



Readings for  
this Sunday

Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
Mark 13:24-32



Readings for  
next week:

Daniel 7:13-14  
Apocalypse 1:5-8  
John 18:33-37



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Eschaton

This Sunday and the next are the penultimate and last Sundays in Ordinary Time of the liturgical year and so the readings emphasise the end period of earthly time. The Eschaton, a Greek word for “The End” may also be translated as Judgment Day or even Doomsday. “The certainty that everything is oriented towards the end is at the heart of Christian faith and hope. Every year on these two Sundays the Church offers us a celebration explicitly centred on the mystery of the end-time. The liturgy thus invites Christians to consider all things under the aspect of eternity by grounding themselves in the certainties guaranteed by faith; the Spirit; Christ will come again; those who prepared themselves to receive him will live with him forever; this future is decided in the present. It matters little to know when and how the new world will appear.” (Days of the Lord, Vol 5 p.298)

### Focus on the Readings

Last Sunday we heard Jesus’ observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow’s offering. And later we heard Jesus’ instruction to his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus’ words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope are found in the lasting nature of Jesus’ words and God’s never-ending love for us. (Loyal Press, Sunday Connections)

### Did You Know?

The Collect for this Sunday (the opening prayer) was composed by Pope Vigilius while Rome was under siege by the Ostrogoths in the year 537. The Pope was hopeful of victory so was both encouraging to his Roman congregation and warning them not to come too complacent in the good times. The prayer directs the people to rejoice constantly, pray and give thanks in response to God’s will.

### Quote of the Day

I rather be the person, who, from the love of Christ and the lack of science, thinks some strange sight in the sky, comet or meteor, to be the sign of Christ’s second coming, than the man, who from more knowledge and from the lack of love laughs at my mistake. (St John Henry Newman, Sermon 17)

### Prayer for the Week

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### On the Lighter Side

Will the eschaton be a slow germination, or a dazzling flash of nuclear explosions, or cosmic cataclysms? One social commentator suggests that the world would simply grind down in an avalanche of paperwork drowning all creation!





Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list

**Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving**  
**For those whose anniversary occurs at this time**  
**Our sick and their carers**

Terry Sier, Joan Cummins, Judy Maher  
 Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

### NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

#### Sunday 24 November 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Anne Marie Nihill  
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller  
 Gifts: De Lai Family  
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella  
**Officiating Priest: Fr Michael Grace**

#### Saturday 30 November 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Deb Turvey  
 Gospel Procession: Domelina Phelan  
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton  
 Special Minister: Not required

#### Sunday 1 December 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm  
 Reader: Ross Kelly  
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra  
 Gifts: D Phelan & B miller  
 Special Minister: Steve De Lai

*Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.*

### Three Week Mass Timetable

#### Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November

##### Weekday Masses

Wed 20 November 9:15am (Liturgy)  
 Fri 22 November 9:15am (Liturgy)

##### Weekend Mass

Sun 24 November 10:30am (Fr Michael Grace)

##### Weekday Masses

Wed 27 November 9:15am (Liturgy)  
 Fri 29 November 9:15am (Liturgy)

##### Weekend Mass

Sat 30 November 6:00pm  
 Sun 1 December 10:30am

##### Weekday Masses

Wed 4 December 9:15am  
 Fri 6 December 9:15am

##### Weekend Mass

Sun 8 December 10:30am

#### Monthly events

**Anointing Mass** every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:15am  
**Italian Rosary** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 2pm in the Church  
**Reconciliation** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 5:30pm  
**Saturday evening Masses:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$670.60



Thank You

**We welcome Bishop Shane and Fr Joe who are officiating at the Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass this Sunday.**

Fr Uday would like to congratulate the students who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Well done on your preparation for this next part of your faith journey. May God Bless you.

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B brings us readings that speak about the end times, judgment, and the hope we have in Jesus. These readings remind us to stay strong in our faith, trust in God's promises, and look forward to the resurrection and eternal life.

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In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:25

### Short Residential Retreats in Sandhurst

**Take Time – to pray, to rest a while, to reconnect**

The Sandhurst Retreat and Accompaniment Team (formed by Spiritual Directors, Mary Murphy, Mark Needham, Paul White, and Fran Smullen) offers Retreats in our Diocese at a minimal cost to groups or individuals. If interested contact: Sandhurst Retreat & Accompaniment Team.  
E: retreatteaminfo@gmail.com

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting**  
**The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm**

Thank you to Mason Crosier and Ryerson De Lai who helped at the Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass.

We wish Fr Uday a safe journey as he travels overseas. May God keep you safe.

**Please keep the students in the parish who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist today in your prayers.**



\*Ollie Chessells \*Gerard Farrow \*Mac Laidlaw  
\*Dante Matarese \*Grace Dickinson \*Michael Powles  
\*Alexa Mercuri \*Jackson Shearer \*Vivian Hippisley  
\*Alex Tartaglia \*Nikki Tartaglia \*Alfio Trazzera  
\*Eliza Murdoch \*Ari Ventura \*Olivia Collett  
\*Ash Tracey-Glover \*Emily Worm \*Stephanie Worm  
\*Marco Nigro \*Nate McConnaughie \*Mia Serhan-Baker  
\*Noah McConnaughie \*Elise Smith \*Alannah Mutimer  
\*Grace Spittles \*Olivia LoPiccolo \*Samuel Alampi  
\*Emerson Hudson \*Olivia Talarico

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Register now on the website or for more information, email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

### Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready



On the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on the armor of God to help us in spiritual battles. Jesus warns us of coming suffering in Mark 13:24-32. But we are not alone; God gives us the sacraments and angels for protection. Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist strengthen us. Guardian angels and St. Michael also help us resist evil. God equips us to stand firm against the devil's tactics. Learn more about the spiritual armor and how to use it to stay strong in faith.

### PRAYER

Lord, help us to live wisely and lead others to You. Thank You for Jesus' sacrifice that makes us holy. Strengthen our faith and give us hope in difficult times. Amen.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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