

are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master’, they said ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived’, he said ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he”, and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, 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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

13 November 2016

THE SIGNS OF THE END

This section of the Gospel of Luke forms a composition known as the “eschatological discourse” of Jesus. In 20/19 BC, Herod the Great refurbished and enlarged the Second Temple built in 515 BC. The Jewish identity as a nation was very much attached to Jerusalem and the Temple. When the Romans laid siege on Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in 70 AD the Jews were completely shattered and disoriented, and thought that it was the end of the world.

The loss of the Temple and the cult was a severe blow to the religion of Israel. Without the Temple, the form of Pharisaic Judaism is now anchored only on the Law. Luke highlights the passage from the old order, formerly centred on the Temple and the Mosaic Law, and is now replaced by the new order, which is centred in Jesus Christ. Many scholars agree that Luke wrote his Gospel around 80 or 85 AD; therefore, he was already aware of the Temple’s destruction. In retrospect, Luke warns that in the aftermath Jesus’ followers will be persecuted, but it will not be end of the world. Luke uses apocalyptic language to highlight the passage from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Earthquakes are associated with the theophanies of the Lord and are the usual backdrop of eschatological or apocalyptic discourses. The destruction of the Temple, the wars and revolutions on earth, the falling of the heavenly bodies, and the persecutions of Jesus’ disciples are “literary props” of the basic truth: the “old order” will pass away. But at Jesus’ coming at the Parousia, a “new heaven and a new earth” will replace the old order. But in fact, in his Resurrection, Jesus has already ushered a “new creation” that someday will have its glorious and universal manifestation.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**
3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

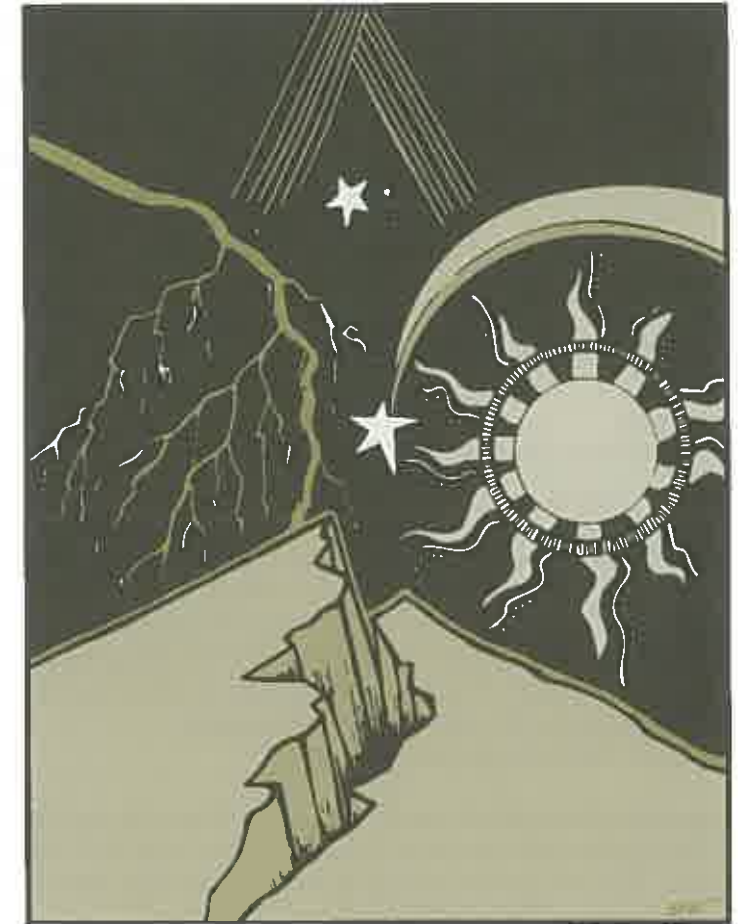
2 Thess 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone’s table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any



work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you

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Catholic Deaf—Special collection will take place this weekend. Appreciate your generosity. Thank you.

Mario & Angela's Café - This Sunday You are all invited to come for morning tea after the 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre.

Piety Stall
 Following items are now available in the Piety Stall of St. Clement's. Christmas Cards, Calendars for 2017, Daily Missal, Religious Books and Melbourne Catholic at \$4 each.

Feast Day Mass on Wed. 23 November. A morning tea to celebrate our feast day after the morning Mass. Bring a plate to share. A good way to end the Jubilee Year of Mercy at St. Clement of Rome and to continue spreading God's mercy through this simple celebration. Please do make an effort to attend the Mass and morning tea. You are invited to bring a plate.
 Contact: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

Important Information—Parish Office hours from 14th November until Christmas will be only on Tue & Thurs 1pm—6pm and Fridays 9am—5pm. Please leave emergency messages on 9850 3262 (Parish Office) or 9850 6073 (Presbytery). Thank you.



