



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Next weekend at all masses there will be a special collection for the Catholic Deaf. Please give generously.

The Upcoming Ordination - With great joy and excitement, the parish would like to inform all of you that Deacon John Nguyen (or known as Huy Nguyen) will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood on **SATURDAY, 19 November 2022 at 10.AM, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.**

Following his Ordination, Fr John Nguyen will offer his thanksgiving Mass at our St. Paul Church on the same **SATURDAY, 19/11/2022 at 6:00P.M.** After the Mass, you are welcome to join our multi-cultural and international meal in the parish hall.

All are invited to attend these Masses to pray for him as he embarks on the new chapter of his vocation in serving God and His people. Further information is on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Rose Hurt, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Charlie Azzopardi, Thomas Pirotta, Thi Yong Vu, Margeret Calleja, Carmen Gauci, William Reynolds, Joseph Testa, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cas-sar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Victoria & Sam Cas-sar, Carmen & Tony Baldacchino, Rita Camenzuli, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 6th Nov 2022)

Saturday 5th/6th Nov Baptism: Vivienne Lopez

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
	11.00am	Funeral for Thi Yong Vu

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Maria & Carmela Falzon, + Rita Gauci, + Tarcisio Cutajar, + Mary Calleja, Victoria & Emanuel Grima

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am	English Mass + John M. Vella, + Joseph, Victor, Mark & Jim Aquilina
9.30am	English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Emmanuel Fenech,
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm	Spanish Mass
6.00pm	Youth Mass



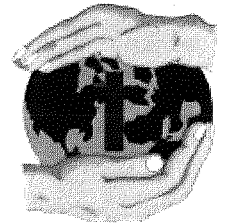
Monday 7th Nov	8.00am	English Mass +
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	11.00am	Lady of Knots
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

Tuesday 8th Nov	8.00am	English Mass +
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group
	11.00am	Funeral for Thomas Pirotta
	6.45pm	Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 9th Nov	8.00am	English Mass +
The dedication of the	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
Lateran Basilica	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 10th Nov	8.00am	English Mass +
St Leo the great, Pope	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	9.30am	Legion of Mary (English)
	11.00am	Woorack
	7.30pm	Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 11th Nov	8.00am	English Mass +
St Martin of Tours	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	12.00pm	Funeral for Charlie Azzopardi
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy
	7.00pm	Mass at the Bocci Club



Saturday 12th/13th Nov Baptism:

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja, Victoria & Emanuel Grima, + Simon Cauchi	

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am	English Mass +
9.30am	English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm	Spanish Mass
6.00pm	Youth Mass



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Apoc 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today’s Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus’ time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul’s ministry using their prayers.

FIRST READING

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of
Maccabees

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal
at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

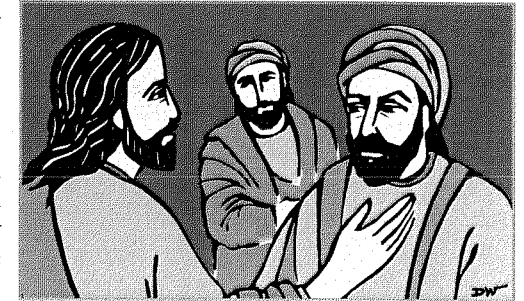
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

**R. Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. R.



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16–3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good
that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Christopher Monaghan CP