



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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

13 November 2022

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Elmano Belo
Patrick Crowley
Sidney Luximon
Allen Portell
Leonor Delgado
Patricia Stack
Raul Cabrera
Ruth Wilson
Raymond Hudson
Fr Jim Duggan
Pat Allport
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat
Christina

Recently Deceased

Keith Outten
Cris Manococ
Gloria Andres
Roxanne Cavanagh

Death Anniversary

Camilo P. Bitong
Elsa S. Bitong
Lourdes Guevarra
Linda Swords
Clarita Pacheco
Norma Estrada
Bruce Fitzgerald
Mario Umali
Micheal Semrani

For the Souls

Angela Di Donato
George & Hilda Peters
Giuseppe Puggioni
Joseph Ledru
Abraham David
George Issa
Nadim Sara,
Nadia & Naim El-Etar
Foula Moubarak
Rena Boutros
Salima Kazy
Youssef El-Etar
All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention

Henry & Tina and my family
Leah Tillam

Christmas at the Cathedral

Presented by Paynter Dixon
8-25 December

St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.
Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

Mass for Expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive

Sunday 11 December
10am
St Paul of the Cross church
522 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill

Are you expecting a little one? Are you hoping to conceive but have been unable to have children? The Mass for Expectant Mothers is for you. Join Bishop Daniel Meagher for this annual celebration-family and friends welcome! The celebration will be followed by some light refreshments, please RSVP for catering purposes by 27 November at www.trybooking.com/CDILN

Discover the mysteries of the Eucharist A 'must' for all Catholics!

Whether you are someone who yearns for the Eucharist, someone who lines up regularly to receive Communion without really understanding why, or someone who decided not to return to Mass after the lockdowns, don't miss our next **Didaskō** short course.

Fr Ben Johnson OFMCap will present on the topic "Receiving the Graces of the Eucharist" revealing why the Eucharist is so important, and how we can refer to the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice and Communion. The course will be delivered online over three evenings, with time for question and answer.

Dates and time: **Mondays 14, 21 and 28 November | 7:30pm – 8:45pm**

Where: Online via Zoom
Cost: \$25 (includes three sessions)
Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

"Break Open the Word" (the book for readers) now available in the Sacristy.

Choir Notice

The next rehearsal will be on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7:00pm

Morning Tea - Third Sunday of each month

This coming Sunday, 20th November, is our Morning Tea Sunday. Please join and bring a plate to share.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(14 - 19 Nov 2022)

Tue 15/11	St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Wed 16/11	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude, virgin
Thu 17/11	St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Fri 18/11	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

The Prayer of St Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.



Saint Peter's Basilica is a church built in the Renaissance style located in Vatican City, the papal enclave that is within the city of Rome, Italy.



Saint Paul's Outside the Walls is one of Rome's four major papal basilicas, along with the basilicas of Saint John in the Lateran, Saint Peter's, and Saint Mary Major, as well as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 19 - 20 November 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	D Dos Santos P Allport
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	M Peddie R Rita
Acolytes:	5:30pm	Joseph Morea
	8:00am	Andre
	10:00am	Philip



"Your endurance will win you your lives"

The violent scene shown in this painting, titled **Apocalyptic Landscape**, by the German Expressionist painter Ludwig Meidner was inspired by the many upheavals he witnessed throughout his long life (1884-1966), especially the two world wars. The painting itself shows two men 'running out of the picture', as it were, of a city being destroyed by

earthquakes and fiery blasts.

Jesus also describes a coming time of violence and destruction in today's Gospel. While others were expressing their admiration for the magnificent Temple buildings, Jesus told his disciples about its destruction "when not a single stone will be left on another." This in fact did happen in 70AD when the Romans levelled it during the Jewish War. Jesus went further and described a time of wars and revolutions, of persecution and imprisonment when even close family members would betray them "on account of my name".

He tells his disciples however that this time would be their "opportunity to bear witness". Their response would not be like that of the two men in the painting who simply ran away from the destruction around them. Even though his followers would experience what seemed to them like the end of the world, Jesus warned them that "the end was not so soon". In fact, he said that anyone who claimed to interpret current events as the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ was nothing more than "a false prophet".

These events therefore would be for his disciples and for all who followed him times of testing. He prepared them for this time of testing, "when Satan will sift you like wheat" (Lk 22:31), by reminding them of who he was to them. God was not just in the Temple that would one day be destroyed but he was with them in the person of Jesus and would remain with them in the future through what we now call the person of the Holy Spirit. This was why Jesus told them that when they were being persecuted or experienced the disasters that lay ahead, they would be given the strength to persevere and a conviction that would even win over their opponents.

The concluding sentence of our Gospel, "your endurance will win you your lives", sums up the hope and the strength Jesus promises to give us whenever we are confronted by events and problems that are beyond our control. "Endurance" in this context means much more than the wonderful human virtue of resilience, the virtue that we see in the lives of all those who have experienced and overcome personal tragedies and natural disasters. Here it means living with the certainty that Christ will never abandon us and that, if we are as faithful to him as he is to us, then we will be able to see through and overcome the seemingly impossible situations we may find ourselves in.

Our 'endurance' is, above all, our role in Christ's mission of salvation. As the psalm reminds us, "the Lord comes to rule the earth; he will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness." In this mission that we are part of, there is no room for either apathy, pessimism or despair. Our own personal fears and concerns as well as the burden of being exposed to a 24-hour news cycle can leave us with the feeling that our times are unique in the problems we face. Without minimising the reality of our problems and concerns, Jesus tells us not to be frightened. The evils that we see around us will not defeat God's plans for us and for our world.

As Fr Brendan Byrne notes in his commentary on this Gospel passage in **The Hospitality of God**:

Until the eventual triumph of 'God's rule on earth', all is provisional. Wars, famines and earthquakes continue. Those who work for God's justice will face hostility, imprisonment, even death. There will always be reasons for being disillusioned and for losing faith. Our Lord's encouraging message applies as much to our own time as it did to the first generation of believers.

Deacon Louis

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

