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13th November 2022

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

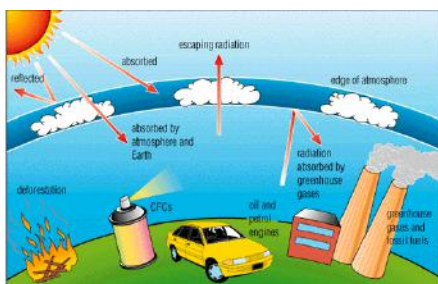
Luke 21:5-19

HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

- **How are you all? I would like to thank Sally Coppini and Kim Parslow who organised the parish dinner dance on 4th November. They have invested their time and effort towards this event with the cooperation of a few more people. About 175 people attended the party and it was a great moment of fun and laughter coupled with good food, music and dance. Thanks to everyone who contributed towards this event one way or the other and made this event (a starter for our community gathering) memorable. A certain percentage of the proceeds goes to the HIV affected Boys' Home in India and the rest goes to pay off the loan.**
- **The Christmas lunch for the retired parishioners is resumed this year. We will have a special Mass on Tuesday, 6th December Tuesday at 11.30 am followed by lunch. Jennie Puleo and the team will be organising this event. Please sign up or contact the parish office that we will be able to finalise the catering accordingly.**
- **Deb Rankin, Coordinator of the children's liturgy is stepping down from her role by the end of this year after diligently ministering for the past 17 years. Thanks to you Deb for your dedication and commitment in doing this fabulous ministry with the children. We need two people to take her place and engage our children at the Sunday 10 am Mass. Two people will be very handy to carry out this ministry. It is not going to consume your time at all. The parish office will be of help to you. This is a most rewarding and soul satisfying ministry. Please contact me or the parish office.**
- **I am celebrating Mass at Bupa Nursing Home, Round Corner on 17th November, Thursday 10.30 am. Kindly keep the residents of the home in your prayers.**
- **We need musicians and singers for Christmas celebrations. Please contact Selina Calleia, Alexandra Mifsud or Joan Sattler or the parish office.**

As we near the end of the Church's liturgical year, our Scripture readings speak of the end times, of persecution, of plagues and famines, of wars and revolutions, of destruction and betrayal, and of God's judgement on an evil world. These readings, especially today's Gospel, confronts us with images of future disaster and leaves us with the feeling that things are going to get worse before they get better, if indeed they are ever going to get better. We might be inclined to sidestep the challenge of these readings by categorising them as apocalyptic literature – a literature that flourished in times of great crisis and hence not relevant today.



In truth, we are facing a myriad of crises in human history, the crises caused mostly by humanity. In the context of global warming and climate change, the UN Secretary General, Antonio Gutierrez, reminded the delegates at COP 27 (the international climate summit currently taking place in Egypt), 'We are in the fight of our lives and we are losing'. The very survival of human life on Planet Earth, our common home, is endangered, and the fault lies with us.

Pope Francis has frequently talked about the crisis in the world of politics. We are witnessing a noticeable decline in civilised and respectful political debate and the replacement of rational persuasion with invective and slogans. In the



words of the Pope, "Today in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools in the service of self-interest rather than the common good" (FT 15). Moderation, self-control, decency, and respectful dialogue are no longer seen as virtues to be practiced in the public sphere. The economic inflation throughout the entire world is causing unimaginable burdens on the people and especially on the disadvantaged sector of the society. The upheaval of poverty, starvation and heinous, anti-social crimes is quite alarming. Christianity is in crisis today. It is marginalised even if not banished from the public sphere in the Western world, and persecuted and suppressed in the other parts of the world. By even the most conservative estimates, about 8,000 Christians die each year for their faith. Certainly, we are witnessing a new wave of Christian persecution. ISIS has beheaded Christians, driven them from their ancient homes in the Middle East and forced them to choose between conversion or death.

Our readings today, then, with their apocalyptic language, are very relevant to our current situation and offer a Christian reading of that situation. These readings do not plunge us into despair but provide us with grounds for hope and a positive response. The context in which the readings should be read is that of God's coming reign of justice, truth and love, as expressed in our Responsorial psalm: 'For the Lord comes; he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness'.

