

'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 so 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.

Breaking Open the Word

THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

Throughout the centuries people of faith have maintained that the history of the world is in God's hands and that there will come a time when our stewardship of the world will be judged. But when will that day come, and how are we to prepare for it?

Malachi believed that the day would come in his own time. Centuries later the early Church came to believe that it was Jesus who would return as Lord and Judge. Some members of the community in Thessalonika expected that this return would occur at any moment. The problem that arose was that these Christians expected others to support them while they waited for the Lord's return. To counteract this Paul draws their attention to his own practice of working wherever he preaches the Gospel. Such people are advised to follow his example and quietly return to their daily routine and Christian life not burdening others.

The passing of time has borne witness to the wisdom of Paul's advice to the Thessalonians. Jesus had not yet appeared, and this gave rise to another set of questions. Jesus had spoken of the signs that would precede his return. Luke's community late in the first century found themselves asking whether the turmoil and persecution of their own time were to be understood as signs that the Lord's return was imminent. The response they are given is that the difficulties of this present time are an opportunity to give faithful and courageous witness. Two thousand years later this challenge is an enduring one for us all.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. 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. **R.**
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. **R.**
3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

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?'

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Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Tues - Thurs 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Liturgy & Communion Service: Mon 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu 8am

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th November 2022



Recently Deceased: Carlos Santiago, Don Mees

Our Deceased: Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Charlotte Saunders, Michael Rodrigues, Mario Nicolas D'Souza, Connie Allman, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Margaret Teutsch, Antonio D'Sousa and all our departed relatives and friends whose names we offer before you at all Masses for the month of November.

Our Sick: Peter McNamara, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

St Elizabeth of Hungary 17th Nov, **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 20th Nov**

PARISH NEWS:

- **Please give a warm welcome to visiting priest in residence, Fr Tomasz Lepek, CSMA.**
- **Rosters needed for our Christmas Liturgies.** If you are available to serve, please put your name down in the sacristy. **Break Open the Word books for rostered Readers** are now ready for collection from the table near the sacristy. Collect 1 book per family of readers.
- **ST KEVIN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER, Sat 3rd Dec, after the Vigil Mass.** Enjoy BBQ, salad, and sweets! BYO drinks & nibbles. Tea & coffee provided. For catering purposes, RSVP by writing your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer. Include the number of family members attending. COST: Adults & Children 13yo and up - \$15; Pensioners \$10; Children 12yo & under FREE! Payments can be placed in an envelope labelled 'Christmas Dinner' with your name & number family members attending and drop them in the collection bags at weekend Masses. You can also pay cash at the door, or pay online via: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/eastwoodparish>, choose 'Events' on the Biller Code. For info, send text message to Therese: 0423 384 987 or E: tmpinson@bigpond.com
- **Be a Catechist or help a Catechist spread the Good News about Jesus to Catholic children in Eastwood and Carlingford Public schools. We need scripture teachers and helpers on Wed or Thurs for about 30-40 mins.** All resources and training provided. For info, you can speak to one of our Catechists after Mass or contact the parish office at 9874 2533 or E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au. Flyers available in the church foyer.
- **EXCITING St Cecilia Festival here in the church NEXT WEEKEND, Sun 20th Nov.** Do not miss it! Bring your friends! Pick up a flyer after Mass. Visit: www.kevinwood.org for programme details. Concert starts at 1.30-5pm concluding with benediction. ALL WELCOME!
- To help us prepare & reflect on the scriptures this Season of Advent, parishioners are invited to join our **Advent Reflection Group to be led by Fr Pawel, starting Thu 24th Nov at 6:30pm in the Church.** ALL WELCOME. We will use the **STAY AWAKE! ADVENT COMPANION 2022** provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Limited copies available in the

Church foyer. Visit: www.gomakedisciples.org.au to download for free. This advent companion contains Gospel readings and spiritual reflections.

- Thank you for supporting the **CFW November Appeal**. Through your gift, we can continue with our mission through the different CFW agencies to help the most vulnerable in our community. Envelopes still available or donate online: www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cfw.
- Thank you to all those who generously donated towards the **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (QMHR) Christmas Appeal for the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica.**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Red Wednesday, 23rd Nov 2022 - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** invites you to join in this special day to pray & stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Churches & public buildings around the world will light up in red as a symbol of sacrifice & suffering of modern-day martyrs. Info: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday
- **Association of Miraculous Medal (AMM):** Feast of the Manifestation of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Sat 26th Nov, 10am St Anthony's, Marsfield. See poster in the foyer.
- **Christmas at the Cathedral: 8-25 Dec., St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.** Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.
- **Donate to Caritas Ukraine Appeal:** <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 20th Nov 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – C Yau)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Tesara	To be advised	M Velasco	C Jonas
Junior Servers	L McCosker		E Velasco K Velasco	A Brix-Nielsen
Readers	R: N Brown C: S Fernando	R: R Tohme C: P Parker	R: W Elder C: D Li	R: N Williams C: A Jonas
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	G Brown	L Bergfield D Tan	C Campagna J Graziano	D Brix Nielsen A Brix Nielsen

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.