



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19



Readings for
next week:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

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Recently deceased: Margaret (Peg) Walsh

Anniversary: Raffaele Lagozzino, John, William, Patricia, Henry & Paul Chisholm

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 19th November - M Williams, E Di Fede, J Kiss, T Dumaresq, K Williams, B Ryan.

COUNTER ROSTER: 13th November - H. Betson, M. O'Meara; 20th Nov - Noel & Sheila Griffin

12/13 Nov	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	Fran Smullen Emma MacDonald	Emma MacDonald	Angela Frangela Fiona Dowling Marg Lee	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg
10 am	Anthony Butts Brenda Pye	Liz Turk & Family	Teresa Tumua Leo Pye (RP/G1) Sheila Griffin(RP/G2)	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg
19/20 November				
6:30 pm	E. Janke H. Betson	Helen Crilly & Family	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	A. Rau E. Donnelly
10 am	L. Turk L. Donnelly	Irene Tumua-Valoia & Family	A. Butts K. Treacy (RP/G1) I. Tumua (RP/G2)	A. Rau E. Donnelly



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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 13 November 2016



Looking at the Readings

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Liturgical Jottings Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term '*apocalypse*' has come to have this meaning. However, '*apocalypse*' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Today's gospel passage about how God will be revealed at the end of the world is an example in Christian tradition of 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

Quote from Pope Francis

The first step in ecological conversion is an examination of conscience, which involves "gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works.

Feast of the Week: St Margaret of Scotland 16 November

She was born in 1046 in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.

On the Lighter Side

The world is going to end in three days, so God calls on Bill Gates to help him break the news to the people. Bill Gates goes back to Seattle and tells Microsoft that he has bad news and good news. The bad news is that the world will end in three days. The good news is that there won't be anymore upgrades to Windows

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

“Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love”

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm at St Mary's

Sunday: 10am at St Mary's

**Sunday: 8.30am at St Joseph's, Undera
(Monthly Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)**

RECONCILIATION

10.30—11am at St Mary's

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEK-DAY MASSES AT ST
MARY'S ON 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th NOVEMBER.**

Weekday Mass Times at St Brendan's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mel's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am
- Friday 9.15am

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM
15 November - PrepKC**

PARISH NEWS

Monsignor on Leave: Please note that Monsignor will be in New Zealand from Tuesday 15th November and returning on Thursday 24th November.

Meetings in November:

- Finance Meeting - 28th Nov at 5.30pm
- PPC Meeting - 30th Nov at 6.45pm

Christmas Wheelbarrow Raffle: THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the Raffle. If you would like to contribute please drop off any items with a Christmas flavour to the Parish House. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

Parish House Library: We are starting up a library in the Parish House containing books and magazines of a religious and spiritual nature and also ones pertaining to relationships, drugs, alcohol and violence.

If you have any literature pertaining to these topics or others relevant to the human situation, please drop them off at the Parish Office.

Also if you have any bookshelves, please let me know. Thank you, Kevin Murphy (5825 2719; 0419 252 757).



On Friday evening we had Bishop Leslie Tomlinson confirm the following children:

Damien Brown	Mason Crosier
Isabelle Crowe	Bailey Gooiker
Connor Gooiker	Paige Hogan
Alyssa Jeffery	Curtley Kempinski
Bailey Leask	Lloyd Mitchell
Darcy Russell	Holly Russell
Mia Wake	Mia Zerbato
Brayden Sciuto	

The Mass was well attended and we thank the staff from the school that worked to put the Faith Formation Evenings together as well as the Liturgy on Friday night.

REFLECTION

(GPBS eNews—Weekly Parables)

It's About Perseverance, Not Perfection

Progress, not perfection. That phrase is critical to recovering alcoholics. Many cling to it because they are tempted to give up on sobriety when they make a mistake and drink. Don't give up, they remind one another. Perfection is impossible. But God can help you progress, one step at a time, toward a healthy life.

Christians can learn a lot from recovering alcoholics.

We'll never be perfect disciples. We're human and face tough temptations. Wear these clothes – you'll fit in. Drink this – you'll have friends. Cheat – you need the grade. Laugh at them – don't be a loser.

We're going to trip up.

The early Christians faced tough choices too. Luke included this Gospel passage to warn his community about people who claimed that Jesus had returned and “the end was near”. This Gospel story also reminds people that Christ stands with us through temptation, persecution, and even failure.

It's tough out there. But remember, Jesus says we secure our lives through perseverance as Christians. That means we need to keep trying. Over time we'll see progress in our Christian living, and we'll worry less about perfection.

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Care Volunteer Visiting Service

We provide a friendly visiting service to lonely, isolated, sick and frail people within the Parish.

Our service is available for ALL, irrespective of individual faith or belief.

If you know someone who would like a visit please contact; Mary 58253542, Ester 0427455225 or Margaret 0439118842.



“A NEW DAY DAWNS”

The release by Pope Francis of the encyclical *LAUDATO SÍ* heralded the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our rich Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Francis reminded us of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's Creation.

World-renowned Eco-theologian **Fr Séan McDonagh** will deliver the 2016 *Rerum Novarum* Oration on the topic: “A NEW DAY DAWNS” based upon the call by St John Paul II for an “ecological conversion”.

TUESDAY 15th November 2016
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Corner Albert and Lansdowne Streets).
Oration begins at 7.30pm
(refreshments served from 7.00pm)
Inquiries / RSVP: (03) 9926 5727
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CATHOLIC MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Catholic Mothers of Young Children will be meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mon Jeffery Centre at St Brendan's (behind the church) from 10am til 11:30am. All mothers welcome, bring along children under school age, a snack (nut free) and gold coin donation. Share vocational discussion, a cuppa, and catechesis for children. For more info contact Katie Mills 0417504635.

Seeking volunteers to form a committee that will assist the establishment of playgroup/mothers group: Catholic Mothers of Young Children. If you have an interest in Catholic families, pre-school faith development, or Montessori education, we would love to hear from you. Committee intending to meet 1-2 times per term in the evenings. For more information please contact Katie Mills 0417504635

Golden Oldies Celebration

THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the Golden Oldies Christmas Dinner on Wednesday evening. It was truly a warm, happy occasion shared by all. Also THANK YOU to Adrian at the Mooroopna Pizzeria who catered so well.



17 NOVEMBER 2016 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE SHEPPARTON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE 132 WELSFORD STREET 10AM—12PM

- Morning Tea and some conversations about why Tolerance is so important.
- Opportunity to listen to some champions of Tolerance
- What is Tolerance? And why do we need it.

Volunteers needed for 2017

Do you like helping children with their school work or projects?

MERCY ACCESS

We are looking for volunteers who have a background in education (any level) to mentor children of all ages. On receiving your Expression of Interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered. You will be asked to commit one day per week. Email: mercyaccess@gmail.com OR phone 0428 996 975 (Sr Agnes Murphy).

CTC is holding an information session for *The Experience of Catholic Culture Study Tour and Pilgrimage 2017* on Thursday 24 November 4.00pm – 6.00pm.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

If you are interested in attending this information session please advise Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or via jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au by Tuesday 22 November.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR MARRIED COUPLES THROUGH THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

by Karen and Derek Boylen

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be His faithful followers. He warns us that there will be challenges ahead and difficult times. However, he calls us to be true to him.

In marriage couples also face many challenges and trials both from within and without their marriage. During these times Christ is calling us to be true to Him. Reflect on what he might be asking of you in your marriage today and this week. Offer Him your prayers and ask for the Grace of His Spirit.