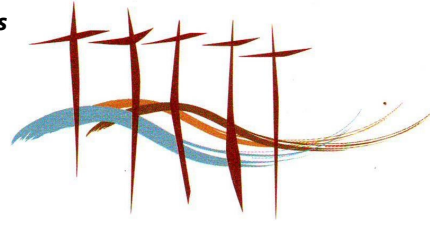


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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 November, 2018

Year B: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

next week's Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Soon we will celebrate Advent. It's in our bones – we look for that luminous summer light. This light is symbolic of God's light. We express our hope that God's light will shine in our darkness. God will not leave us to trip and get lost, but will provide a light to show us the path to back to God.

But first there are things that need tending...that need ending! So, this weekend and next the readings remind us that the world is passing away; it must pass away. False securities and shallow guarantees will not sustain us in times of strife and testing. God alone must be our hope. God's ways must be our ways, so that when our securities and misplaced confidences fail us we can turn our eyes to God's saving light.

When biblical writers want to get our attention, shake us out of our lethargy and give us hope, they write in the apocalyptic literary genre. We see evidence of this literature in today's readings from the book of Daniel and from Mark's gospel. The word "Apocalypse" comes from the Greek and means "to lift the veil." Apocalyptic literature suggests what we think we see as true and as reality, in fact, may be obscured by veils. We think we see – we don't. We think we know the truth and the way things are – but we don't. We need vision; we need the veil over our own eyes lifted so we can clearly perceive God's presence and God's future coming into our world.

Apocalyptic writing is not meant to be taken literally, or thought to contain secret codes reserved for those who can interpret them. Nor is this genre of literature meant to predict dates and places of future events. Though some have tried to make such predictions. Periodically one reads about a fundamentalist sect whose members have gathered on a mountain, or in the desert somewhere, sure from their biblical reading that the world is going to end on a certain date at midnight. When the cataclysm doesn't come, the disheartened members have to return to their former places of employment to see if they can get their jobs back and to their children's school, to see if they can get them re-enrolled – since the world was ending, they had thought, who needed mathematics classes?

Apocalyptic writings don't have hidden codes which, if we knew the key, we could use to interpret and predict world events. Instead, they hold a more profound and important truth for us believers. For those Jews under persecution, who were tempted to believe that God had forgotten them, Daniel assures them that after the final struggles at the end of time, God will reward the persevering faithful. But even more than that; God would not abandon them as they underwent severe testing. God would see them through. Thus, God tells the people that Michael, "guardian of your people," will protect Israel. (Michael's name means, "one who is like God.")

When the final tribulation, the "end times" come, the people will "escape" – for God is protecting them. Then, the very horrific trials will be the occasion for the coming of the Messiah. Our selection from Daniel does not promise that no pain or tribulation will befall God's faithful. No one has to remind us of that! We have seen too many good individuals and too many innocent peoples suffer under the world's tyrants. But Daniel assures his hearers that God is their Saviour who will not let them suffer final destruction.

What reassurance do these people and we have? What gets us through the hard times when our faith feels pressed to cracking under internal and external pressures? Daniel isn't making a promise on his own. He is not telling the Jewish people in the midst of their extreme duress, "Cheer up!

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 19 November

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 20 November

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 21 November

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 22 November

St Cecilia

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 23 November

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 24 November

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 24 November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 25 November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
Yr 7 Connect Mass
4.30pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- Burleigh Waters
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
7.00pm **Mass** - Bond University (Student Lounge)

Things are going to be okay. Just be patient." What he does tell them and us is, "In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord...." The promise is from God. Daniel reassures us, "We have God's word." So, the issue becomes: Is God trustworthy? Will God live up to God's promise? Can we live during a time when we see no visible signs of relief and continue to trust that God is with us; that hope is on the horizon? If we do have this hope then, aided by God's nourishing Word, we can stand steadfast.

In today's gospel Jesus draws on earlier apocalyptic literature, as he alludes to a time of tribulation followed by the coming of "the Son of Man in the clouds." (Dan 7:13). The distress will be profound, even nature will go into chaos. Such awful times raise the very questions the ancients asked— and we do too – "Who's in charge here anyway? God or chaos?"

Chaos may seem to have the upper hand, especially when all we are used to and rely on collapses. Jesus refers to the signs of the blossoming fig tree as a sign of hope. During the wintertime nothing looked more dead than the bare fig trees in my grandparents' backyard. But each Spring their leaves would sprout and, later in the summer, we would again eat succulent fruit from those "reborn" trees. (Those figs could move an atheist to believe in God!)

If the suffering first Christians and we moderns were to ask Jesus, from the midst of our crazy world's whirlwind, "Who's in charge here anyway? And when is this all going to end?" He would say again what he once said: "You must trust my word. God is in charge and God knows the schedule. Meanwhile, you must be prepared for my return as you continue to live lives faithful to my word."

That's the faith of the Bible: even amidst complete upheaval, God has not abandoned us and will emerge victorious over death itself. How appropriate it is that Jesus spoke these reassuring words. He is about to enter Jerusalem and be put to death. "The tribulation" he predicts for his disciples is about to take place for him. When their world collapses with Jesus' death will they remember and cling to his words and look forward to an entirely new Spring? The same can be asked of us. Can we trust what Jesus tells us again today, "... my words will not pass away"?

With the resurrection of Jesus the end times have begun. We do not know when Jesus will return; nor why there is such a long delay in his return. Perhaps the delay is to the world's benefit. Maybe we Christians are being given more time to get our act together; not just our personal rectitude, but maybe we are being given time to witness to the world who Jesus is and invite more people to experience God's boundless mercy through him.

Meanwhile, we live as if Jesus were about to return. But we keep our eyes open to signs of his presence already with us in his Spirit and we witness to those signs by our lives. Perhaps that's why Jesus hasn't yet returned; God wants to invite still more people to fall in love with the God Jesus proclaimed. Today at this liturgy we celebrate Christ's presence to us in Word and Sacrament and we are reassured that whatever endings we face, the Spirit will be present to plant and nurture new life in us.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL INFANT SAVIOUR BURLEIGH HEADS CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Providing a hand up to those in need

This weekend we launch the Annual Appeal for works undertaken by our local St Vincent De Paul Conference. Envelopes will be handed out this weekend and will be available next weekend and at any time at the Piety Stalls. A collection will be held at Mass next weekend to collect the envelopes/ donations. Credit Card donations can be made by completing the Credit Card section of the envelope- please indicate if you require a tax deductible receipt and provide your full return address.

Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul Society PO BOX 128, Burleigh Heads, Qld 4220.

The SVDP Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads operates with volunteers from across our Parish. We undertake visits (in pairs) to those in need and help with food parcels/ vouchers, clothing cards, and fuel, utility, medical, education, accommodation (to prevent homelessness) and other costs where necessary. An important part of our visits is to listen to the needs of our companions and to encourage them to contact other agencies or services that can assist with their specific circumstances.

Our Parish generously supports our work by providing office/ workspace under the Community Room at the Mary Mother of Mercy complex.

During the 2017-18 financial year our Conference utilized just under \$100,000 to support those in need; this included undertaking the annual refugee picnic and also the provision of 70 Christmas hampers and gift packages to over 200 people. The number of visitations made by members in 2017-18 was 887, involving 1052 adults and 936 Children.

The assistance of the needy could not have been achieved without the generous support received from government grants, the generosity of our parishioners through the Poor Boxes, Appeals, donations and bequests, and Marymount Primary School and Marymount College students, teachers and parents.

To enable our Local SVDP Conference to continue to provide a hand up and assistance to the needy in our Parish area we would be grateful if you could assist by contributing via the annual appeal envelopes.

Like all volunteer organizations we are always on the lookout for additional help; so if you are in a position to devote a few hours each week to assist those in need we would welcome your inquiry.

God bless you all.

