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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 16TH & 17TH NOVEMBER, 2024

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.



In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful. We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find

ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

Words from Fr Jessie,

I sincerely apologise for whatever wrong I have done in words or in actions. Rest assured that I am taking all matters concerning the parish seriously and it is indeed disheartening to learn this difficult lesson of falling short in last weekend's bulletin. I hope this message finds you in good spirits

**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.**



**A very warm welcome to anyone who
is new to the parish.**

*So that we can get to know who you are,
please introduce yourself to the priest or acolyte after Mass
and fill out a Census Card, which is available in the foyer.*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm -
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ADORATION AND DEVOTION

First Friday of each month after
9.10am Mass.

This is also an anointing Mass.

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Parish News

**FATHER JESSIE WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT FROM
SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER (AFTERNOON) –
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.**

Communion services will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm and Thursday morning at 9.10am.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 5.00PM

Mass followed by refreshments.

Please note that parents are welcome to attend the Mass and registration is not necessary.

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact Fr Jessie or Kieran Faccin.

The next Corpus Christi Youth Mass is planned for Sunday 15th of December at 5pm



PARISH MORNING TEA

Our next parish morning tea will take place on

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea



To support our parish with catering, you are most welcome to bring a plate to share alternatively an optional gold coin donation can be made. *We kindly ask that a list of ingredients is provided for any home prepared food to support anyone with food allergies*

NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES OF PEOPLE CLEARLY ON AN ENVELOPE.

ENVELOPES CAN BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS OR DROP IT INTO THE PARISH OFFICE.

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week. Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Werner Rauker, Max Ducasse, Dianne Mannion.

For those who are sick:

Barbara Kemp, Rose Zahra, Eleanor

Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Marlene Rodger, Lorna Christie

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHILDREN - 2025

Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program, commencing with the Sacrament of Penance. Parents wanting their child to participate in the program are required to attend a Penance Information Meeting and register their child on

**WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2025
AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

Congratulations to all our children who received First Holy Communion during the month of September. The photos taken are now ready and available for collection from the parish office.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Misa de Gallo or Misa de Aguinaldo at
Corpus Christi**

Misa de Gallo (Dawn Mass 6am) and Misa de Aguinaldo (Night Mass at 7.30pm) are long standing Catholic traditions where we celebrate Mass for 9 days, beginning on December 16th until December 24th.

We are hoping to start either of these traditions in the parish but only if we are able to gather enough interested parishioners to participate. Hope you will be one of them! Please register your interest by filling out your details on the form in the foyer.

COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7PM



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 24th December
6pm, 8.30pm & Midnight**

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday 25th December
7.30am & 9.30am**

Christmas Mass & Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org



Parish News

PARISH WORKING BEE & BBQ

The parish will be having a working bee on **Saturday 30th November from 9am – 12pm** to prepare the grounds for Christmas. BBQ will be provided after the working bee in appreciation of your support.

Please bring your gardening tools and any other equipment.



'YOUNG IN SPIRIT' SENIORS GROUP

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to Join the Parish Sacrament Team

We are in need of new members on the parish sacramental team and are asking anyone who is interested to contact Fr Jessie at the Parish Office. The main role is to assist in preparing children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Term 1), First Eucharist (Term 2) and Confirmation (Term 3). Preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist is two sessions each and three sessions for Confirmation. Training and resources are provided.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adopt a Garden

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to adopt a section of the parish gardens. If you are experiencing any problems with the work you are doing in your section, if you have any queries or would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with Greg Hall, the coordinator.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The modules are available to complete online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>
Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)
Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)
For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

PARISH GIVING

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
Acct No: 100000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Diocesan News

MET Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 20 November

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday 26 November 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via met@parracatholic.org

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce the launch of our **Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028: 'Behold, I am with you'**. This plan marks the culmination of our 16-month Synod journey, a time of listening, discernment, and envisioning the future of our Diocese. Now, we have a shared roadmap to revitalise our local communities and guide our mission in the years ahead. Copies of the Pastoral Plan are available in the church.

Catholic Care Mamre Supported Playgroup

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.

The Living Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th November 2024

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

**(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 forever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 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.

Gospel

Mark 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.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why did Jesus paint this picture of the future for his disciples just as they came to Jerusalem?

Q. What is the message for us when Jesus says no one will know the time of the coming of the Son of Man?

Q. Why might the gospel writer have included this section of Jesus speaking about the future?

Q. Do you think most people are optimistic or fearful about the future?

Q. What are three things that you look forward to accomplishing in the future?

Questions for Adults

Q. Why was a belief that Jesus' return was imminent so strong among early Christians?

Q. Do historical events around the time of its writing help explain why Mark's gospel was the first written?

Q. How can a Christian community maintain hope and counteract despair about the future?

Q. How do you demonstrate hopefulness in your life?

Learning moments

Build an image, symbol and word collage entitled, 'Signs of Hope', in which you portray evidence and role models of hope for the world: social, environmental, political, religious, etc.

