

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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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## THE FUTURE BELONGS TO GOD

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year we have a Gospel drawn from the long instruction Jesus gives to his disciples at the close of his ministry in Jerusalem. The instruction looks ahead to the future life of the Church after his death and resurrection. Jesus foresees and foretells a great many trials and temptations that his followers will have to face: the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, wars and turmoil on an international scale, the persecution of his followers, and even betrayal and deceit within the community.

The chief purpose of the instruction is to give strength and encouragement to the Church. All the dismaying things that will happen have been foreseen by Jesus. They will not frustrate the final victory when he himself will return in glory to extend God's rule over the universe once and for all.

The Gospel for today describes this climactic moment. It is couched in language and imagery typical of the Jewish worldview of the time known as 'apocalyptic'. Such imagery causes problems if we take it literally and expect things to happen exactly as described. The highly symbolic imagery, however, is not meant to frighten the faithful but to convey a message of assurance and vindication. Things may be tough and dismaying now but, as Jesus' resurrection shows, the future belongs to God, rather than to the forces of death and exploitation.

Understood in this way, the Gospel addresses very fittingly the present uncertain situation of our world and our Church, and the dismay many experience as a result.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## 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.**

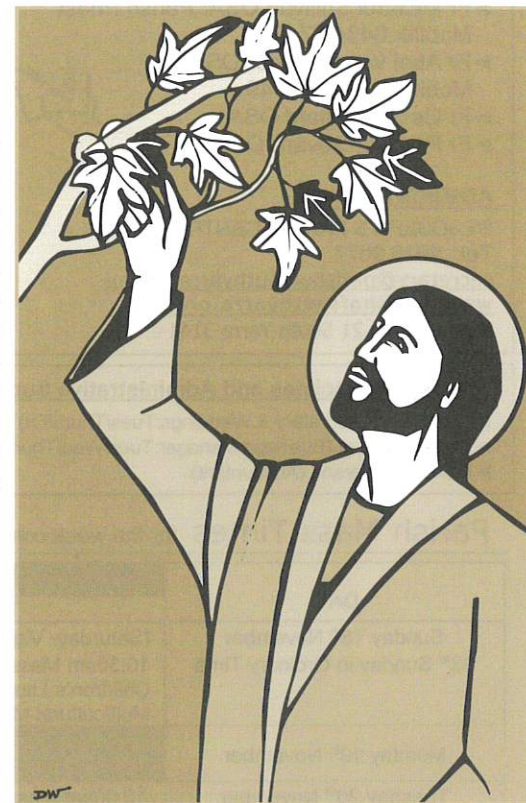
## SECOND READING

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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**CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 First & third Sundays of the month  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 (or by request)

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

First Tuesday of the month 10am at  
 St Joseph's Church  
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing  
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all  
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

**Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
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**Parish Mass Times** for the week commencing weekend 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

DAY	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy Multicultural Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November St Elizabeth of Hungary	10.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass of Remembrance	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November St Elizabeth of Hungary	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** This Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November during the 10.30am Mass in St Joseph's Church.

**RCIA** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm. If you are interested in joining the program, or learning more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to contact Fr Michael, or the RCIA team leaders: DI Brebner, Ann Maree Pagon or the Parish Office: 98269677

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ RCIA: Tues 20 November 7pm
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Will resume in February
- ▶ Liturgy Meeting: Wed 21 Nov 7pm
- ▶ Friends of St Augustine: Thurs 22 Nov 7pm Priory
- ▶ Parish BBQ: Sun 25 Nov
- ▶ Plenary Council Discernment: Sun 2 Dec 11.30am



**PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE**

"In order to discover the true character of people we have only to observe what they love."

**ANNUAL PARISH BBQ**



A social event for the whole parish to enjoy.

**Next Sunday  
 25<sup>th</sup> November  
 11.30am-3pm**

To assist with catering, tickets are available after mass or from the parish office. Food and soft drinks provided. BYO alcohol. (\$15 Adult/\$30 Family)  
**Helpers to assist with:** preparation, setting and cleaning up, etc – please write your name on the contact list or contact the parish office.

**Farewell to our priests:** The BBQ gathering will be a good opportunity to express our appreciation to Frs. Michael, Abel & Percival for all the blessings they have brought to the parish during their time here. Should you wish to contribute to farewell gifts, please see the people selling tickets for the BBQ or contact Toni at the parish office.

**NEW AUGUSTINIAN MISSION IN VIETNAM**

The Pre-Melbourne Cup Dinner and Fun Night on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November raised \$4,125 for the new Augustinian Mission in Vietnam. A very fine result! The Augustinians wish to thank sincerely all who helped make the dinner such an enjoyable and successful night.

**HAVE YOUR SAY ! – LISTENING AND ENCOUNTER SESSION**

All are invited and welcome to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Discernment Session on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Parish Centre after the 10.30 am mass in St. Joseph's Church. The session is to help all who are interested to make submissions to the Plenary Council. The session will finish at 1.15 pm. For more information see the brochure attached to this week's Parish Bulletin.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

- ✱ Paul McKeever
- ✱ Samuel Adam Ballard

**Anniversaries**

- ✱ Brian Morahan
- ✱ Ignacio Becerra
- ✱ Augustine McCormick
- ✱ Kathleen Huggins
- ✱ James Carolan
- ✱ Gilda Polizzotto
- ✱ Maria Castello
- ✱ William & Mary Somers
- ✱ John & Lillian Galvin
- ✱ Alba Marina Gonzalez
- ✱ Karen Marshall
- ✱ Robert Law
- ✱ Palepa Iaone
- ✱ Mea Camille
- ✱ Mary Euhus
- ✱ Moira Ivers
- ✱ Carmen Vella
- ✱ Clare Galvin
- ✱ Denis O'Brien

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** June Cochrane, Des White, Beo Larsen, Chaiel Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gioudemans, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kurniawan, Mary Gaynor, Madeleine Anderson, Ronald Blunt, John Cedric, Irene Rego, Julie Mahoney, Maurie Knight, Rene Antonio, Wayne Dy, Damien Ryan, Lindsay Flint, Geoff Flint, Inge Halim, Paul Chong, Antony Sriyantha, Jayson Ralston, Stuart Phillips.

**NOVEMBER –THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

This is the time we remember those dear to us who have died and whom we commend to the Lord in our Masses and Prayers.

**The Book of Remembrance and November Envelopes** are available in our churches for your use.

**WELCOME** We warmly welcome the family and friends of Cao Hicky, child of Conor & Laura, and Ava Spee, child of Robert & Thi, who are to be baptised in St Joseph's church this weekend.

**LITURGY ROSTERS:** Rosters for the Dec-Jan cycle are being prepared. Please reply to the email request by 19 November.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 11/11/18**

Thanking you for your continuing support!  
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) ..... \$ 1148.95
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$ 1074.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$433.00