



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time



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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick 3185

Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-mins before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lectors:

Saturday 6:30pm J Lam

Sunday 9:00am A Powell 10:30am E Galero

Counters: B Leong & E Ambrose

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Mon 17 Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Fri 21 Nov: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 22 Nov: St Cecilia

Sun 23 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Thanksgiving



Volunteers' Thank You Mass & Fellowship

Friday, 21 November at St Joseph's. 6:30pm
Mass at St Joseph's followed by Fellowship at
St Joseph's School Atrium.

All Volunteers and everyone from St Joseph's & Holy Cross
and St Anthony's & St Aloysius are invited.

Please RSVP using the clipboard at the church foyer by
this Sunday, 16 November for catering purposes.

Trivia Lunch @ Holy Cross Parish Hall

Join us on Wednesday, 19th November at 12-noon.

Come along for lunch, enjoy the trivia session and a catch
up. As this will be the last meeting for the year, please
bring a plate to share with everyone. All are welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Society
CAULFIELD SOUTH & ELSTERNWICK *good works*

Columban Calendars and Vinnies Christmas Cards will be
on sale starting November after weekend Masses.

Calendars \$10.00 each

Christmas Cards \$5.00 per pack of 5 cards

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Jer 29:11, 12, 14)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of
affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and
I will lead back your captives from every place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Ps 72:28)

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in
God the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: Tony Messina, Paulette Dobbin, Carol
Burgess, Pam O'Reilly, Bernie Smith, Marie Gaudry

** Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.*

Recently Deceased: Karen Quitt

Death Anniversary: -



Christ is Our King

St Patrick's Cathedral Mass at on
Sunday 23 November 2025 with
Cardinal Mykola Bychok and
Archbishop Peter Comensoli,
starting 2:00pm followed by a
special Eucharistic Procession,
Benediction, and Consecration to
Our King.

Our Lord promised:

**He who declares Himself for me,
I will declare myself for Him!**

Please be an apostle of Our King,
and invite your family members,
the youth, parishioners, and every community to be part of
this wonderful celebration.

A unique event organized by The Combined Societies of Mary



ACU Youth Advisory Group

Have your say on gender, masculinity, and faith.

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) is looking for
young people aged 18–25 to help guide a research project
exploring how young people understand gender and
masculinity in religious settings and content.

What's involved: Join a small group of peers in
workshops. Help design research questions and activities.
Share your ideas about gender, identity, and faith. Decide
how findings are shared and used.

Why get involved: Make your voice heard and influence
research and practice. Develop skills in research,
teamwork, and leadership. Connect with other young
people with similar interests. Be supported in a safe,
respectful environment.

Time commitment: Approximately 6 hours across multiple
sessions, scheduled to suit participants. As a thank you for
your time and participation, you will be reimbursed

How to apply: Email gabrielle.hunt@acu.edu.au to receive
a full info sheet and can ask any questions before joining.
Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and fully
supported. You can withdraw at anytime.

Pallottine Remember in November

Saturday 22 November at the 6:30pm Vigil Mass
at St Joseph's, Elsternwick. After Mass, all are
invited to a light dinner at the Presbytery. All
welcome.





Carols by Candlelight at St Anthony's

Sunday, 14th December at St Anthony's Parish Hall, immediately after the 5pm Mass.

This is a joint event by the Sister Parishes of St Joseph's & Holy Cross and St Anthony's & St Aloysius'.

We are looking for solo/group performances with Christmas themed songs and approximately 5 mins per performance.

If you would like to be part of the Organising Team, please contact our Parish Offices by Thursday, 20 November.

Advent Scripture Reflection Sessions

"Advent Scripture Reflection" sessions will be held on 4 consecutive Fridays, commencing on 28th November 2025 from 7pm to 8pm at St. Anthony's Church. All welcome!

The Christmas Travelling Crib

There are 7 travelling Cribbs seeking a stop over for 2 days at family homes in the Parishes and Schools of St Joseph's & Holy Cross and St Anthony's, commencing 1 December until Christmas Eve. For the Schools, this will start a week earlier. Those who want to represent each Parish and School in this program need to meet a.s.a.p. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Parish Office.



ACYF - 2 weeks to go!

Our ACYF 2025 Pilgrims and Leaders organised another Cake Stall on November 2nd at Holy Cross and St Joseph's.

Thank you again for all your generous support, donations and well wishes. A total of \$640.50 was raised.

Upcoming preparations for our Pilgrims:

Nov 16: Info session at 3pm - Padua Pavilion - St Anthony's

Nov 23: Formation session at 12-noon - St Joseph's

Nov 30: Commissioning Mass and send-off - St Joseph's

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Holy Mass in Reparation for and Healing from Abortion on at 9:00am every 4th Saturday at St Patrick's Cathedral. Confessions from 8:30am. Celebrant: Fr Dishan Candappa. Rosary Procession after Mass. Join us in prayer to the edge of the 150m Abortion Prayer Exclusion Zone, Wellington Parade, East Melbourne (Opposite Jolimont Station Ramp Exit). Parking available off Lansdowne Street. Please vacate carpark by 11:30am. For further details, contact 0407 090 367.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

Coffee & Croissants

WITH *Katie*

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

THURSDAY

4 DECEMBER 2025

7.30am – 8.45am

Join us for a special conversation as Fr Nathan Rawlins sits down with international speaker Katie Prejean McGrady exploring faith and life.

VICTORIA HOTEL
215 LITTLE COLLINS ST
MELBOURNE

\$45 (incl. Continental Breakfast)
\$35 for League Members
\$30 for Students

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Bookings close 27 Nov (unless sold out).

From the Catholic News Service in Rome

With the approval of Pope Leo XIV, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith published a long document on the titles of love and respect Catholics have for Mary and her motherly assistance to believers. It also explains the problems with referring to Mary as "co-redemptrix" with Christ.



"Mother of the Faithful People of God"

While praising devotion to Mary, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith firmly rejected moves to formally proclaim Mary as "co-redemptrix" or "co-mediatrix." In a lengthy doctrinal note titled "Mater Populi Fidelis" ("Mother of the Faithful People of God"), the dicastery said the title co-redemptrix or co-redeemer "carries the risk of eclipsing the exclusive role of Jesus Christ" in salvation. And, regarding the title co-mediatrix or co-mediator, it said that Mary, "the first redeemed, could not have been the mediatrix of the grace that she herself received."

However, it said, the title may be used when it does not cast doubt on "the unique mediation of Jesus Christ, true God and true man." Pope Leo XIV approved the text Oct. 7 and ordered its publication, said the note, which was released Nov. 4.

For more than 30 years, some Catholics, including some bishops, have asked for formal dogmatic declarations of Mary as co-redemptrix and co-mediatrix, the document's introduction said. But Msgr. Armando Matteo, secretary of the dicastery's doctrinal section, told the conference that the Vatican's first study of the doctrinal implications of the titles goes all the way back to 1926.

The new document said that titles used for Mary should speak of her motherly care for all people and her place as the first and perfect disciple of Jesus but must not create any doubt that Catholics believe Jesus is the redeemer of the world and the bestower of grace. "Any gaze directed at her that distracts us from Christ or that places her on the same level as the Son of God would fall outside the dynamic proper to an authentically Marian faith," it said, because Mary always points to her son. "Given the necessity of explaining Mary's subordinate role to Christ in the work of Redemption, it would not be appropriate to use the title 'Co-redemptrix' to define Mary's cooperation," the doctrinal note said.

The title, it said, "risks obscuring Christ's unique salvific mediation and can therefore create confusion and an imbalance in the harmony of the truths of the Christian faith, for 'there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.'" "When an expression requires many repeated explanations to prevent it from straying from a correct meaning, it does not serve the faith of the People of God and becomes unhelpful," the dicastery concluded.

May Mother Mary intercede for us always!

40 Days for Life - THANK YOU

The Melbourne 40 Days for Life team would like to thank everyone who supported the 2025 campaign.



Along with the vigil attendees, many prayed from home and others donated generously.

We were able to pass on contributions of \$5,000 to Pregnancy Assistance Franklin and \$800 to the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

May God reward you for your efforts!

Q: Why did Adam and Eve do maths every day?

A: They were told to be fruitful and multiply.

will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God's presence and holiness. Today's Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew's Gospel, commences in two weeks' time with the beginning of Advent.

Today's Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke's 'apocalyptic' chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience's experience and memory of Jerusalem's destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus' teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus' day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke's apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus' faithful followers living generations after Jesus public ministry, assuring them of God's comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God's protective promise: '...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

Fr Michael Trainor