

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'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.'

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

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.'

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November 17, 2024

The passing of time

Next week, we will bring this liturgical year (Year B/Mark's Gospel) to an end, with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Another year has passed. It's a fitting moment then to think about the passing of time and, indeed, of the end time and the passing away of the world.

So, in our last reading for this year from the Gospel of Mark, he writes about the end time. He knows, at the time of his writing, that his audience is suffering oppression and persecution and is thinking and expecting the end time is nigh. He writes to comfort and assure them.

The Book of Daniel, from which the first reading comes, is an influential apocalyptic writing from the Old Testament, well known among the Jews at this time. It tells of the oppression and persecution of the Jewish people in earlier times. In it the prophet Daniel proclaims the resurrection of the dead: *"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."*

In his gospel, Mark writes about the end time in similarly apocalyptic terms that his

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:00am

First Friday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplets

Second Wednesday: 7:30pm

Novena

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Phong Nguyen
Priest in Residence: Rev. Fr. Anibal Leite Da Cunha
Parish Secretary: Heidy Lu

listeners will understand. He recalls Jesus teaching his disciples that the things of this world and indeed time itself will pass away. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus teaches, "but my words will not pass away."

As for when this will happen, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. When the fig tree puts forth its new leaves, we know that summer is approaching. In other words, watch for the signs of the times.

Not even Jesus knows – only the Father – when that time will be, but there is no doubting that an end time will come. There is also no doubting that God’s designs will not be thwarted and that the reign of God will triumph.

But Mark’s point is that, before the end time, the gospel must be preached to the whole world.

This indeed is our time and our mission. We, like the Christians for whom Mark wrote his gospel, live in the in-between time, the time between the time of Jesus and the end time. For us, as for them, this is a time for preaching and spreading the good news of the kingdom.

St Francis of Assisi urged his followers, "Preach always," adding, "and, *if necessary*, use words." We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to preach the good news of Jesus, to take the good news of God’s abundant and steadfast love to every part of the world in which we live. We too must preach always in our actions *first and foremost*, in love of neighbour, compassion for the broken-hearted, care for the marginalised, and concern for those in need. Let our actions speak every day!

Anne Hunt

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Emmy Mulyati, Carmel (Charles) Busuttil, Daisy Pereira and Maria Collica who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Hilda Clinton, Des Humphreys, Carmen Bates, Joseph Kok Bian Lim, B Williams, Rocco La Rosa, Mary Patricia Iles, Brian Patrick Braganza, Edma Mirza, Florence Addis, Galliano Secure, Peter Dennis and Norman Doig whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 24TH NOVEMBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Diana Puspita
 Counters: 1. S Fernandes 2. D Puspita 3. M Sequeira

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	P Doss	M Humble	M Braganza
Altar Servers	J Reutens E Antony N Antony	B Karczub N Karczub I Lu	A Kan G Winaulin J Winaulin
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	A Ruban O D’Mello E Fernandez C Hoare A Khoo G Garreffa J See	I Kusnadi T Santoso R Margawani C Price P Price J Randazzo J Sciorilli	J Stephen V Tan S Wong A Aquino P Braganza M Doray S Fialho P Fraser
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PARISH NEWS

Please note: In 2024 & 2025, there will be Masses for the following Solemnities, Holy Week, Octave of Easter, and Octave of Christmas that will fall either on Monday or Saturday:

- Monday 9th December at 9am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday 28th December at 9am: The Holy Innocents
- Monday 30th December at 9am: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Monday 17th March 2025 at 9.00am: Solemnity of St Patrick

PARISH MASSES: With attendance of students from Corpus Christi College
Thursday 9am Masses: 21st November, 28th November and 5th December

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?
If so, we would love to hear from you. The parish runs a program for people who may be interested in becoming a Catholic.
Please contact the parish office on 9310 1747 for more details.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Catholic Mission & the Centre for Liturgy invites Bateman parishioners to the **2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery**. Titled, 'A Season for Hope', this is a beautiful classical & sacred music event, performed by some of Perth's premier musicians at **St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 25 November**. Gathering at 6.30pm for a **7pm start**, this concert will shine a light on the problem of modern slavery and on what we can do to eradicate its impact on the lives of vulnerable people. So please book a ticket to this inspirational musical experience by going online to <https://www.trybooking.com/CVWHK>. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together a start to the season of Hope that is Advent.

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH FESTIVAL - 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Youth Mass 5pm, Youth Festival 6-9pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Ave, Perth.

