

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 1:5,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (20:27-38)

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 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 men are in fact alive.’

Sunday Homily

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: As we near the end of the Church’s liturgical year, the readings become more *eschatological* (*relating to death, judgement, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind*)— having to do with the end times. The main theme of today’s readings is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the Resurrection in our lives.

Scripture: The first reading describes a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refuse their conqueror’s command to eat pork, forbidden as “unclean” by Jewish Law. Because of their obedient Faith in God, they endure suffering and accept martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers speak, and each of them finds strength in the belief that he will eventually be raised and rewarded by God. In the refrain for today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 16) we proclaim our Faith: “Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full!” The second reading encourages the Thessalonians who were waiting for the Parousia or the second coming of Christ, to trust in the fidelity of God Who would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same belief in the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today’s Gospel passage. In this confrontation, Jesus ingeniously escapes from a doctrinal trap set for him and explains the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living and declares that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, explaining that there is no marriage in Heaven in the earthly sense.

Application to Life: 1) We need to live as people of the Resurrection: This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord who gives us the assurance that our bodies also will be raised. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. An awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Spirit of the living God Jn 11:27; Acts 14:14; Rom 9:26; 1 Thes 1:9; 1 Tm 3:15, 4:10, 6:17; 2 Cor 3:3, 6:16; Heb3:12, 9:12, 10:31, 12:22; Rv 7:2 will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory should also inspire us to honour our bodies, keeping them holy, pure, and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.

2) We need to offer living worship to a living God. The reason we come together each week to pray for the needs of the community, share the Word and break the Bread is that we have Faith and Hope in a living God Who loves us and Whom we love. If God is the God of the living, should not worship of this God also be alive? Our worship services and relation to God must be life-giving rather than life-draining experiences. Unfortunately, Holy Mass and other worship services are often described as “dead” or “boring.” Even Church volunteers sometimes complain of being exhausted in their work. The proclamation that our God is the God of the living has to mean something positive to us. It should affect our lives today and every day, especially during our Sunday worship. As we continue our Eucharist celebration and gather around the Table of the Lord, let us give thanks to Almighty God for this foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet that awaits us in the place that God has prepared for us.

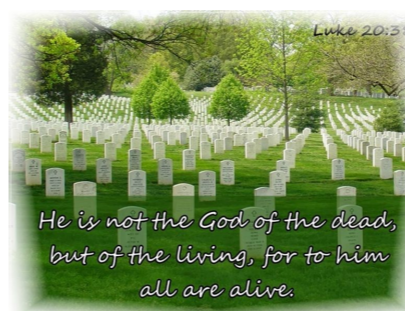


Parish Bulletin

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5/6 November 2022

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living



THE LORD OF THE LIVING.

“Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full”. Confident that those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time, we remember at each Mass, and in a particular way during the month of November, our relatives and friends and all who have died: ‘welcome them into the light of your face’. We pray for these ‘children of the resurrection’ as others will someday pray for us.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

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 laws 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.

PSALM 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

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

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**

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**

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 Thessalonians 2:16,3:5

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.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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LOVE HEALS

Rosters for 12/13 November 2022 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten, Guilia Giuliani
9:30am	Nick McCabe Ann Mary Kollarackal, Jake Kollarackal
Children's Liturgy	Nickie and Angela
Count team	Andrew and Gail Gaal Nick McCabe, Shane Foley
Altar	23rd October to 20th November Sarita Ingham and Bronwyn Gleeson
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	29/30 OCTOBER
First Collection	\$ 527.65
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 1,521.00
Open Plate	\$ 219.75
TOTAL	\$ 2,268.40



Pope Francis
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The life of Jesus and the saints tell us that the seed of peace, in order to grow and bear fruit, must first die. Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed.



God of all life, Your son called us to be compassionate, just as You are compassionate. And so we pray:

For our generous Earth, who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and sustain us. May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples, who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and hope. May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us, who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and strength. May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries, which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out and in. May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired as we hear these words anew: "For you had compassion for those who were in prison." In the name of Jesus,

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Visentin

Anniversary of death: Ruwani Seimon

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention:

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious & Loving God, help the men and women of our Parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants if the Gospel, dedicated Holy Priests, Sisters, Brothers & Deacons; who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass for the Living and the Dead

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction:

As Catholics, we believe the Mass is the highest act of worship the greatest form of prayer. Every Mass is a participation in the one, infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. Each Mass also continues the Last Supper where Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood. Fundamentally, at Mass we worship God and offer our prayers along with the priest to God the Father, through the saving action of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Act of Mercy:

Praying for the dead is a great act of mercy. We pray that their time of purification might be quick and complete and that, through God's grace, they might enjoy the glories of heaven. What better way to pray for those who have died than to apply the most powerful prayer of the Mass?

Church Militant, Triumphant and Suffering:

We who are alive today belong to the Church Militant-involved in living out our Catholic faith in Jesus Christ, and making and forming disciples by passing on the faith. Fundamentally, we "fight the good fight" of the Christian life. The Church Triumphant - is the saints in heaven- all the people, whether formally canonized or not, who are with the Lord Jesus and who pray for us here on earth. Triumphantly, they cheer us on by their prayers and example. Finally, we have the Church Suffering- They are the souls of the dead, who are saved and being prepared for heaven in purgatory. They are greatly helped by our prayers.

Prayer for the dead:

Actually, this "beginning" has roots even in the Old Testament. Judas Maccabees offered prayers and sacrifices for the Jewish soldiers who had died wearing pagan amulets, which were forbidden by the Law; II Maccabees reads, "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out" (12:43) and "Thus, [Judas Maccabees] made atonement for the deed that they might be freed from sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45). In the early history of the Church, we also see evidence of prayers for the dead. Inscriptions uncovered on tombs in the Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice. For example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180) Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia begs for prayers for the repose of his soul! Tertullian in 211 attested to observing the anniversary of death with prayers. Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mention the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass.

Church fathers teaching:

The testimony of the Church Fathers beautifully supports this belief: St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord. Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

Conclusion:

Praying for the dead, lighting a candle which symbolizes this prayer and offering a Mass for these souls is a beautiful and powerful way to live our faith. However, **we can do what we can to honour the memory of our family and friends by interceding for them with the Mass, the most powerful prayer we have.** We are all united in this one church militant, triumphant and suffering. And we care for each other by our prayers.

Parish Announcements



The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers of the deceased. Please collect the November envelope and write the names of your loved ones you wish me to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Religious

Thursday, November 17 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir.

Columban Art Calendar 2023

A limited number are available for purchase at \$10 each. They are located at the Northern, Main entrance by the stairs. Please put money in the attached envelope and then into the SVDP Poor Box at the stairs. Proceeds will also support Vinnies so your purchase will be helping 2 charities.

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Vinnies is very grateful for your generosity and continued support of the Poor Box. Recently, over 2 months, \$415 was donated for those in need. With cost of living expenses increasing, Vinnies assistance is being requested even more. Your donations really do make a difference.

Christmas Appeal

The Christmas Appeal for SVDP will be launched in November. Your support via donated grocery items and appeal envelopes will go a long way to spreading hope and some joy to those less fortunate. Posters, envelopes and further information will be in future Bulletins.

Vocations Prayer Vigil

The Vocations Prayer Vigil is being held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Friday November 11. Supper provided in the Cathedral Hall at 8.30pm. All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at any time during the evening to celebrate and discern God's Call.

Coffee/Tea After Sunday Mass - Nov 13th

It looks as though Summer is definitely on the way! We welcome everyone who will be at 9:30 Mass next Sunday to join us for morning tea and coffee, with delicious cakes and ice blocks for the children.

Journey, A Celebration of South Australian's Italian Migrants

Sunday, November 13 at 3pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. In this Mass, we reflect on the significance of our Italian migrants with a focus on the 20th Century Patroness Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini – protector to all immigrants. Refreshments by Nonna's Cucina will be available to purchase after Mass.

A remainder that a **Working With Children Check** is required for those over the age of 14 who undertake any of the following roles: Readers, Commentators, Count Team, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Flower Team, etc. Please see Hiacinta or Melissa in the office to complete the form required along with 100 points of identification.

If you are unsure of the date of expiry of your current WWCC do not hesitate in contact us. To comply with Archdiocese regulations, all volunteers need to sign a Code of Conduct, please take one copy from the entrance and please return it signed to the office.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government. Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.

Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety