBER 2021

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.

14 Nov 2021
Yr B 33rd Sunday

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND Vigil: Sat 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

MASSSES Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass

WEEKDAY Wed: 12pm St Elizabeth of Hungary Thur: 9am

MASSSES Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE: Let my prayer come into your presence.

ANTIPHON: Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green

ANTIPHON: fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Shirley Burke, Carol Howlett, John Keogh, Ray Gaffney.

Anniversaries: Mary McInnes (6/11), Stuart Betts (13/11), Anthony John Croft (17/11), Ian MacPherson (30/11), Perce McInnes (2/12), William Coulston (22/12), Rod Kelly (20/1).

Deceased: Michael Sullivan, Stan Hobbs, Sr Claire Burgess (rsj), Colleen Greer, Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin, Greg Gallagher, Michael Brady, Sr Phyllis McCann rsj.

Sick: Shirley Hobbs, Barbara Brennan, Colin and Margaret MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood, Sophie Littlejohn, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

PADDY'S CORNER

Early one morning the husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"



COMING EVENTS:

21 - 26 Nov Clergy Retreat **No Sunday Evening 5.30 pm Mass 21 November**

12 Dec Parish Morning Tea

19 March 22 Diocesan Men's Gathering 19th March 2022

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198



NSW STATE COVID UPDATE: ** Rules as of 8 November 2021.

- Entry to churches is open for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated people
- Masks must be worn by all over 12 yrs inside the Church.
- Vaccinated members of the congregation may sing only *with a mask on*.
- You must check in with QR Code OR alternative written registering.

If using the QR code please cross your name off the register sheets and we can reduce the amount of extra printing required each week. If you forget your phone you can still sign in.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their *names written very clearly* so they may be printed and displayed. Thank you.

CLERGY RETREAT: Please note there will be **no 5.30 pm mass** on Sunday 21 November. Please see next weekend's bulletin for details of Liturgy Services to be held during the retreat.

PUSHBACK AGAINST THE NSW EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION: The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice is undertaking an inquiry into the provisions of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021*. You will note that there is provision on the webpage for residents of NSW to participate if they wish in an online questionnaire regarding the bill. The following link will take you to the online questionnaire <https://bit.ly/NSWVAD2021>. The online questionnaire is only to be completed by NSW residents. The closing time and date for submissions and participation in the online questionnaire is **11:59pm, 22nd November 2021**. We also encourage you to make appointments to see, call and email your local member directly. If you would like help with getting resources for this, please contact Chris Da Silva, Diocesan Director of Mission and Evangelisation on chris@armidale.catholic.org.au

MASS AT HOME: Television: Mass for You at Home airs on **Channel 10** at 6am each Sunday, and also **Foxtel Channel 173** at 10am. **Online:** Online Masses streamed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZxfrykD8iSWExFBdM7fpRg>

REMEMBER LORD, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE GONE
BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH,
ESPECIALLY THOSE FOR WHOM WE NOW PRAY.

MAY THESE, AND ALL WHO SLEEP
IN CHRIST, FIND IN YOUR PRESENCE
LIGHT, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.



WEEK 5 ROSTER: 14/11/21

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho
9am Sun: R R Paull G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team P Sheils ; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 20/11 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 21/11/21

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team S Brown; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 27/11 J Hutt and J Moran
Altar Linen E Smyth

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

