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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Daniel 12:1-13

**Response to the Psalm:** Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Stay awake and stand ready because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32



**Dear Parishioners**

Is it not a puzzle that in our modern technological world when ever there are natural events that go some way to reducing the human population, we term them as 'signs of the times?' We seem to consider catastrophic events as ones that God must be held responsible for, and we explain them away by saying that it is a warning or a sign from God. It even appears that no amount of reasoning would change this perspective. Normally, this belief implies that the end of the world is not only imminent, but is approaching with great velocity. And maybe this encourages our natural inclination to query the point of our existence.

This week, in the Gospel, Jesus makes reference to a time of distress and teaches about the eventual period of vindication. He resorts to the Old Testament's apocalyptic imagery of prophecy to aid the painting of the picture of what the end of time will be like. The Lord is not trying to scare anyone into changing their lives for which they will be rewarded, as if their actions could gain such a state of existence. Our Lord is not asking us to be so conditioned by the present scientific and technological age, that we have to search in the universe for cosmic signs of the end. He is not expecting us to look for the day on which the sun will go dark.

So what is he doing?

The Lord wants us to know that his return is certain; the 'parousia' is for real. The distress that will accompany the fulfillment of the Lord's message is but part of the story. He is coming back to bring about the consummation of God's creation; He is coming to usher the faithful into eternal life. **What we have to ponder is whether Our Lord will find that you and I have faith when He comes!**

**God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**33<sup>rd</sup> Week Year (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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### Masses

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|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 5pm | <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)<br/>Remembrance Day</b> | Tony Lyons RIP                                   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov   |     | <b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)<br/>Remembrance Day</b> | People of the Parish                             |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  |     |                                                                |                                                  |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov. |     |                                                                | Pat & Hilda Tenten,<br>family and friends<br>RIP |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  |     | <b>St Edmund of<br/>Abingdon (F)</b>                           |                                                  |
| Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov. |     |                                                                |                                                  |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  |     |                                                                |                                                  |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  | 5pm | <b>Christ the King<br/>(Year B)</b>                            | Margaret A Flynn RIP<br>& Martin J Flynn         |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov   |     | <b>Christ the King<br/>(Year B)</b>                            | People of the Parish                             |

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

#### **Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards

#### **Those who have recently died: ,**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons.

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### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*



### **INFORMATION**

#### **Prayers for the Sick**

If you wish to have someone added or removed to/from the prayer list please let Father know and keep him informed as the list will be updated every three months. Thank you