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PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Care Group	Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass & Monday at 7pm Via Zoom: Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561
Baptism Preparation	First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au)



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Our first reading, written by the last of the prophets, Malachi (the name means 'my messenger'), sometime in the 5th century BC, speaks of a day of Judgement when 'all the arrogant and the evil-doers' meet their comeuppance – and are burned up 'like stubble' (Mal 3:19). But, on that day of judgement 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays' (Mal 3:20) for the Lord's faithful ones. This reading exhorts us, even when things seem to be collapsing around us, not to be overcome by fear, but to trust in God's promises and to persevere in faithful service of the Lord.

In our gospel reading from Luke, we see Jesus predicting the terrible catastrophe which would befall Jerusalem almost 40 years later. In the year 70 AD, Jerusalem was besieged by the mighty Roman army. Over a million people were killed or died of starvation during the long siege. The city was destroyed and the Temple burned to the ground. Jesus assures his disciples that, even though they will suffer persecution, they will not be overwhelmed or paralysed by fear, for they will be protected from harm. 'Not a hair of your head will be lost' (Lk 21:19). Through the power of his Spirit, they are to continue to bear witness to him. Their perseverance will win them their lives. Such words of hope for the future are always needed just as much today as they were for the first followers of Jesus.

The response to today's psalm (Psalm 97) yearns for the God who will govern the world with justice and fairness. With our own fears and hopes about the future, we can surely identify with this yearning. Times of suffering can offer the possibility of renewal, of new directions, that may give birth to the hope that, as the prophet Malachi assures us, 'there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays' (Mal 3:20). And so, we pray: 'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'. (Ps 32) (Edited Michael McCabe South African Missions).

God's blessings

Fr.Vince



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin spoke at the COP27 meeting on climate change, the Holy See's participation as a "state party" to both the Convention and the Paris Agreement and emphasizes the need for international and intergenerational solidarity to address the challenge of climate change. COP stands for Conference of the Parties, which is basically a large-scale, high-level meeting of the countries that have ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Why the number 27? Because this will be the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties. COP27 will take place from November 6th to November 18th. In Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt Lots of work to do for us to stay within 1.5 degrees change, our Pacific neighbours need our prayers.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,117.35
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$897 Loose = \$ 817.75
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2022

St Madeleine's Centre
directly after 10am Mass



PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Almighty and eternal God,
 from whose love in Christ
 we cannot be parted,
 either by death or life:
 hear our prayers and thanksgivings
 for all whom we remember this day;
 fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
 and bring us all, with them,
 to your eternal joy;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqwe Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

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Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

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

Children's Liturgy TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the 9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 11:20 (Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

St Margaret of Scotland

Feast Day:

16 November



Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others. Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070. Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters. Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches. Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies. Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults. In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WE NEED SOME MORE MEN TO JOIN THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE GROUP THAT INVOLVES THE MOWING OF THE GRASS AREA AROUND THE CHURCH AND LOOKING AFTER THE PLANTS.

YOU WILL BE ROSTERED AND IT IS NOT GOING TO TAKE MUCH OF YOUR TIME FOR SURE.

KINDLY CONTACT RICK JONES 0408512252 OR THE PARISH OFFICE



THE LETTER is a film about dialogue that calls for a change of heart screening on

Date: Tuesday, 22 November

At: 7pm

in the St Madeleine's Centre



Supper provided - RSVP to Suzanne 0410 936 108



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

for our retired parishioners

Tuesday, 6 December

11.30am Mass followed by Lunch

Please use the sign-in sheet at Church entrance to register or contact the parish office

With thanks to all who attended our Dinner Dance last Friday night



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire Pat Waters	Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi	Sacramental Team	Sandra Bonello Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Dom & Monica Bruggeling		Kerstin Grima	
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Parish Team		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
19/20 November	WELCOMERS	Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Lidia Ceccato Joseph Spina	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	John Walcott Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry	