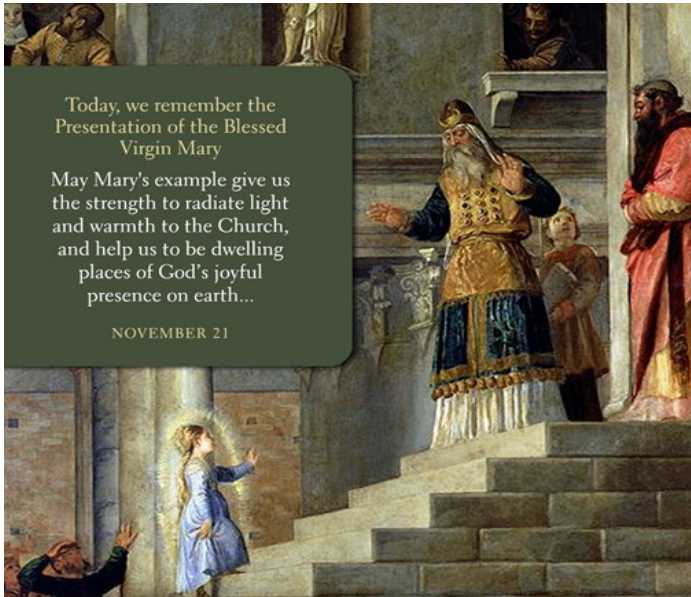


Monday-Saturday, 21st —26th November, 2022

34th Week in Ordinary Time - Year 2

MONDAY

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Alternative Readings used)



Today, we remember the
Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

May Mary's example give us
the strength to radiate light
and warmth to the Church,
and help us to be dwelling
places of God's joyful
presence on earth...

NOVEMBER 21

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 12:46-50

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus was speaking to the crowds when his mother and his brothers appeared; they were standing outside and were anxious to have a word with him. But to the man who told him this Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?' And stretching out his hand towards his disciples he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

READING: Zechariah 2:14-17

Sing, rejoice,
daughter of Zion;
for I am coming
to dwell in the middle of you
– it is the Lord who speaks.
Many nations will join the Lord,
on that day;
they will become his people.
But he will remain among you,
and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.
But the Lord will hold Judah
as his portion in the Holy Land,
and again make Jerusalem his very own.
Let all mankind be silent before the Lord!
For he is awakening and is coming from his holy dwelling.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: O blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

TUESDAY

Memorial of St Cecilia
(Alternative Readings used)



St. Cecilia
patron saint of music

Dear St. Cecilia,
May you inspire musicians
to gladden the hearts of people
by filling the air with
God's gift of music and
reminding them of
the divine Musician
who created all beauty.
Amen.

MEMORIAL: NOVEMBER 22

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

READING: *Hosea 2:16-17. 21-22*

The Lord says this:

I am going to lead her out into the wilderness
and speak to her heart.

There she will respond to me as she did when she
was young,
as she did when she came out of the land of Egypt.
I will betroth you to myself for ever,
betroth you with integrity and justice,
with tenderness and love;
I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness,
and you will come to know the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **The bridegroom is here; let us go out to
meet Christ the Lord.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**This is a wise bridesmaid, whom the Lord has
found waiting; at his coming, she went in with
him to the wedding feast. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of
them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their
lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the
sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their
lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a
cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet
him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and
trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to
the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our
lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may
not be enough for us and for you; you had better
go to those who sell it and buy some for
yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the
bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in
with him to the wedding hall and the door was
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord,
Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he
replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you."
So stay awake, because you do not know either the
day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The Lamb who is at
the centre of the throne will lead them to the
springs of the waters of life.**

Prayer for the State Election

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May our local community of Victoria be a place
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vulnerable are valued, respected and cared for.

And may we each renew our commitment to do the
same ourselves – following the example of Your
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WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord speaks of
peace to his people and his holy ones and to those
who turn to him.**

FIRST READING: *Rv 15:1-4*

What I, John, saw in heaven was a great and
wonderful sign: seven angels were bringing the
seven plagues that are the last of all, because they
exhaust the anger of God. I seemed to see a glass
lake suffused with fire, and standing by the lake of
glass, those who had fought against the beast and
won, and against his statue and the number which
is his name. They all had harps from God, and they
were singing the hymn of Moses, the servant of
God, and of the Lamb:

'How great and wonderful are all your works,
Lord God Almighty;
just and true are all your ways, King of nations.
Who would not revere and praise your name,
O Lord? You alone are holy, and all the pagans
will come and adore you
for the many acts of justice you have shown.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Great and wonderful are all your works,
Lord, mighty God.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will
give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Lk 21:12-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.**

THURSDAY

*Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions,
(Alternative Readings used)*

St. Andrew Dung-Lac



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.**

READING: *Wis 3:1-9*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will

shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 10:17-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the apostles: 'Beware of men: they will hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you.

'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

FRIDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord speaks of peace To his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.**

READING: *Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2*

I, John, saw an angel come down from heaven with the key of the Abyss in his hand and an enormous chain. He overpowered the dragon, the primeval serpent which is the devil and Satan, and chained him up for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and shut the entrance and sealed it over him, to make sure he would not deceive the nations again until the thousand years had passed. At the end of that time he must be released, but only for a short while. Then I saw thrones, and I saw those who are given the power to be judges take their seats on

them. I saw the souls of all who had been beheaded for having witnessed for Jesus and for having preached God's word, and those who refused to worship the beast or his statue and would not have the brand-mark on their foreheads or hands; they came to life, and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Then I saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In his presence, earth and sky vanished, leaving no trace. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing in front of his throne, while the book of life was opened, and other books opened which were the record of what they had done in their lives, by which the dead were judged.

The sea gave up all the dead who were in it; Death and Hades were emptied of the dead that were in them; and every one was judged according to the way in which he had lived. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the burning lake. This burning lake is the second death; and anybody whose name could not be found written in the book of life was thrown into the burning lake.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Here God lives among his people.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL: *Lk 21:29-33*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable. 'Think of the fig tree and indeed every tree. As soon as you see them bud, you know that summer is now near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that the kingdom of God is near. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.'

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SATURDAY

Mass of the Day

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READING: *Rv 22:1-7*

The angel showed me, John, the river of life, rising from the throne of God and of the Lamb and flowing crystal-clear down the middle of the city street. On either side of the river were the trees of life which bear twelve crops of fruit in a year, one in each month, and the leaves of which are the cure for the pagans.

The ban will be lifted. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in its place in the city; his servants will worship him, they will see him face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

The angel said to me, 'All that you have written is sure and will come true: the Lord God who gives the spirit to the prophets has sent his angel to reveal to his servants what is soon to take place. Very soon now, I shall be with you again.' Happy are those who treasure the prophetic message of this book.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Lk 21:34-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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