Christ the King Youth Festival is quickly approaching, and we are excited to share this event with the youth of our Archdiocese! This is shaping up to be a great event with over 20 Expo Stall Holders, 5 Live Bands and Acoustic Acts, along with several Food Trucks and a Youth Mass.



EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now open via the link below – this is a free event; we encourage participants to register so we can accommodate those who are attending. <https://events.humanitix.com/ctk-festival>

VIDEO LINK <https://youtu.be/OBOds8Bn2hl>

For further information visit <https://christtheking.cym.com.au>

PARISH NEWS

SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

Our food sale will be on Sunday 17th November 2024. Please come and support us. Any donations of food or enquiries, please contact Winnie 0421 601 095.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY – SAT 30TH NOV 2024 AT 9.30AM – 3.00PM

A gentle day of retreat with Dr Pina Ford in the Parish Hall – *helping us awaken to the new shoots of hope hidden amidst the turmoil of life.*

Cost: donation. Morning tea provided; Please bring your own lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help with catering.

NOVEMBER BOOK AND ENVELOPES

During the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the Deceased. Please write the names of the deceased that you want to pray for in the Book of "Remembrance" available in the foyer. Also, the November envelopes are available on the table in the church foyer, should you wish to offer Masses for all your loved ones who have died. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection baskets at any weekend Mass and will be placed in a box at the foot of the altar for the whole month of November.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS: November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory:

"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'" – Ven. Fulton Sheen

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE CAROLS EVENING - TUESDAY 26 NOV 2024

Parishioners are invited to join the college community for an evening of song and friendship through Carol singing.

Program: 4.30pm BYO picnic meal; 5.30 – 7.30pm Carols.

Various college groups will lead the singing and the parish Sunday Choir will also participate. Please join us!

ADVENT SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

Our Parish Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Service will be held on **Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.00pm.**

There will be many priests from the neighbouring parishes to assist us in this service, so please invite your family and friends to come along to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. The following parishes have advised their Advent Reconciliation Services: Willetton Parish: 11th Dec 2024 at 7.00pm

RCIA CATECHUMEN BLESSING - SUNDAY 1ST DEC 2024 10AM MASS

Please pray for our catechumens.

PARISH NEWS

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

There will be weekly summarised statements from Pope Francis to help parishioners prepare for the experience of Jubilee.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

From Pope Francis SPES NON CONFUNDIT - Anchored in hope

25. In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: “May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered” (Heb 6:18-20). Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength.

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life’s fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord’s promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: “Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!” (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 9 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 2024, the twelfth of my Pontificate.

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PARISH NEWS

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: To reinforce Pope Francis’ call for prayer to be intensified in 2024 in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the archdiocesan Centre for Liturgy has posted 38 catechesis on prayer by Pope Francis.

Summaries of these teachings will be published weekly in the bulletin.

Details of the catechesis can be found in this link:

<https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/year-of-prayer-2024/>

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Paul VI Audience Hall, Wednesday, 13 January 2021 - Catechesis on prayer - **21. The prayer of praise**

We now consider the prayer of praise. Matthew’s Gospel tells us that Jesus himself, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for who he is and for his love in revealing himself “to mere children” (Mt 11:25), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus’ example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In this way, we come to view things in a new and greater perspective, for – as the Catechism teaches – through praise we share “in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory” (No. 2639). We see this clearly in the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who composed his famous Canticle of the Creatures when he was troubled by sickness and impending blindness. In praising God for everything, even “Sister Death”, Francis, together with all the saints, teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful and whose love is eternal.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE ON HOW PRAYERS HAVE HELPED YOU?

Do you have a story to share? How prayers have helped you. Your story may give hope, inspire, and encourage those who need prayers. Read the story of how “A faithful cancer patient walking in God’s Ways” posted on the notice board and in the foyer When you share, your name can remain confidential. For enquiries call Jeremiah 0422 237 268 or email jckloo18@gmail.com.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH GATHERING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Parents and Grandparents are invited to attend with their children aged 0-5yo for an informal play time in the parish hall. We will meet weekly on Thursday mornings after the 9am Mass, at 9:30am - 11am during school term time. Caregivers must stay with the children. Bring along some toys, snacks and anything else the child needs. Some faith based music and activities may also accompany the sessions. We are excited to meet some new families and build community with our young children. For more information contact the Parish office: 9310 1747 or contact Anita Parker through the Parish Flocknote group: <https://stthomasmorecatholic.flocknote.com/BatemanParishPla>.