Everyone Welcome!
YARRA DEANERY
ADVENT REFLECTION



Christmas Mass Time Table - 2016

Friday 16th December
 7.30pm Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday 24th December
 5.30pm Family Mass, 8.00pm Italian Vigil,
 10.00pm Maronite Vigil, 11.30pm Carols &
 12.00 Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December
 9.00am Mass, 11.00am Mass in Italian
 6.00pm Maronite Mass



Hope Ministry:

Over 6 months we have come together to pray, to listen, to support each other, to equip ourselves with important skills and to discern the direction we need to take in carrying out the work of mercy we began this year. In 2017, we will begin in earnest our work in the community. On the 19th and 20th of November members of the group will be in attendance before and after Mass to hand information leaflets and answer questions about this new and important ministry in the Parish. **Convenors:** Sue De Bortoli sue.28@bigpond.com and Elroy DeWitt Elroy.dw@gmail.com

PARISH DIARY

Sun 13th Nov @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café in the Clifton Centre
 Wed 16th Nov @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office
 Sat 19th Nov @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming
 Wed 23rd Nov @ 9.15am—Feast of St Clement

YEAR OF LUKE

FR. ELIO CAPRA—LECTURE

Papa Francesco nel suo libro *Il Nome di Dio e' Misericordia* scrive: "La chiesa non e' al mondo per condannare, ma per permettere l'incontro con quell'amore che e' la misericordia di Dio". Se vogliamo sapere di piu' sull'argomento domenica 27 novembre avremo l'occasione di poterlo fare con Padre Elio Capra che terra' per noi una conferenza dal titolo: Luca l'evangelista della misericordia di Gesu', al Clifton Centre. Prima della onferenza come il solito ci sara' da mangiare e bere; il tutto a offerta libera. Prenotatevi con Giorgio, Antonietta o Ugo.

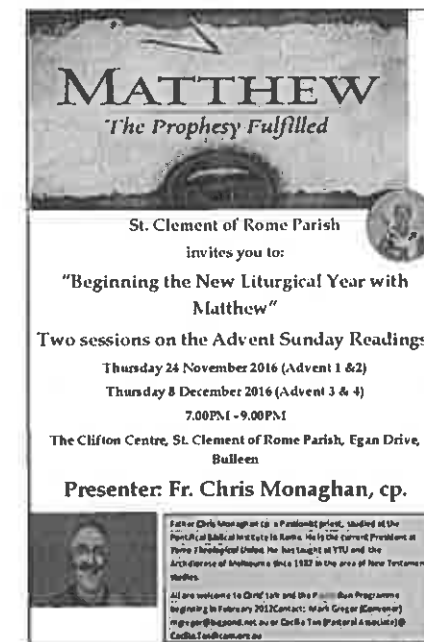
Domenica 11 dicembre invece ci sara' una domenica pre-natalizia con il film: *Maria di Nazaret*. Anche in quella data ci sara' il pranzo. Faremo la pasta all'amatriciana e tutto il resto, con offerta libera.

Sara' un'ottima occasione per stare insieme e incominciare a festeggiare il S. Natale che ormai sara' alle porte.

Vi aspettiamo numerosi.
 Prenotatevi!



Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,095
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,110
 Many thanks & every Blessing!



Liturgy Roster: Sat 5:30pm Sun 9am

12/13 November	Sacristan	Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Jacinta De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Martin Teh	Eleanora Mascitti
		May Teh	Sylvia Mascitti
		Warwick Wright	David Mitchell
			Pam Mitchell
			Gloria Ng
			Maria Papalia
			Elsa Waters

19/20 November	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	Linda Cultrera	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers	John Bruce	Chris Zordan
		Rene De La Cruz	Trish Atherton
		Elroy De Witt	Grace Canatelli
			Anne Fusca
			Gabriella Grande
			Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: CLOSING OF HOLY DOOR

Sunday 20 November, 11am
 St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
 To coincide with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter at the Vatican, the Holy Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed by Archbishop Denis Hart on 20 November, the feast of Christ the King. Those wishing to pass through the Holy Door for the final time may do so prior to the commencement of Mass, after which Archbishop Hart will officially close the Door.

Tour of the Veneto—14th May—23rd May 2017

Exploring the Veneto : Lakes, Mountains and the Tiny Towns in Italy's North. \$ 3,200pp all inclusive (accommodation, three daily meals & drinks, coach travel with bi-lingual guide, entrance fees etc) Twin share. 10days—9 nights. Please contact Fortunato Forte on 0435 744 567 for further information. Flyer on the Notice Board.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)



Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)
 Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.
 Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Death Anniversaries : Angela Russo, Violet Warren, Nicola Bozzi, Yan & Lucy Natawidjaja, Yat-Nam Cho
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.