

TODAY IS THE SECOND LAST SUNDAY of the Church year. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. On this Sunday the readings traditionally speak about the end of the world, the end of time, the final coming of Jesus to take all peoples and all creation to himself. For Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega: the source and the end of all things.

Jesus gives a short parable or lesson from the fig tree. Fig trees were a prominent and well-known feature on the Mount of Olives, where Jesus is speaking. This tree only sprouts its leaves in late spring. When they appear you know that summer is near.

So Jesus, in effect, is saying that although the end of the world is being described in calamitous terms, his disciples are to respond with faith, with hope, with anticipation. The end of the world means good times, summer, for them. They are not signs that God has lost control of history but that he is bringing things to a triumphant end. It is indeed the victory of God and the twilight of all the lesser gods which men have created for themselves over the centuries. Heaven and earth, the sun, moon, stars, galaxies and our own little planet may all disappear but God's Truth, Love and Justice will prevail forever.

Finally, in spite of the warnings that some people love to give, the 'when' of all this is completely unknown. As we came to the end of the millennium and entered a new one, there were many who warned that "the end is near". There are those who warn – on the basis of various apparitions – that God, offended by so much evil, is going to take a terrible vengeance on our world.

This is highly dangerous language we must be careful to avoid. God does not take revenge. God is not hurt or offended by what we do. His is a never-changing love. He has nothing but compassion for the sinner who does not, cannot hurt God but only hurts himself

No one, says Jesus, not even he himself knows when the end will come. It is not for us to worry about that. Worrying will not help. On other hand, we should not play a kind of Russian roulette with life and keep putting off the day of our conversion to God. The only way is to live today and every day in his love and service. It is the present which determines the future; so let's just concentrate on the here and now. Then we already have entered the Lord's Kingdom and when, early or late, he comes to call us to himself, it will just be a reunion of old friends. In fact, he is already here and has always been and always will be. It is not that he will come to us but that we will enter into a deeper relationship with him when we pass through death to a different kind of life.

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Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5.00 pm (Vigil) Fully Vaccinated
	6.30 pm (Vigil) St Paul's Coburg, Unknown Status
Sunday	8.45 am & 10.30 am Fully Vaccinated
Tue, Thurs, Fri	9.15 am Fully Vaccinated
Wednesday	9.15am Unknown Status
Confessions	Saturday 10 —10.30 am <i>(In church through both side doors)</i>
Baptisms	2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)
Marriages	By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7 - 8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13/14 NOVEMBER 2021

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.

Response to the Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

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

Communion Antiphon: Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Reginald (Reg) Whiting

Anniversaries: John Messina

Those who are ill: Josephina Varghese, Jenna Jenson, Marie Virag, Amelie Gutierrez, Frances Tamayo, Kath Layden, Ocean Goldsmith, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

	13/14 November	20/21 November
READERS:		
Sat 5.00 pm	L. Teoh [L], A. Breen [R]	N. Farrell [L], J. Pertile [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Carabott [L], M. Ziccone [R]	M. Carabott [L], M. Tamayo [R]
10.30 am	S. Bennardo [L], M. Temming [R]	R.Robles=McColl [L], O.Aquino [R]
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 5.00 pm	P. Saliba	A.Taglieri
Sun 8.45 am	V. Ricevuto	J. Mokbel
10.30 am	C. Steere	T. Rocca

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

We welcome our newly Baptized children

Jordan Graham Hooper-Croxford

Sebastian Noah Van Dort

Luciano Massimo Iulianetti



Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers

MASS FOR ALL SOULS

A practice during the Month of November is to offer Mass for the soul. If you would like a Mass offered for loved ones please leave envelope in the basket in front of Memorial Book at front of church. Fr James will offer a Mass for these families during the week.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

If you wish to add a loved ones name to our Remembrance book for prayer, please add names to book at front of church. Parishioners who died this year are already included in remembrance book. Please check for names first. May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

COVID19 Instructions

Please see front page for vaccination status for Mass attendance. Face coverings mandatory indoors. We can accommodate 80 people indoors, density quotient 1 person per 4sqm. QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass.

6/7 NOVEMBER WEEKEND COLLECTION

Thanksgiving \$2050.00 Presbytery \$467.20

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

You can also donate directly to the Presbytery Account

BSB: 083-347

ACC: 53102 0158

We are very grateful for your support at this time.