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18th November 2018

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-13
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

“WHEN IT RAINS LOOK FOR RAINBOWS; WHEN IT’S DARK LOOK FOR STARS”

As we draw closer to the beginning of a new liturgical year in a few weeks, the readings of this Sunday speak about the ‘end of times’. Jesus’ predictions and teaching about the end of the world is to be understood in the political backdrop of the then time of the gospel writer Mark. Many of the scripture scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark’s community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near. Through the apocalyptic language, the writer tells the community to be watchful and find consolation and comfort God’s never ending love. The images used by Mark are not meant to frighten the people, but to make them strong in the face of adversity. In the context of today’s happenings around the world, one may get the same feeling of Mark’s community of believers. But, again the words of Jesus invite us to realign our lives in the love and forgiveness of God and to have a vision for the future of ourselves and of generations to come.

The leader of a certain Indian tribe was dying, so he summoned his three sons and said, “I am dying; before my death, I must choose one of you to succeed me as the head of our tribe. I have the same task for each of you. I want you to climb our holy mountain and bring me back something beautiful. The one whose gift is most outstanding will be the one who will succeed me”. The following morning the


sons set out on their search, each taking a different path up the mountain. After several days the sons returned. The first brought his father a beautiful and rare flower that grew near the summit of the mountain. The second son brought his father a valuable stone, round and colourful which had been polished by the wind and the rain. The third son, who came empty-handed, said to his father, “I have brought back nothing to show you father. As I stood on the top of the holy mountain, I saw that on the other side was a beautiful land filled with green pastures. In the middle of these pastures is a crystal lake. I have a vision of where our tribe could go for a better life. I was so overwhelmed by what I could see that I could not bring anything back”. The father replied: ‘you shall be our tribe’s new leader, for you have brought back the most precious thing—the gift of a vision for a better future’.
(Dennis McBride)



November 11, 2018 marked the centenary of the armistice of World War I. There were several programmes in remembrance of this which underscored the sacrifice of the people in the battlefield and the importance for young generation to know the history. In the light of the essence of the readings, “the end of times’, I would like you to ask yourselves if you are willing to end all strife, abuse in the family and start building a harmonious, healthy and loving family! Will we end our addictions, unforgiving attitudes, manipulation of the vulnerable and the weak? Will we put an end to intolerance and appreciate the constructive differences? Will there be an end to violence, war in the name of God, or religion or political motivations? The world we live in is an uncertain one. There are crises one after another. This uncertainty can cause great fear and anxiety. In the midst of this uncertainty, we need something to rely on. For us, the followers of Christ, it could only mean Faith in God.

God’s blessings, Fr Vince

ST. JUDE PLEAD FOR US



Prayer to St. Jude for All Souls
 You give me hope, St. Jude,
 in the face of loss and sorrow.
 I pray that you will guide all souls
 to the light of Christ. May the hope
 that you offer be a source of comfort
 to all those who grieve. For in that hope and
 through our faith, we experience God's tender mercy,
 and trust His promise of eternal life.
 Stay by my side, St. Jude, so that
 I may always rely on your care for me. Amen.

During this month of November, we offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed, especially those mentioned in the Book of Life.

Sr. Margaret Rowe of Mercy Sisters passed away. She was the first principal of St Madeleine's Primary School. Her funeral will take place at the Mercy sisters' convent chapel, Parramatta on 22nd November 1.30pm.

Let us offer our special prayers for her.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Kim Parslow and family at the loss of her beloved dad, James William Rafferty.

Our special prayers at this difficult moment of her life!



With the success of our Cake & Craft Fundraiser, we have decided to organise our CHRISTMAS CAKE & CRAFT SALE.

This will be held on the weekend of 15/16 December.

Boxes will arrive in a few weeks for your baked goods, and everyone wanting to donate Christmas craft — ideal for presents or ornaments — can bring them in on the 15th of December.

More details in the following weeks!



◇ If you have any questions about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1516.20


2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1885
Loose = \$ 1201

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
TOTAL = \$ 5193 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU
 to everyone who helped at
 the Parish Working Bee!
 With God's grace, the next
 one will be in the new church!




Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Info Evening- Tuesday, 20th November, 7pm,
St Joseph Centre

We would like to invite adults and families interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and those who have been baptised in other Christian churches who would like to fully commit to the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

Come for an informal session on 20th November at 7pm. It will be chance to get an overview of the program and for you to ask your questions.

For more details, please ring the parish office—96542260.



Sunday, 25th November, 10am

Mass in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King followed by a special morning tea and Christmas party of the Children's Liturgy participants.

All are invited to bring a plate and enjoy fellowship with the children of the Scripture classes in our local state schools.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For healing of the sick

Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



**While Fr Vincent is on pilgrimage, we will be having
Communion services at 9:15 on Tuesdays to Fridays.
There will be no Masses at 9:15.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **1st December at 4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre.



To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

*Please also ring the office regarding Baptism schedules for the rest of 2018.

Thank you.

IN OUR PIETY STALL!



*Majellan Christmas cards—\$7 per pack

*Calendars—\$9 each

*Saviour—Advent reflection books—\$4 each



BISHOP'S APPEAL for The Catholic Foundation

Parishes across the Diocese of Parramatta will be holding the Bishop's Appeal at all **Masses on the weekend of 1st/2nd December.**

Proceeds will go to the Parramatta Catholic Foundation to help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service care for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers fleeing domestic violence, and dealing with homelessness and poverty.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

We are getting organised for our Hamper Mass on 9th December at 10am.

Our hampers will go to Jesuit Refugee Service, House of Welcome and Hawkesbury Helping Hands.

Notes are available in the foyer listing down the items needed. Please take a bag from the foyer or bring your own.

Thank you!

OUR ANNUAL HEALING MASS & CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

for retired parishioners will be held on 7th Dec, Friday at 12noon.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to

Jenny (96513330) or the Parish Office (96542260).

We'd love to see you!

The Lights of Christmas Bus Trip



To St Marys Cathedral to see the choir at 7.30pm and afterwards the lights on St Marys Cathedral is on Wednesday 19th December 2018

We are meeting at the Australian Brewery on Annangrove Rd at 6.15pm

I have booked tables from 5pm if anyone would like to eat there before we leave

Price \$20 per Adult and \$15 per child.

I still have seats available on the bus. Please mark your envelope Bus trip your name and money in an envelope and place in the piety stall box provided in the church foyer by 2/12/18. For more information contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

'LAUDATO SI' IN ACTION' ECOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES: DECEMBER 1

A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish. Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton 10:30 – 12:30 (then stay for lunch if you can). For more information sue.martin@parracatholic.org To register: <https://bit.ly/2Qmk9PX>

THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL MASS: 7 DECEMBER

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm, St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup -Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20, or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment



Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◇ Mary & Frederik visit Francis
- ◇ Remembering the fallen: Surry Hills
- ◇ Bring the family! Lights of Christmas
- ◇ Students' changing religious attitudes
- ◇ Movie review: *Dr Seuss's The Grinch*
- ◇ The Marine & the Charismatic who became Deacons

Let us hand over all our cares to Jesus, praying that he will act for us. Then everything will take care of itself.

-St Madeleine Sophie

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Gerry McArdle Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Sandra Tabone	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Anne Kyngdon
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(20 Nov) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	Peter & Pina Tallaridi, arr'd by Mari & Maureen		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold	
24/25 NOV	WELCOMERS		Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	JUN MINISTERS	Brosnan Leahy	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(27 Nov) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Marie Coddington
	FLOWERS	Peter & Pina Tallaridi, arr'd by Joy & Carmel		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold