



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

14 November 2021

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**With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...**

### For the sick

Leonor Delgado

Noel Nacua

Patricia Stack

Jovito Redaja

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Robyn, Eimy & Helen

Angelis Alima & Charlie

### Recently Deceased

Josephine Scicluna

Clarita Pacheco

Erlinda Duque Swords

Norma Estrada

Fr Renato Paras

Lorraine Grace

### Death Anniversary

Isabelo Corpus (2nd anniv)

### For the Souls

Andres, Pricilla, Ligaya

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Maureen & Ron Giudice and family

Rose Lukey

Anne Lowe

Mary Harb

Margaret Hampton

Leah Tillam

Joseph Faggion

**“... my words will not pass away.”**

Darkness and light, the Last Days and the Four Last Things (death, the Last Judgement, reward and punishment) are the focus of our readings this week as we come to the end of the Church's year. We don't normally live at such a level of intensity and focus in our everyday lives but there are times when we do. Our experience of the pandemic, for example, has forced many people to reflect on their priorities in life, on what keeps them going and gives them hope in a particularly stressful and uncertain time.

Fear and anxiety about the future play a significant part in many people's response to climate change. We have seen this in the angry public demonstrations associated with the climate conference in Glasgow. The anxiety and pessimism that climate change has generated among so many people, especially young people, has led many to say that they would never have children rather than bring them up in what they consider to be a poisoned and dying world.

We gain a completely different perspective on these 'life and death issues' when consider what our readings from God's Word have to say to us. Yes, the language is dramatic, even terrifying: Daniel speaks about *"the time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence"*; Jesus tells his disciples about the time when *"the sun will be darkened and the moon will lose its brightness"*. But the focus in each of these readings is not on what will happen then but on the new world that will come into existence.

The language and imagery that we have in our readings from the Book of Daniel and Mark's Gospel is 'apocalyptic'. We use this word to describe a terrible disaster on a massive scale e.g. the 'apocalyptic' bushfires in the summer of 2019/20. But, in its original Biblical context, it means an 'unveiling', a 'revelation' of secrets about heaven and earth, past, present and future events by God. Its purpose is to 'reveal' the way that God works and to persuade people to live in a way that draws them closer to him (*The Apocalypse* **New Jerome Biblical Commentary**).

What is 'being revealed' ('apocalypse') therefore is the truth, what is really happening 'behind the scenes' of the terrifying events that we are experiencing. Our Gospel reading begins with Jesus saying, *"In those days, after the time of distress..."* The *"time of distress"* for Mark's first readers would have been the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple by the Romans, an event foretold by Jesus himself. This catastrophic experience however would also be an 'apocalypse', a revelation of the way in which Jesus' life would continue beyond his Resurrection through the lives of his disciples who would create a new Temple *"not built by human hands"*, the Church. Matthew's Gospel makes this connection very clear when he speaks about this *"time of distress"* as *"the coming of the Son of Man"* and *"the beginning of the birth pangs."*

Mark however focuses on the continuing presence of Jesus in the lives of his followers and in the life of the world. *"Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."* These words give us a true sense of hope for our future. They reassure us that, despite whatever dark moments we will experience in our lives and our history, we will never face them alone. This hope is based not on a denial of the very real problems and tragedies of life or a kind of empty 'it'll all work out' optimism but on the reality of who Jesus is. Our hope, in the end, is a very personal one based on the life of Christ and not some abstract belief about the future or the plans we make to alter it.

*"The Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory,"* is Jesus himself, the *"Word made flesh"*, *"the light shining in the darkness."* The God who created us and chose to share our life with us also promised to remain with us and to guide us through the presence of his Spirit *"until the end of time."*

*You will show me the path of life'  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever.*

Deacon Louis

### Voice your concerns over euthanasia laws directly to MPs.

The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice is undertaking an inquiry into the provisions of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* with debate commencing on the bill on 12 November.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has condemned the proposed legislation as a sad move towards state sanctioned killing and a terrible attack on the sanctity of life in our state.

You will find more information on the bill and the Terms of Reference for the inquiry on the parliamentary website <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2838>

NSW residents concerned about the bill are invited to participate in an online questionnaire which you'll find <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ>

The online questionnaire closes on **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.**

### **Covid-19 Update**

Please wear a mask in Church out of consideration for others.

### **First Holy Communion**

*Third lesson:* Saturday 13 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 14 Nov 9:00am

*Fourth lesson:* Saturday 20 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 21 Nov 9:00am

First Communion Mass:

Friday 26 November 2021 6:30pm

Saturday 4 December 2021 10:00am

### **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 so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)



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### **PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 20th and 21st November 2021**

|          |         |                         |
|----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Readers: | 5:30pm  | R Lazarus<br>P Allport  |
|          | 8:00am  | A Di Donato<br>N Dudley |
|          | 10:00am | J Duru<br>V Simms       |

**Choir Practice** on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the **15th November 2021.**

### ***Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (15 - 20 Nov 2021)***

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| Mon | 15/11 | St Albert the Great, bishop. doctor                                |
| Tue | 16/11 | St Margaret of Scotland<br>St Gertrude, virgin                     |
| Wed | 17/11 | St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious                                 |
| Thu | 18/11 | The Dedication of the Basilicas of<br>Sts Peter and Paul, apostles |

#### **St Albert the Great**

Born about 1200 in Germany. He was a member of the Dominican Order, studied theology, and became a lecturer for Dominicans at



Cologne and Paris. One of his students was Thomas Aquinas who also became a doctor of the church and a saint. He was appointed as bishop of Regensburg.

#### **St Margaret of Scotland**

Born in 1045 in Hungary, brought by her father (King Edward the Exile) to Scotland. She became the Queen of Malcolm III. She was devoted to the spiritual perfection of her eight children, practiced austere self-denial, and possessed unflagging love for the poor.



#### **St Gertrude**

Consecrated to God at the age of five, Gertrude never left the convent. She had her first mystical experience while in her early twenties, and from that year her life was a continuous and familiar communing with Christ. Her mystical writings have helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart.



#### **St Elizabeth of Hungary**

Daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary and niece of Saint Hedwig. Elizabeth married Louis IV of Thuringia and bore three children. Theirs was a happy married life until her husband went to the Crusades and died at Otranto.



Elizabeth then became a Franciscan tertiary and devoted herself to the relief of the destitute. She died at age twenty-four.



**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul**  
Among the sacred places venerated by Christian from ancient times, one of the most celebrated has always been the tomb of St Peter, at Rome. The Emperor Constantine erected a splendid basilica over this tomb and another basilica on the Ostian Way at the place where St Paul suffered martyrdom.

### **Parish Office**

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia - Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2:30pm

### **Parish & Hall enquiries**

9558 3257

### **Mass Times**

**Sat:** 5:30pm (Vigil)

**Sun:** 8am & 10am

**Mon to Fri:** 9:00am

**Sat:** 9:30am

### **Family Mass with Children's Liturgy**

3rd Sunday of the  
Month 10am Mass

### **Family Rosary & Morning Tea**

2nd Sunday of the  
Month after 10am Mass in  
the Church Hall

### **Filipino Mass**

1st Sun 11:30am

### **Sacraments**

#### **Confession**

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

#### **Baptism**

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

#### **Marriage**

At least 6 months notice

required

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Any time on call

#### **Devotions**

#### **Holy Hour & Rosary**

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

#### **Rosary & Benediction**

Sat 8:30-9:30am

#### **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Wednesday 7pm

