

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

15th November 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24-62

In today's readings we hear of the end time, the promise of Jesus' return, the fulfilment of the proclamation: "Christ will come again!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th November	Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday 18th November	Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
Saturday 21st November	Presentation of the Virgin Mary

ALL WILL END WELL

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that there is an end time coming. We hear that the sun will darken, the moon will have no light to reflect and the stars will fall from heaven. The powers in space will be driven from their courses.

Today, doomsday prophets warn of a World War III with China in 2013. Middle East tensions are rising as more nuclear nations emerge. North Korea continues nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches. In this century alone we have experienced 9/11 and an economic collapse that has devastated our financial security. Sometimes these things seem like signs of the final catastrophe.

But as Jesus says, no one knows when the end will come. And when it does, we need only rejoice! We have the assurance that "the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

God's universe will end just as God wishes: all things will be gathered together by his Son and handed over to the Father. All creation and every person will unite their voices in a single hymn to God. As St Julian of Norwich wrote: "All will be well."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Brothers and sisters, it is our faith that God hears our prayers and that prayer makes a difference in this world. Let us pray.

That the testimony of love offered by the saints may fortify Christians in their devotion to God and their neighbour, imitating Christ who came to serve and not to be served

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That the Christian communities of Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may know how to find the most suitable ways to announce Him, in full faithfulness to the Gospel, to the people of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For those in the midst of personal crisis: for the unemployed; for those caring for loved ones who are aged or seriously ill; for those facing divorce; for those who are depressed or lonely...Lord hear us.

We pray for those who are very sick for the elderly in nursing homes; for those in hospitals and hospice care especially Patrick Larkin, Fr Bob Leaver, Andy & Marie Carter, Catherine Flannery, Kathy Horvat, Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

We remember those who have died especially Vicki Bacash, Alf O'Connor, Deborah Cousins, Raymond Hawkins, Michael Sandral, Daphne Sawyer and Colin Schneider. Patricia O'Neil,

Anniversaries:

Wal Taylor, Thelma McPerson, Brian Joyce and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Deceased Members of the Esler, Ryan, Wynack, Doherty, Hicks, McLaurin & Packer Families, Deceased Members of the McPherson, Surry & Matthews Families, Deceased Members of the Bourke & Hennessy Families, Bert Scammell and all our dear ones deceased.

And we pray for people everywhere who will die today: for the poor who die for lack of food, clean water and medicine; for those who are ready for death and those who die unprepared; for those who will be missed and for those who die alone and with no one to pray for them. We pray for all those whose names are on the November Mass List

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

ABIGAIL BROWN

ALEC CAMPBELL

NOAH BROOKE

FOR YOUR DIARY

THANK YOU

We thank the Catechists and Fr Lee for preparing the State School children for First Holy Communion last Sunday at St Patrick's. We also thank the Catholic Women's League ladies who hosted the gathering in the hall for the children, their parents and friends.

UPDATE ON FR BOB LEAVER - 11/11/2009

I have been continuing to speak with Bob following his 9 hour surgery on 2nd November. Bob is now out of intensive care and back in to a ward at Royal North Shore, St Leonards, Sydney.

Phone calls and visitors are to be kept to an absolute minimum. The operation itself was moderately successful though some procedures were unable to be completed. Until Bob is much stronger further treatment will be delayed, though I am told ongoing treatment is in the planning. Over the last week in our conversations I have been able to assure Bob of the prayers of his fellow priests and that of the Diocesan community.

Bishop Gerard Hanna.

COME ALONG TO YOUTH EXPO 2009 NOVEMBER 27, 28 & 29

For young people 13-30 at St Patrick's, Smollett Street Albury. This weekend will open your mind, enrich your faith and give you an opportunity to meet other young people your age. Pick up a copy of Together Youth for registration details and more information. Online registrations are now open.

www.youthexpo.site90.com Contact Miriam Kirley 0438 484 000 or email: wwdyouth@gmail.com

BILLETING REQUIRED FOR YOUTH EXPO 2009

We are looking for billets to host youth for this years Youth Expo. They will require accommodation for Friday and Saturday night. If you are able to billet 2 or more youth over the weekend November 27-28, please contact Miriam on 0438 484 000.

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

Parishioners interested in assisting with Catholic catechetical instruction in public primary schools within the parish are invited to contact Christine McMahon on 6021 3573. Training and support provided.

ALMA MATER: MUSIC FROM THE VATICAN - A UNIQUE ALBUM

Hear for the first time the Holy Father singing and praying, accompanied by The Choir of the Philharmonic Academy of Rome, recorded in St Peter's Basilica. The album to be released on 27th November comes in three formats. Proceeds will provide music education for underprivileged children around the world. To pre-order your copy, please go to www.almamaterstore.com.au

CURSILLO

Calling all Cursillistas. Our ULTREYA will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall, Mate Street North Albury on Wednesday 18th November from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Supper provided. See you there. Contact Kath on 0428 578 788.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Holy Spirit Hall, 590 Mutsch Street, Lavington on Saturday 28th November at 5.00pm. Cost is \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per person. Please bring a plate to share. For more information please see the noticeboard.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas cards are now available at the church door. \$6.00 per pack of ten different cards. Columban Calendars will be available soon.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Annual Meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held in the Supper Room of St Patrick's Hall on Monday 16th November at 3.00pm - All welcome.

WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

CACW Diocese of Wagga Wagga invites all women of the diocese to attend the annual day of Spirituality and Prayer in Wagga on Saturday 28th November 2009. Please see the notice board in the porch for more information and add your name to the attached list if you are interested in attending. Contact Margaret McDonald (02) 6041 5848 or mrqtmcd@tpg.com.au

A bus to Wagga at a reasonable cost is being organised. Please contact Margaret or indicate on the list if you are interested in travelling this way.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 23rd November.

SNIPPET

It (the Communion of Saints) is a mystery which, in some measure, we can already experience in this world, in the family, in friendship, and especially in the spiritual community of the Church. (Benedict XVI)