



St Mary's Parish

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First Reading Dn 12:1-3

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.v.1

**(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 forever.
(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, and 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.

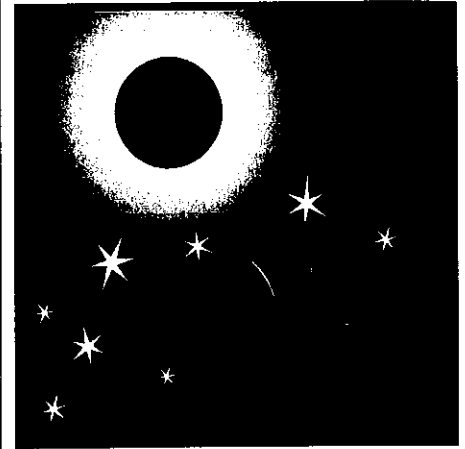
'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in



this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times - the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

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	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	Mass	No Serv (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass
Dunkeld	SAWC 9am	No Serv (To Glen)	Mass 8.30 am	Mass 8.30am	SAWC 9am
Glen 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	Mass	No Serv (To Dunkeld)	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	SAWC	No Serv Ham or Orford 9am	Mass	Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER 22nd November	
Lector	Catherine Loria
Leader	Margie Eales
Prayers	Celie Peach
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti

Weekday Mass or SAWC
Tue, Wed, Thurs. & Friday @ 10am St Mary's Parish Hamilton Day Chapel. All Welcome

ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 21st & 22nd Nov		
	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Terry Hurley Rita Taylor
Commentator	Margaret Meagher	Patricia Blohm
1st Reader	Bev Kaaye	Margaret Roberts
2nd Reader	Ray Corbett	Carmel Schlaghecke
Offertory	F & T McMeel	Noreen Doherty
PowerPoint	Chris Jansen	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Z Celwyck and T & F McMeel	M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton G Goggin & T Irving.
Cuppa		Sonya Shaw

Church Cleaning NOVEMBER
J Trotter, F Rhook & R Taylor

This Weekend Ministers of Communion	
6 pm	B Kaaye, P & M Dunn
10.30am	V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald & Volunteer

Parish Collections
Stewardship: \$ 28 656 Pledged: \$108,779
Priest Support: \$465
Weekend counters : F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache & G Howell
Next w/end counters: R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver

"The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis

18. I am writing this to encourage you to invite people and welcome them in God's name by every activity in your life.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Rosie Auld (Glenthompson)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jackie Handley

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

*Val Carter, Claire Kinnane, Marg Lane
Connie McArthur, Sandra Kranz, Heather Boyd,
Kerryn McCluggage, Shirley McNamara.*



**NOVEMBER
MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK OF
OUR FAMILY SAINTS:**

**Available in the gathering space
to sign up your family members.
Envelopes available at the back of the church.**

Brief Notices

- ◆ **Penshurst Mthly Ecumenical Service**
Tuesday 17th Nov. @ 11am
- ◆ **Anointing Mass**
Thursday 19th Nov. @ St Mary's 10am
- ◆ **St Mary's Primary School Christmas Expo!**
Raffle tickets will be sold after **this Sat. evenings 6pm Mass**, and next Sunday 22nd 10.30am Mass.
- ◆ **Fishers of Men**
Tuesday, 24th November 7:30 - 8:45pm
Murphy's Home 28 Lonsdale St, Hamilton
All Welcome!

*We welcome into the family of God through Baptism
this weekend at St Mary's Parish Hamilton
Matilda Munro
daughter of Nicole & Grant*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Many thanks to all parishioners who responded to our Stewardship Program last weekend by supporting the parish for the next few years.

If you were not at Mass last weekend and would like to make a pledge there are pledge cards available at the church entrance. Cards can be placed in the collection plate, or left at Parish Office.

Your new series of Stewardship Envelopes will be available for you to collect Sat. 21 & Sun 22nd November.

Thank you for your generous response.

Rebuild Our Future

St Mary's Parish Discernment Gathering
Facilitated by Vin Dillon

- Hospitality
- Discipleship
- Faith Sharing
- Outreach

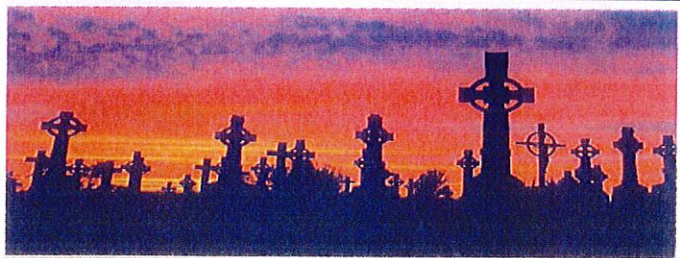
TODAY Sun, 15th Nov.

12pm - 2:30pm
Dunworth Centre
Lunch Provided

PRAYER

You keep vigil, O God,
over the fortunes of your people,
guiding their destiny in safety
as the history of the world unfolds.
Increase our faith
that those who sleep in the dust of the earth
shall rise again,
and give us your Spirit
so that we may look forward every day
to the glorious manifestation of your Son,
who will come to gather the elect
into your kingdom.

Amen.



November Liturgies in our Cemeteries

Prayers for our deceased loved ones.

All Faiths Welcome

Glenthompson Cemetery
Sun, 15th Nov 8:30am (Mass)

Macarthur Cemetery
Sun, 22nd Nov 2pm

Please bring a fold up chair.



The Feast of Christ the King

A Celebration of Diversity in St Mary's Parish

Sat. 21st Nov. at 6pm Mass

Sun. 22nd Nov. at 10.30am Mass.



- Come in traditional dress.
- Join the entrance procession.
- Bring a national food to share for morning tea or supper.
- Give a greeting in your native language.

