

'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.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

Throughout the centuries people of faith have maintained that the history of the world is in God's hands and that there will come a time when our stewardship of the world will be judged. But when will that day come, and how are we to prepare for it?

Malachi believed that the day would come in his own time. Centuries later the early Church came to believe that it was Jesus who would return as Lord and Judge. Some members of the community in Thessalonika expected that this return would occur at any moment. The problem that arose was that these Christians expected others to support them while they waited for the Lord's return. To counteract this Paul draws their attention to his own practice of working wherever he preaches the Gospel. Such people are advised to follow his example and quietly return to their daily routine and Christian life not burdening others.

The passing of time has borne witness to the wisdom of Paul's advice to the Thessalonians. Jesus had not yet appeared, and this gave rise to another set of questions. Jesus had spoken of the signs that would precede his return. Luke's community late in the first century found themselves asking whether the turmoil and persecution of their own time were to be understood as signs that the Lord's return was imminent. The response they are given is that the difficulties of this present time are an opportunity to give faithful and courageous witness. Two thousand years later this challenge is an enduring one for us all.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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 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?'

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WEEKEND MASSES
Sat: 5.30pm
Sun: 9am and 5.30pm
Mon: No Mass
Tues: No Mass
WEEKDAY MASSES
Wed: 12 pm
Thurs: 9am St Elizabeth of Hungary
Fri: 9am St
Sat: No Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

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

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andrew Brennan, Jill Moroney, Peter Yandall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McInnes (6/11), Shirley Burke (10/11), Gerry Griffiths (17/11), Antony John Croft (17/11), Ian Macpherson (30/11), Richard Bowler (1/12), Pierce McInnes (2/12)

DECEASED: Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch, Rod Kelly.

SICK: Sr Gerard Joseph, Gail Styman, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Barbara Brennan, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, William Bonner, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

An Irishman went to the doctor with an injured ear and burns on his feet. "What on earth have you been doing?" asked the doctor. "Well Oi bought this tinned pudding, doc, and Oi just did as the instructions said—pierce here and stand in boiling water."



COMING EVENTS:

15 Nov Choir Practice
20 Nov Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
20 - 25 Nov Clergy Retreat **No Mass Sunday 20 November 5.30pm**
26/27 Nov Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
1 Dec State School Liturgy 10 am (Mass 9am)
10/11 Dec Bambinelli Sunday - Blessing of Baby Jesus figurines

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) Acc 001023642

'It's God's work and you are doing it for Him.' (1897)

NSW STATE COVID GUIDE: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED



NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** as they will be printed and displayed in the foyer at Our Lady's statue where candles are lit for these souls. Thank you

CHOIR PRACTICE: If you are interested in playing a part please join us for choir practice at 5 pm on Tuesday 15 November at 5 pm—especially if you are interested in learning the keyboard role.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Groups around Australia are now invited to participate in the latest discernment process for the Synod on Synodality, reflecting on the recently-published Working Document for the Continental Stage. Groups that participate in this round of discernment are invited to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and provide succinct responses across three areas:

1. Which intuitions in the document resonate most strongly with the lived experience and realities of the Church in our continent?

2. What substantial tensions and divergences emerge as particularly important in our continent?

3. What are the priorities, recurring themes, and calls to action?

This is not an invitation to start the process of consultation again, but rather the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the voices that have emerged so far.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: 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.

HOPE KITCHEN: Free and healthy meal for everyone. Every Wednesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437 Program will run from 28/09 to 21/12. Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email:

hopekitchen2340@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

PLANNING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Please keep a close watch on the Coming Events to be ready for the celebrations planned for this year. More information on events will be provided as we get closer to each of them.

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 13/11/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman M Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 19/11 J Hutt, J Moran
Altar Linen: E Jackson

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 20/11/22

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell, J Murray
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 26/11 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen: B Flood

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

