

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today’s Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus’ time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul’s ministry using their prayers.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. **R.**



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

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Vigil Mass: Sat 5:30pm

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th November 2022

Recently Deceased: Don Mees

Our Deceased: Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Connie Allman, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Margaret Teutsch, Antonio D’Sousa, Frank Murray, Casey, Landon, Pigott, O’Connor & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayon

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:

Saint Leo the Great 10th Nov, Saint Martin of Tours 11th Nov, Saint Josaphat Nov 12th Nov

PARISH NEWS:

- **A special welcome to all school families participating in our Eucharistic celebration!**
- **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL:** We need your help. Your donation will support the charitable works of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Pick up an envelope or donate online: <https://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf> Thank you!
- **Our condolences to the family of long-time parishioner, Don Mees. Requiem Mass will be on Thu, 10th Nov at 11am in our parish.** Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- 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 *Advent Companion 2022* provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Limited copies available in the Church foyer. Free to download at www.gomakedisciples.org.au. The Parish Renewal Team is providing training for those keen to lead a group. Details: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/
- **All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed.** November Mass envelopes still available. Names of your departed loved ones will be included in the Book of Remembrance & displayed in front of the altar.
- **Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass voices needed for Vivaldi “Gloria” at Festival of St Cecilia 20th Nov.** Contact Suzanne on 9874 2809. **Volunteer e-GRAPHIC DESIGNER also needed for Festival of St Cecilia.** Call Suzanne if you can help. For more info visit: www.kevinwood.org
- **Nov 2022-Feb 2023 Rosters** now available for collection from the table next to the sacristy

ST KEVIN’S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER, Sat 3rd Dec, after the Vigil Mass. Enjoy barbeque, salad, and sweets! BYO drinks. 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 \$15; Pensioners \$10; Children under 12yo Free! Payments can be placed in an envelope with your name, number attending, indicate ‘Christmas Dinner,’ and drop them in the collection bags at weekend Masses. Or pay at the door on the day (CASH ONLY). For info: send text message to Therese at 0423 384 987 or E: tmpinson@bigpond.com

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Call for Volunteers: Sydney Street Feast 2022.** On Fri, 18th Nov, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney’s homeless in the forecourt of St Mary’s Cathedral, 12pm-2pm. Volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support & solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register: <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022> .
- **STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ ADVENT COMPANION 2022.** The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. Limited copies in the church foyer. Available to download at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

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 – 13th Nov 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	S Coorey	D Ie	A Ho
Junior Servers	S Garcia		K David E David	W Darmadi
Readers	R: M Wilkinson C: C Small	R: L Scully C: T Pinson	R: M Young C: L Butler	R: K Redolfi C: A Di Bella
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	M Mizzi L Mizzi	D O’Connor R Harvie	M Tallaridi A Wahbe	S Ramundi L Tesoriero



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. **To access the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding Policy:** www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf . **To access Safeguarding Info & Resources for Children & Young People:** <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/> . **To provide feedback and ideas on safeguarding practice:** <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/contact-us/>