

GOSPEL

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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TIMES OF GREAT DISTRESS

The time we live in could be described as a time of great distress. News of wars, destruction, floods, fires and so much more assail us. There are still some who stand on street corners with a sign proclaiming, 'The End Is Nigh'. Still others raise alarms on websites and social media. Our first reading today, taken from the last chapter of Daniel, presents Michael the Archangel warning of the end, of a time of great distress. He recounts the resurrection of the dead where those sleeping in the dust will be separated: some will be awakened 'to everlasting life' and others 'to shame and everlasting contempt'.

Paralleling this, in the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks to his disciples as his Passion looms. He speaks in apocalyptic, end-times, language of 'a time of distress' when the lights in the sky will fall. These events hail the coming of the Son of Man who will gather his chosen. This is the hope of what will come beyond the trials and crucifixion of Jesus, an assurance of God's presence echoed in Jesus' words, 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

In days of distress we, like the disciples, can hear Jesus' words, the Good News, if we remain faithful. The emphasis is not on what will pass away but on the saving grace of God who has sent his son, Jesus, and will raise him for the salvation of all. The end is not the end for those awakened to everlasting life.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Dan 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5, 8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

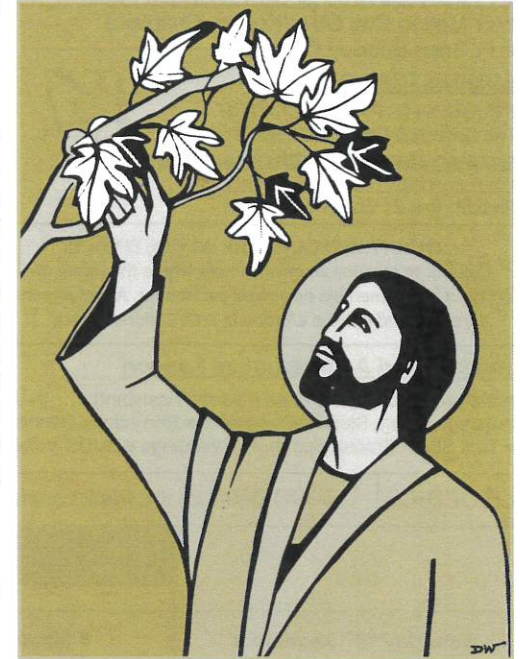
SECOND READING

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Steffy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Steffy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANointing / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 17th November 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 16th November	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17th November 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 18th November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 19th November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 20th November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 21st November Presentation of BVM	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 22nd November St Cecilia	10.00am Remembrance Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 23rd November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER REPORT

The Council met last Wednesday and discussed plans for the BBQ, Christmas, the Holy Year and Augustinian and Australian Youth events at the end of 2025. An update of the Parish Pastoral Plan was presented as well as the most recent draft of the Parish Safeguarding Self-Assessment document.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **RCIA Thursday** 7pm Parish Centre
- ▶ **Remembrance Mass:** Friday 22 Nov 10am
- ▶ **Parish BBQ:** Sunday 24th November
- ▶ **Volunteers Christmas Party** Tue 3 Dec 6pm

ST AUGUSTINE – CHRIST'S COMING



"Let us wait without anxiety or fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear his coming? Are we really certain that we love him?"

He will come whether we wish it or not. Do not think that because he is not coming just now, he will not come at all. He will come, you know not when; and provided he finds you prepared, your ignorance of the time of his coming will not be held against you." (from a Sermon)

PARISH TAP POINT TERMINALS



Two of our older 3-G terminals have been replaced and will be introduced in a few days. Thank you for your

understanding and continuing support.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS



On Friday 22nd November at 10am in St Joseph's Church and prayers afterwards in the Tolentine Memorial Garden to remember those commemorated in the

garden and all deceased parishioners. All are welcome to attend. St Nicholas of Tolentine (Augustinian Saint) is the patron saint of the Holy Souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Bianca Jones, Holly Boles.

KOREAN CHOIR

The Korean Catholic Community Choir of Mt Waverley will join us at St Joseph's 10.30am mass this Sunday 17th November.

PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome the family and friends of Jack & Zoe Earle who are to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



MASS COLLECTIONS 10/11/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 833.75
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 312.20
Envelopes	\$ 285.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 480.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 410.00
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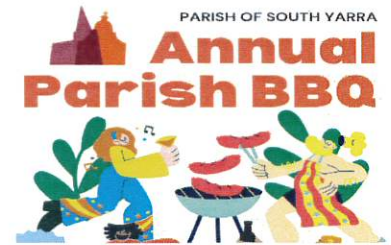
IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

✦ John Martin

Anniversaries

- ✦ Joseph Dunne
- ✦ Tony Dawson
- ✦ Vincent Lim San Chee
- ✦ Karen Marshall
- ✦ Ophelia Santiago
- ✦ Anne England
- ✦ Kenneth Tai
- ✦ Anthony Phua
- ✦ Richard De Costa
- ✦ Natalie Giofre



Next Sunday November 24th 12 Noon.
To assist with catering please buy tickets this week.

Single Ticket - \$15 + 2 Raffle Tickets
Family Ticket (2 Parents + 2 Children) - \$30 + 4 Raffle Tickets

Extra Raffle Tickets - 5 tickets for \$10
 Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales, catering, entertainment, cooking, setting up and cleaning. Please contact the parish office for details.