SVDP Infant Saviour Conference Burleigh Heads

Parish News and Happenings

- **This weekend we welcome Archbishop Mark Coleridge to our parish for his canonical 5 year visit. The Archbishop will celebrate the 5pm Vigil Mass at Miami, 8.30am at Mudgeeraba and 11am at Springbrook.**
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND, 4 - 15 September, 2019** Cost of Bible Tour \$6000 including airfare economy (\$1,190 for single supp) Please register your interest at the Parish Office. **Especially suitable for 75+ age group.*
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- The Parish is conducting a **CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE** this year. Tickets will be on sale at each church on 24/25 November. The hamper will be drawn on Thursday 6 December at the Christmas luncheon to be held at the Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av. If anyone would like to attend the luncheon (both men and women) it is always a fun day. Cost is \$25 per head. Please ring Val (5576 2553) by 2 December.
- **PALMS AUSTRALIA** - Make an Encounter in 2019. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms Mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. www.palms.org.au/encounters
- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - This Sunday 18 November, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm.
- **SUNG EVENING PRAYER** for deceased is held each Friday during November at 6pm in Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads.
- **CHRISTMAS TIME AT THE PIETY STALL** - There are beautiful calendars and cards available at all the piety stalls. Don't forget there are also many wonderful items for sale which would make lovely gifts.
- **PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE** - parishioners interested in training to become volunteer pastoral carers at hospitals are invited to attend an information session on Thursday 22 November, 10am - 11.30am at Sacred Heart Parish, Clear Island Waters. **Parishioners providing pastoral care in the hospitals and aged care/nursing homes are very welcome to attend.** email adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone Judy Norris 3324 3193 to register.
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the second Wednesday of each month in Infant Saviour meeting room at 2pm. Next meeting is on 12 December.

Advent Reflection Series

Advent is a season of preparation. Preparation to celebrate Emmanuel: God-With-Us. Preparation also to open our hearts to God incarnated in us. A four week series is offered to all interested in reflecting on what it is that we are being called to as people of faith in the 21st Century, within the Church and beyond. Each of the four weeks will have a different focus relating to the Nativity Story. Week 1. *Annunciation – Discernment in responding to God's Invitational call;* Week 2. *Visitation – Support and nurture in discernment;* Week 3. *Journey – The journey of discernment and opening our hearts;* Week 4. *Birth – What is it that God is inviting us to birth.*

Commencing Tuesday 27th November, meeting every Tuesday night up to and including Tuesday 18th December. 7pm – 8pm, Mary Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.

Facilitated by Sue Thomas. Sue is a Burleigh parishioner and ministers to the wider community in her role as a spiritual director and retreat facilitator. For further information and to RSVP contact Sue via email e. sue@suethomas.net.au or leave a message at the parish office - 5576 6466.

Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24 December		Tuesday 25 December	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
5pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
6pm	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
Midnight	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	10am	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
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BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Ace and Jasmine who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Paul Francis Tonna who has died in Christ. Let us remember his family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, John Costigan, Michelle Cronin, Graham Dall, Koyla Donahoo, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, John Hankin, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Terry Maguire, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Paula Pinch, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Denis Callinan, Kevin Gorman, Walter Edmund Austin, Thomas Gorman.

May the chairs of angels come to greet you ...

May you find eternal life.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 25 November
12 noon, Burleigh Golf Club, cnr Bardon & Albion Av, Miami Phone Margaret 5534 2654.

Have-A-Chat Sunday 25 November
12 noon, Miami Rice Restaurant. If attending phone Fay & Darryl 5520 0092 by 22/11



Liturgical Music for Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

All The Ends Of The Earth

*All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord.

The Lord has made his salvation known,
faithful to his promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King!

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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



safe, O God; you are my hope.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

Tuesday:

The one who is victorious I will sit beside me on my throne.

Wednesday:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

Thursday:

The lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

Friday:

How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Saturday:

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Take And Eat

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life-blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
do so in memory of me.

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Shelter Me O God

*Shelter me, O God;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
You alone are my hope.*

When my foes surround me,
set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name.

As a mother gathers her young
beneath her care,
gather me into your arms.

Though I walk in darkness,
through the needle's eye of death,
you will never leave my side.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Sing A New Song

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds;
the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives.

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