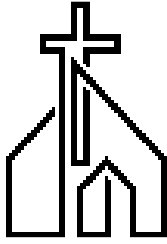


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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel speaks of the second coming of the Son of God, it is also known as the end of the world. The scenes of terrible destruction, among them the darkening of the sun and the moon and the disappearance of the stars from heaven, call to mind a great deal of fear. Hence the focus of Jesus is not on the disaster that happens but a new life that begins.

He points to the fig tree: in winter the tree sheds its leaves and looks dead. But when the winter is past, it sprouts leaves and soon produces fruits. Here Jesus is preparing his disciples for the dawning of a new era in human history after the earthly powers have passed away. It will actually be God's era in human history.

It is easy to picture God descending from heaven but what will take place at the end of the time is the going into the presence of God and entering His Kingdom. The signs that will witness, point to the beginning of something greater than what we experience now. There will be a gathering of the faithful in front of Jesus, like a faithful gathering in the church for worship. All the people of God who are faithful to the gospel will enter into the glory of God and all will be made whole.

The Church prepares us, to reflect on the 2nd coming of Jesus, as we are going to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King next Sunday. Hence we have to look forward with great joy to the coming of the son of man as Christ the King to take us all into the everlasting kingdom of joy and happiness. -Neville

Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Bernadette Moloney, Gina Vogels

Anniversaries In November: Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick, Haigh Smethurst, Pat Delaney, Matthew Hunt.

Recently Deceased: Peter Dillon



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria> and the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

World Day of the Poor – November 14, 2021:

The fifth annual World Day of the Poor has the theme *The Poor will Always Be With You*.

In his message for the day, Pope Francis says, "A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalized, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardized and every social policy will prove bankrupt. With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person."

Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2021, n 7.

Prayer resources for the World Day of the Poor are available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology and Peace website: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/world-day-of-the-poor-2/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 14 Nov 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Dn 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.'

The Word of the Lord...*Thanks be to God*

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 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...*Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and 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...*Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ*

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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.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

The Shared Table

Dear Katrina

I wanted to acknowledge and thank you and the St Joseph community for your recent donation of \$253.00 to the Shared Table. In these COVID 19 times, things are particularly challenging in Peru, so you can understand that the funds we send over go a long way in helping support the community kitchen as they prepare and distribute meals to the families in the Motupe, Montenegro and Cangallo regions.

Fr Mick has recently returned to Peru to continue his ministry in the Cusco region in the high Andes. I shall forward his updates as they come through.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Kind regards,
Helen McBrearty
The Shared Table



**St Joseph's Parish Timboon
Invites you to the annual
Ecumenical Advent Service
Sunday 5th December 7:30 p.m.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.
RSVP—Katrina Currell
5598 3443—0439 995 010**

The National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) marks 25 years of service to the Church. To acknowledge this significant anniversary, Bishop Michael McKenna of Bathurst, who was General Secretary in 1996 when the then Pastoral Projects Office (forerunner to the NCPR) was established, will deliver a lecture, 'How do we know what we don't know?' The lecture will look at how research and analyses undertaken by the NCPR have informed the planning for parish, school and other ministry developments, and have supported major Church initiatives, including the Plenary Council. The lecture is hosted by ACU and will be held online on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5.00pm (AEDT). There is no cost to attend. To register go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/ncpr25>

Remember: Book in if you are attending the Assembly of Word and Communion this Sunday. There is a strict limit of 30 attendees for an unknown vaccination status religious gathering.

Timboon	14th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	21st November 9:00 a.m. Mass	28th November 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	G Vogels	L Tregea	K Currell
Leaders	C Marr C Bullen		E & T O'Connor
Statue	G & A Vogels	G Townsend	P Haugh
Reader	K Currell	O Muliawan	R Hoffmann
POF	P Nicholson	C Marr	G Vogels
E.M.H.C.	A McMeel		C Bullen
Bulletin	G Swierczek	G Swierczek	G Swierczek
Slides	A Vogels	Vogels	A Vogels
Cleaners			
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00 am	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.