Compare and contrast the beliefs about the 'end times' in different religions (e.g. Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Christianity).



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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

There is often a lot of talk and frenzy about the end of the world coming. It especially happens with certain natural phenomenon such as comets, eclipses, and meteor showers. It's important to understand that Jesus insisted we cannot know the day or the hour, that we cannot predict when this will happen. Sometimes unusual events in the heavens are just natural phenomenon for us to enjoy, not to worry about.

Do you worry about the end of the world? If so, why? If not, why not?

When you hear talk about predictions of the end of time, how do you feel? What do you say? What do you think about?

Do you ever worry about dying? If so, why? If not, why not?

Are you interested in cosmic happenings – planet alignments, comets, stars and the like? How so?

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

REFLECTIONS by Greg Sunter

Living the Gospel

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.



They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



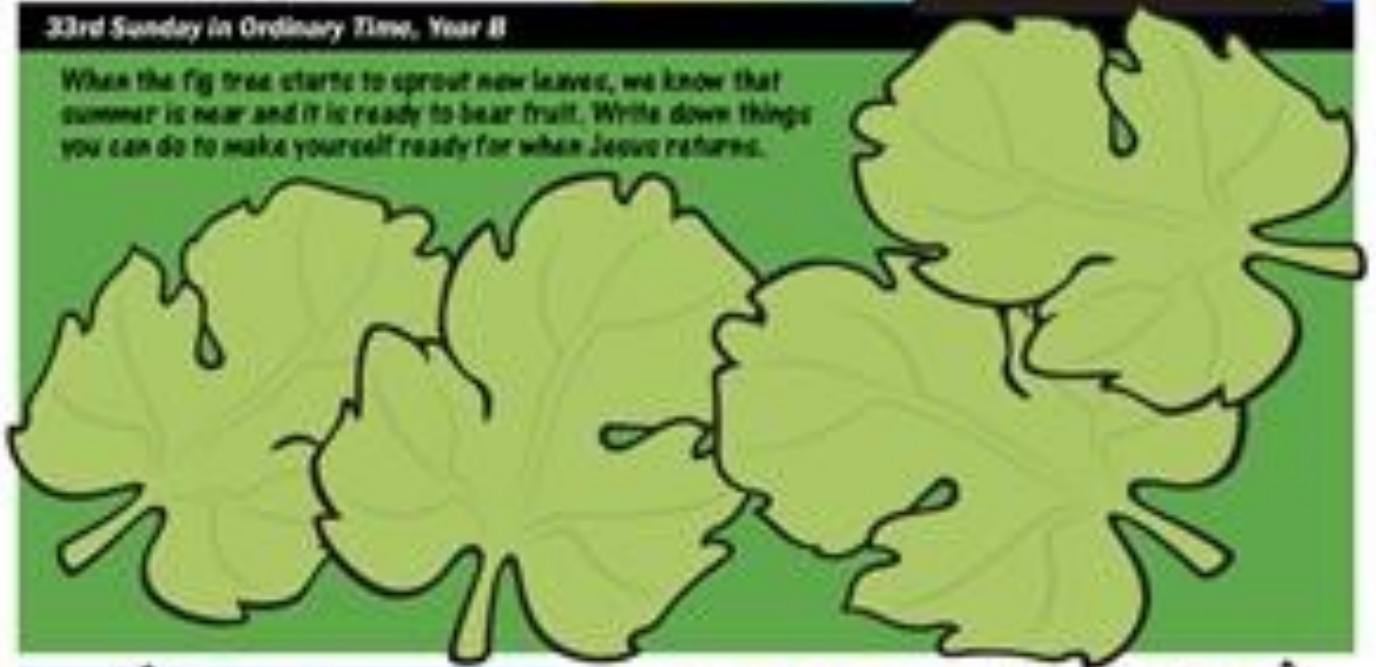
Children's Worksheet



We are God's chosen ones

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves, we know that summer is near and it is ready to bear fruit. Write down things you can do to make yourself ready for when Jesus returns.



When Jesus returns, God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones. Write down the names of some people you know for the angels to gather.



FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.



B	M	G	S	N	D	V	K	P	Y	Z
J	W	Q	I	H	Z	O	S	W	E	V
P	C	T	B	V	Q	G	X	M	P	I
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L	U	O	K	S	J	B	K	C	D	R
Q	E	L	P	G	O	Z	U	Q	S	Y
G	I	W	U	X	M	F	K	C	N	G
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