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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 8-11

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

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

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

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

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you are my hope.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Matthew Hill

Anniversaries:

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Geoff, Bianca, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, John Phillips, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Jennifer Berridge, Shayne, Con Doensen

Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8.45am-9.10am

Friday: 8.45am-9.10am & 9.45am -10.25am

Saturday: 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

Anointing of the sick By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

Parish office - Please call 0448 658 418

Pastoral worker - Please call 0448 664 731

St Vincent de Paul - If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

Care group Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every Friday following 9.15am Mass. Fr Francis will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass.

Rosary Group

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary, concluding with simple Benediction.

Italian Prayer Group

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church.

Christian Meditation: Saturday morning at 9.15 am in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For more information please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.**

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish
(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50
7th November 2021**

Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 1921.00
Presbytery	\$ 161.70
Restoration	\$ -

Try booking link for this week's weekday & weekend Masses. Please note each mass is limited to 30 people with **vaccination status unknown**.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVKNZ>

We have received the guidelines from the Archdiocese who have worked through the directives from the government as to how we are to re-open. These liturgical guidelines may be found at <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

Important points are as follows:

- Masks must be worn at all times inside the Church.
- Vaccination status unknown: maximum of 30 people inside the Church
- Booking for weekend Mass is required. This may be done via try booking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVKNZ>

or by calling the parish mobile 0448 658 418 during office hours. There is no longer a need to book for weekday mass.

process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage people in a journey of communion, participation and mission. Please join in the diocesan consultation sessions being held in the coming week:

November Remembrance Book

The memorial book in which we have enrolled the names of deceased family and friends of our parishioners has once again been placed in the church. It will be present for all Masses celebrated in November, traditionally the month in which we pray for all who have died. *Should you wish to add names to the book, please fill in the form available as you enter the church, and leave it for collection by Parish staff.*

We have had requests regarding donations to our Parish. Bank details are below should you wish to contribute. We thank you for your kind generosity and support.

For Parish/Thanksgiving

Account Name: St Patrick's Church Account
BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 63931 6508

For Presbytery/Priests

Account Name: St. Patrick's Presbytery
BSB: 083 347 Account: 63931 5513

Tomato plants are for sale!

Please call Mario on 0431 043 643 to place your order. **\$3 per pot.**

Varieties are as follows.

- Sweet Bite,
- Tommy toe,
- San Marzano Roma,
- Black Russian,
- Grosse Lissa,
- Ox heart,
- Beef Steak & Bucci.



All proceeds go to St Vincent De Paul and orphanages in the Philippines and Uganda

Synod 2021

In dioceses around the world, a period of local consultation has begun as part of a two-year process culminating in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in



October 2023. The Church in Melbourne join the rest of the world in embarking on an intentional

The Victorian Government really has mastered the art of Orwellian double-speak. Anything that is titled the *Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (Pandemic Management) Bill 2021*, ought to send shivers down one's spine. So, when the Victorian Government introduces a Bill called the *Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021* that sounds like such a lovely piece of egalitarian legislation that no one could possibly object to it, that is the warning that 'equality' is the least of its concerns, so far as the Church is concerned. 'Equal opportunity' is the euphemistic smoke screen for saying religious institutions cannot employ on the basis of religious affiliation. The implication is that faith, belief and values should have no bearing on employment opportunities in Christian organisations. This is an utterly absurd double standard being applied to Churches.

It is a statement of fact that all employees affect the culture of their places of employment, for better or worse. For this reason, employers rightfully discriminate for a vast range of legitimate reasons: the individual's competence, experience, suitability, age, availability, communication skills, attitude, presentation, and so on. This is not unjust discrimination; it is simply part of the process of accessing the best candidate for the job. Everyone who has ever applied for a job understands this – the employer is looking for the 'best fit' for a particular position. One's views and values are naturally also part of the selection criteria. A big game trophy hunter who applies for a job on a wildlife reserve can reasonably expect to be turned down for the job – because one's personal values are an importance part of the culture of the workplace and its mission. Where there are major

conflicts of core values the entire organisation is compromised. Why would it be any different for religious organisations? It's important for Christian schools to be able to employ faithful Christians not only for religious education classes, but also for other areas, even those that don't pertain directly to faith. An atheist science teacher, or a Marxist history teacher, or a Communist economics teacher would have a detrimental effect on the Christian culture of the whole school: their values and core beliefs *do* matter if they are not philosophically aligned with the school's over-arching faith-based mission.

It's a natural right for any employer to be able to employ staff who help build up, rather than undermine, the organisation's mission. Any attempt to deny this natural right is both an injustice for the organisation (which should be free to employ whomsoever it chooses), but it is also an injustice to those patrons of the organisation who may be specifically seeking a service that has specific faith-based culture. A Jew has the right to be educated in a Jewish faith environment; A Muslim has a right to be educated in an Islamic faith culture. Likewise, a Christian has a right to be educated in a Christian culture. This is precisely why we have private education as distinct from public education.

The real proof that this legislation is not about "equal opportunity" is the fact that it singles out religious organisations. No other private organisation or enterprise is subject to the same process of scrutineering on the basis of philosophical or ideological bias. For example, political organisations are entirely free to discriminate on the basis of personal views and values – and discriminate the assuredly do. In short, this Bill is designed to ensure that Christian organisations do not enjoy an "equal opportunity" to any other non-religious workplace with regard to freedom of employment. Singling out Christian organisations in this way creates an unnecessary "Religious Exception". There should be one set of laws that applies equally to everyone. Archbishop Comensoli writes: "I do not believe it is in anyone's interest in the long term for a secular power to make such a determination for religious organisations. The role or importance of faith in a faith-based organisation cannot be relegated to a bureaucrat or a secular court. This is another sad example of people of faith and the freedom of religious organisations being unfairly targeted." All of this follows a consistent pattern of State over-reach and interference into the Church's rightful autonomy.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has asked that this issue be addressed in parishes and that his open letter be distributed. Copies of this letter will be placed in the Parish Bulletin. He is calling upon the faithful to be proactive in opposing this legislation as a matter of some urgency. Please consider writing or calling your local member of parliament to convey your concerns. This is yet another nail in the coffin of religious freedom in this State.

Yours in Christ
Fr Francis Denton



We are a child safe Parish