



Readings for  
this week:

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



Readings for  
next Sunday

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



## Liturgical Jottings

### Liturgy and Imagination II

Such Liturgical Imagination requires all human resources, its faculties, its whole history, its whole life and heritage. All of these are brought to bear upon the concrete world inside and outside of oneself. It forms images of the world, and so find it, cope with it, shape it, even make it. Within the liturgical act imagination becomes a power of the human mind and spirit to reconstruct reality: to liberate from bondage, to transform one's image of oneself, and to reshape the way the world sees itself. Within the liturgical act imagination brings new life to the human spirit, and in so doing, can change persons, relationships, and indeed the course of human history itself. *Fink, Peter, The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship, The Liturgical Press 2000*

Imaginative creativity is never an end in itself, but at the service of a higher reality. *Pope Francis 19/6/22*

## Looking at the Readings

Today we read from the Book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament and for the second time this year, the other being the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Sunday 2 February. These two days are the only times the book is read on Sundays. The Prophet Malachi is also the last prophet before John the Baptist of the New Testament. Malachi bridges the two Testaments and predicts the return of the prophet Elijah to announce the coming of the Lord (3:23-24, first reading 23 December). The reading is timely and somewhat ambiguous. The Prophets of old saw the coming of God as both a day of wrath, of judgment and of darkness, but also a day of peace, light and completion. Rather than a warning the prophet Malachi's words serve as encouragement and healing.

Similarly in the apocalyptic passage in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus speaks of the coming of God in mystery and with dangers and betrayals but also of opportunity, wisdom and endurance that he gives to his followers together with the reward of everlasting life. We seem to be in the mix, whether in confusion or enlightenment because of the circumstances of the world in which we live and the events and relationships that shape our personal lives. The final words of the responsory psalm bring us comfort and hope: "For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness." Ps 97:9

## Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as Christ assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. Amen. (*Advent Preface 1*)

## Quote from *Dilexi Te* of Pope Leo XIV

By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today. (4 Oct 2025, n.120).

## The Lighter Side of the sun, moon & stars

Copernicus' parents deserve some of the credit for his great discovery. Apparently, at the age of twelve, they asked him: "Copernicus, young man, when are you going to realise that the world does NOT revolve around you?"



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| <br>Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list | For those who have died and those who are grieving | Claudio Russo                          |
|                                                                                                                                                         | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time    | Kath Flanagan, Fr Les Ring, Terry Sier |
|                                                                                                                                                         | Our sick and their carers                          | Harney McKinnon, Mary Luscombe         |

## ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK

### Sunday 23rd November 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill  
Reader: Denice Bourke  
Gospel Procession: Debbie Turvey  
Gifts: S & S De Lai  
Eucharistic Minister: Danny Reyes  
Screen Operator: Mary Gale  
Music Operator: Trish Warnett  
Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

### Sunday 30th November 6:00pm

Commentator: Gem Reyes  
Reader: Dean Filgate  
Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg  
Gifts: L Mercuri & A Basile  
Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella  
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm  
Music Operator: Trish Warnett  
Maney Counters: S & S De Lai

### Saturday Mass times for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar)      5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass.

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November      9:15am  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November      9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November      10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November      9:15am  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November      9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November      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 (30 minutes before Mass)*

**Saturday evening Masses:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

**The next shared lunch will be 23rd November**

### Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

2pm in St

Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Plate Collection and Envelope

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



Thank You

May God bless you always.

**Last week: \$468.00**

### WILLS & BEQUEATHS

There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths.

Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

### NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Mass offering envelopes for our deceased are available in the narthex.

*Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths.*

All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.

Luke 21:6

**Congratulations to April-Violet Draper and Phillip Mercuri who made their Confirmation and First Eucharist today. May God bless you and keep you safe always.**

### Hope in Trials Ahead

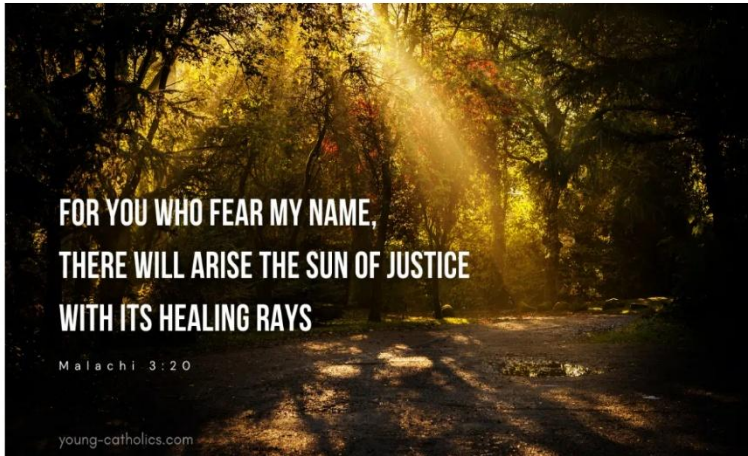
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C challenges people to think about their actions and faith. Are they living justly? Are they working hard and staying faithful even in difficult times? These readings remind everyone that God is with them and will guide them through trials. By staying strong and trusting in Him, they will find the strength to persevere and receive His blessings.

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to be faithful and diligent. They remind us that God's justice and reward are certain. We must remain steadfast in our faith and actions.

### The Gospel of Luke: Endurance and Faith

Luke 21:5-19 fits into Luke's theme of salvation history and God's faithfulness. Jesus speaks of the temple's fall and coming trials, which reflects the Gospel's concern with preparing disciples for hardship. His words show that God's plan unfolds even in suffering.

The promise of wisdom and endurance fits Luke's focus on perseverance in faith. Salvation is for those who remain steadfast and trust God in every trial. On the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, this reading reminds us that God's care never fails, even in difficult times.



But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.



### Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

*Aid to the Church in Need* invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.rednovember.org](http://www.rednovember.org)

### Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts:

[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)



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Lord, help us stay faithful and diligent in our work and faith. Give us strength to endure trials and wisdom to face challenges. May we always trust in Your justice and blessings. 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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## DIOCESE NEWS – 16/11/25

### SANDPIPER e-News



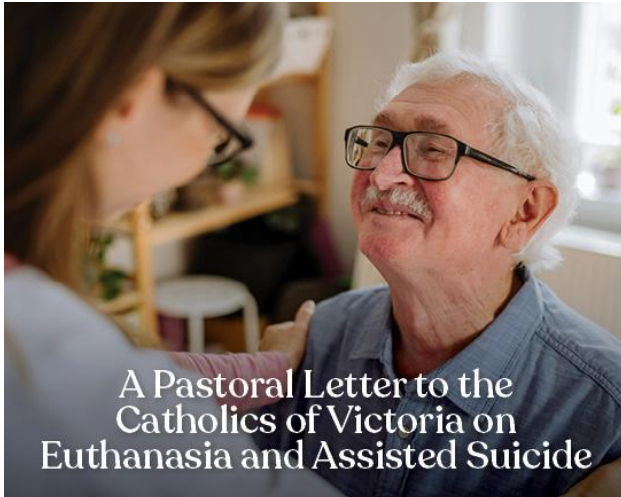
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Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit [www.CathEvents.org.au](http://www.CathEvents.org.au) to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.



### A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

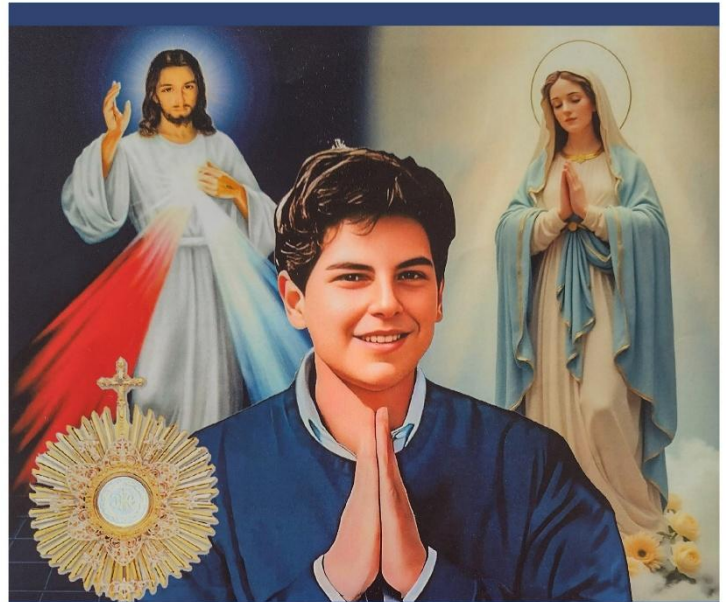
You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: [www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill](http://www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill).



The Victorian Bishops have written a pastoral letter about the proposed changes to the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. The Bishops of Victoria ask that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter and find out more at [www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill](http://www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill).

### CARLO ACUTIS' EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION



### Saint Carlo Acutis

BORN: 3 May 1991 DIED: 12 October 2006 (age 15 years), Italy  
BEATIFIED: 10 October 2020 CANONISED: Sunday 7 September 2025

### Exhibition

151 APPROVED EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES of the WORLD

Saturday 22 to Friday 28 November 2025 (10am to 4pm)  
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

*"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."*

*"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."*

*"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."*

**Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope by visiting this special Exhibition at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 22–28 November, 10 am–4 pm. Carlo, canonised in April 2025 and known as the "Digital Disciple," used technology to share his faith and inspire young people to embrace their unique God-given gifts rather than follow the crowd. Discover his reflections on faith, the Eucharist, and the courage to live as an original.**

## SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the last three years the **Sandhurst Theology Scholarships** have offered financial support for parishioners seeking to study theology at Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) as well as other approved courses in leadership and pastoral ministry. Several parishioners and those engaged in ministry have received funding to support their studies.

The Mission and Pastoral Life Team is reviewing and evaluating the Scholarship offerings in the light of the Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals and the Diocesan Formation Support Plan. The review and recommendations arising from it will be presented to the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle. The awarding of theology scholarships will be paused during the review with the intention of commencing a new round in time for Semester 2 2026.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Cooper via email at [leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*  
PS 121

**WANGARATTA AND THE KING VALLEY**

# FIRST PARISH FEAST

Christ the King Parish cordially invites you to *Concelebrate* at the celebration of the **Eucharist**

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**SATURDAY 11AM  
NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

**ST PATRICKS CHURCH  
1 FORD ST, WANGARATTA**

10am Morning tea in St Pat's Presbytery &  
Community lunch after the 11am Mass

**RSVP: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Phone: 03 5722 1970 or**  
**Email: [admin@stpatswangaratta.com.au](mailto:admin@stpatswangaratta.com.au)**

If possible please bring White Chasubles  
given out at Wangaratta 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration



will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master’, they said ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived’, he said ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he”, and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## GOD’S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God’s presence and holiness. Today’s Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew’s Gospel, commences in two weeks’ time with the beginning of Advent.

Today’s Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke’s ‘apocalyptic’ chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience’s experience and memory of Jerusalem’s destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus’ teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus’ day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke’s apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus’ faithful followers living generations after Jesus’ public ministry, assuring them of God’s comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God’s protective promise: ‘...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’ We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

## FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

**R.** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone’s table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you are staring at now – the time