#### **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**

#### Mark 13:24-32

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 p '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

#### **SPECIAL THANKS FROM VINNIES**

#### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

A very sincere THANK YOU to parishioners who contributed to the Special Collection on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. A total of \$1,623.50 was raised. By helping the appeal you have helped in two ways. At a local level, our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level, you have contributed to the large and varied network of short and long term support services for people in South Australia who need special care. If you were unable, or missed contributing to that collection, you may still donate. How to Donate

In the Bulletin boxes there are envelopes. Please fill out and return to the **Poor Box** or send in by post. You can donate by phone 131812 or on line at <a href="www.vinnies.org.au">www.vinnies.org.au</a>. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

#### Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Last year we were able to help 56 local families with hampers. The requests for assistance throughout this year has increased by 50% so we are anticipating many will request help this Christmas. We invite parishioners to donate items for hampers during the coming weeks. To alleviate cost of living for those in dire need, we need your help. *Please leave your items in shopping bags at the main entrance.* Details of suitable items are on posters at the side doors. The last date for contributions is *Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec* 

#### Columban Calendars and Vinnies Christmas Cards

These are available at the main entrance. Please place money in envelopes provided and then deposit in Poor Box.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

**Loyola Press** 

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the

end time will come, except the Father. In the verses

that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus

continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words



and God's never-ending love for us.





## Parish Bulletin

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

16/17 Nov 2024

# He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

## MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY.

We live in a world of rapid change. Many of the places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever. May we place our trust in the kingdom of God and not in the passing kingdoms we create.

#### **PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS**

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present todayour ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Daniel 12:1-13** 

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 Psalm 15:5, 8-11

Response:

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 for ever. **R** 

## SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14,18

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. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, 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

#### **ROSTERS FOR VOLUNTEERS 2025**

Thanks to all the volunteers who have regularly served our parish in 2024. We are preparing the Roster for 2025. Please contact the parish office if you need to make any changes, or if you will not be able to stay on the roster.

Please contact the office before Sunday 24th Nov 2024. Phone: 8431 6931, or email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

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#### **WHS Officer**

Angela Girolamo – Thursday

#### Sacristan

Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

#### Parish Office Hours

Tue to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm Ph: (08) 8431 6932 info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

#### **Mass Times**

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

#### <u>Confessions</u>

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

#### Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

#### Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

#### St. Joseph's Primary School

Principal - Adrian Grbin Ph: 8217 8300

#### Knights of the Southern Cross

Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Chair – Alan Tyson

Parish Finance Council

Chair -Edward Konieczny

#### Child Safe Contact Person

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline 1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

#### Rosters—23/24 Nov 2024 Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Sheila Hoogland Sandy Mazzarolo
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

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SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	9/10 NOV 2024	
Open Plate	\$354.30	
Planned Giving	\$758.00	
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,112.30	

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$692.25

## Let's pray together

### Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary: The 40th Death Day of

#### Maria Martha Sciancalepore

Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
them; present them
to God the Most High.

#### Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

#### Pope Francis @pontifex



Let us not forget countries at war! May we not forget Ukraine, Myanmar, and so many other nations. Let us pray together for peace. We are in great need of peace!

November Masses for deceased

#### **November Mass for Deceased**

The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers for the deceased. Please collect the November envelopes and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025

If you have children who would want to enrol in the Sacramental Program in 2025, please contact the Parish Office on 8431 6932 or info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au.



#### Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

#### **PARISH NOTICES**

#### **Finance Officer**

#### Part Time Position—6 hours per week—Mon & Tue

Tranmere Catholic Parish is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Finance Officer who will ensure the financial operations of the Parish are managed and reported in an efficient, accurate and timely manner.

The successful applicant will report to the Parish Priest and the Parish Finance Council.

Advanced practical skills in the use of the Microsoft Office suite and relevant financial packages are required.

The Finance Officer will possess excellent communication skills, and have the ability to achieve strict deadlines with meticulous attention to detail and accuracy.

The successful applicant will be strongly committed to the Catholic ethos.

Applications should be emailed to Fr Roy John Elavumkal, Parish Priest, Tranmere Parish,

at parishpriest@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au by Friday, November 22, 2024.

Employment with the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is conditional upon a successful Working with Children Clearance and successful reference checks.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Child Safe Organisation.

#### **Lost & Found**

A ring was found in the coins from the special collection of 9th November for Vinnies. If you are the owner of the ring, and would like to claim it, please contact the parish office and provide a description of the ring.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Any little help will be appreciated! If you have spare time to assist in any general duties, no matter it is cleaning the altar, polishing the Holy Hardware, making the gardens, etc., you are welcome to join the volunteering teams. Please contact Fr Roy or the parish office.

#### ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

#### A Celebration of Christmas - Christmas Concert

The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Eleder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of Saturday December 14 at 7.30pm.

### World Community for Christian Meditation Australia - Advent Twilight Retreat

You are invited to begin your Advent at our Advent Twilight Retreat—
THE WAY OF LOVE. On Friday evening, November 29, 6pm–8pm,
with coffee, snacks and book sales at 5.30pm. At St Theodore's Anglican Church Hall, 46 Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens. In a time of quiet, we will meditate together, pray together, reflect on Scripture using Lectio Divina, and walk contemplatively together. Please bring your own cup. A donation for the WCCM A National Appeal would be appreciated.

#### **Churches Together Thanksgiving Service**

Churches Together SA invite you to a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday November 30, 9.30am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Morning tea will follow the Service.

Workshop Opportunity: Walk for Life – founding director Mrs Jodie Pickard will be speaking about "What it means to love life" What does it mean to love life? – Please come to the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Wednesday November 27 at 6pm - 7.30pm to hear founding director, Love Australia, Mrs Jodie Pickard, talk about the upcoming WALK FOR LIFE event to be held on the second Saturday in February 2025. For more information, please contact the office of Justice, Healing and Inclusion at <a href="mailto:jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au">jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au</a>

## The Kids' Bulletin The End...

The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back!

When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

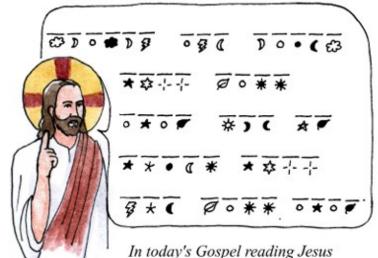
As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end

of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

Answer to puzzle on front page: Heaven and earth will pass away.

Answer to Daniel's Prophesy Word-Find: the end of time.

www.thekidsbulletin.com



tells the disciples what will happen Mark 13:24-32 at the end of time.

The sun and moon will become dark and the stars will fall down from the sky, and then Jesus will come back.

What else does he say? Use this code to find out!

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