

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

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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'MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY'

The language of Daniel's prophecy and Jesus' dire warnings concerning the day of judgement that will accompany the return of the Son of Man were intended to be deliberately unsettling. In the centuries immediately preceding Jesus' birth a style of literature developed which is now known as apocalyptic.

The seeds for this style of preaching and literature had been sown earlier by the prophets who had spoken of the day of the Lord. At its heart was the belief that God would forcefully intervene in human history and set in order all that humanity had wounded through violence, sin, and unfaithfulness. It was theological reflection on a large scale since it gave expression to the deep-seated belief that God was the Lord not only of life and death but of human history as well.

Faced with a world that desperately needed to be set in order, the apocalyptic literature expressed the belief that the means that God would use would be cataclysmic, involving the resurrection of the dead prior to the distribution of rewards and punishments. The signs that would accompany this moment of judgement and grace were cosmic, involving the disruption of the natural order of the universe.

It is this mode of expression which Jesus himself uses in speaking of God's intervention in our world at the coming of the Son of Man. It is crucial to note that while the heavens and earth will be overturned there is a point of reference that does not change or pass away – Jesus' life-giving word.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

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From my desk

Greeting to each and every one of you as we draw to the end of our Church's year. Next weekend 20/21 November, unbelievably is the last Sunday of the church's year and we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. You may wish to wear some gold or colourful garments which will reflect the festive mood of the Solemnity. The following weekend, we begin our churches new year with the 1st Week of Advent leading into our Christmas festivities. WOW!

Last week our Year 12 began their HSC examinations I do hope that all students are finding their exams, OK? I am thinking of the families also who are living in the midst of exams as well, you are all in our prayers, and blessing are sent to you all.

Last Thursday was 11 November, Remembrance Day. At our War Memorial Church, St Agnes' Matraville. At 11am in our War Memorial Forecourt we remembered the fallen who sacrificed their lives for our freedom here in Australian and think all personnel of the Australian Defence Forces who maintain peace. God bless you all! Thanks to the Captains of St Agnes' Catholic Primary School who helped to raise the Australian Flag to full mast during the Reveille.

Congratulations to all those at St Andrew's in Year 3 who received their 1st Holy Communion last weekend. We wish every blessing to all in Year 3 of St Agnes' Matraville who will receive their 1st Holy Communion this weekend.

We would like to congratulate Bianca Manton (REC, St Agnes Primary School) who next year will take up the role of Assistant Principal at John Therry, Catholic Primary School, Balmain. We wish thank Bianca for her wonderful ministry as REC, her professionalism, Catholic values and energy she has brought to our school and parish.

At Masses, this weekend and next weekend. Year 6 Students will commitment themselves to the Sacrament of Confirmation program. Please keep them in your prayers.

Let us not forget the Holy Souls in this month of November. November Mass envelopes can be placed on any collection plate, and then will be put in a bundle under the Pieta, as we remember your dear loved ones.

Many thanks for those who have given to the restoration appeal.

God bless and keep you all,

Fr John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST Agnes'

We are very happy for our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. A warm welcome is extended to their families and friends who have come to celebrate this very special occasion with us.



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as the original custodians of this land

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

All our dear loved ones we are remembering in our November Masses

Recently deceased: Blake Barker, Salvina Aquilina, Rosina Foti, John Chambers, Doris Galea and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Ruth Kelly, Carmen Farrugia and Christine O'Meara.

The Sick: Maria Reilly and all the sick of the parish, the dying, poor and homeless.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next week

F John – Saturday 5.30pm Matraville,
Sunday 9.00am Malabar (Livestreamed)

Please scan the QR Code to watch on Youtube



SCAN ME



CWF PARISH APPEAL

The next Charitable works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend. Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care among many other things. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, or you can find them in your envelope pack or donate by scanning the code, or going to the www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations are 100% Tax deductible.

