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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 November 2025

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see 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 Thes 3:7-12

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.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

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 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 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.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

**Please note: Communion Service only on
Tuesday, November 18, at 9:15 am.**

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Readers & Commentators Nov 22 & 23, 2025

6pm	David Tarquini	Chris Segrave
8am	Les Billings	Vince Rando
11am	Emma Christy	Marie Fontana

Recently Deceased: Emanuel Yoseph Rae (Fr Addin's brother), Matteo Todaro

Anniversaries: Allan Townsend, Therese Stent, Angelica Conti

Feast of Christ the King Flag Procession

On **Saturday, November 22** and **Sunday, November 23**, we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with our traditional flag procession at all Masses.

If you would like to carry a flag representing your country, the country of your ancestors, or a country with special meaning to you, please see the volunteer with a clipboard in the Narthex before and after Mass.



We are also looking for people to read a

Prayer of the Faithful in their first language.

If you can help, please call or text Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who is on our Planned Giving Program. NEW envelope packs are now ready for collection in the Narthex.

These envelopes all commence on November 30, 2025.

We ask that you collect your packs as soon as possible.

This will assist us greatly in cutting down our postage costs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633.

We encourage anyone who would like to come on to our Program to give the office a call.

Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to St Brendan's.

Your generosity not only assists us with current costs but also helps us to plan for our future.



St Brendan's Parish Friendship Group

Please note the Christmas Lunch will now be held on Sunday, November 30, instead of November 16.

Please keep this date free.

Further details will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Parish Bereavement Teams invite all parishioners to our annual Remembrance Mass to be held at

7.30pm on Thursday, November 27, 2025.

This is an opportunity to remember all our loved ones who have passed away during the last 12 months in particular, or at any time in the past.

A light supper will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass.



Please note that **Holy Hour on Thursday, November 27** has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding!

Blessing for recently baptised children/adults in the parish

We invite all families whose children/adults were baptised within the last 12 months to a special Mass of celebration.

This will be held at
St Brendan's Catholic Church
during the **11.00 am Mass on Sunday, November 23.**

There will be a special blessing for those baptised within the past 12 months.

Please RSVP to the
Parish Office
on 5821 2633
by **Thursday, November 21.**



Garabandal Prayer Group

Monday, November 17 at
1.30pm in the Mackillop Room
(enter through the Parish office)



All welcome!

NOVEMBER MASSES

The month of November is annually dedicated to praying for and remembering our dearly beloved departed loved ones. Our faith professes that we believe in "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body".

This hope-filled faith, founded on Christ's promise, assures us that even death cannot separate us from our loved ones who have gone ahead of us. We, therefore, invite you to join us in honouring our dearly departed family members and friends by writing their names on "dedicated envelopes" which you can find on the doorways of the church.

These envelopes, then, will be placed on a designated basket before the altar, where Masses will be offered for the eternal repose of their souls throughout the month of November 2025. These envelopes will be blessed with holy water after a "Prayer for the Departed" is said by the priest. Please note that the public announcements of the names of the departed written on the envelopes is not necessary for the efficacy of our prayers.

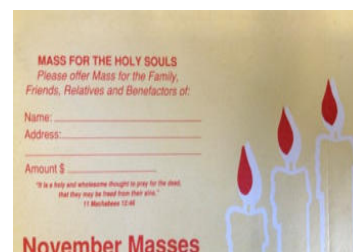
Furthermore, we encourage you to place a donation of your discretion inside the said envelopes as we offer mass for your intentions. The proceeds of these November envelopes will go to the Rogationist Mission in Pasay, Philippines for the construction of a training and formation centre for the poor children, the youth and the parents living in the slums.

On other special occasions during the month of November, such as death anniversaries, birthdays, etc., we will still accept separate mass intentions which could be mentioned in our parish bulletin or Prayers of the Faithful.

As one community of believers, let us come together in honouring and praying for our departed loved ones:

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.
Amen."



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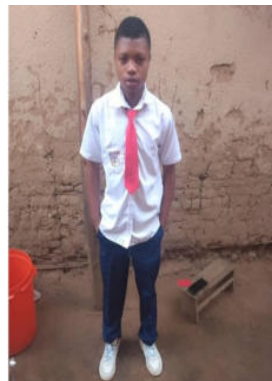
CHILDREN IN D.R. CONGO

Saturday, November 22 at 6pm Mass
Sunday November 23 at 8am and 11am Masses

WALNUTS \$10KG HANDMADE SOAP \$5 Also, baked goods. Enquires: Celie 0488 583 112



These photos show some of the children who benefit from the support of this fundraiser.



**SENIOR'S
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

St Brendan's Pastoral Centre,
12 noon,
Wednesday December 10
2 course lunch, raffles and
lucky door prizes
**RSVP IS A MUST by
December 5 to the Parish
office on: 5821 2633.**

CARITAS APPEAL FOR PHILIPPINES & VIETNAM

As you would know from the news, a series of catastrophic weather events have struck the Philippines and Vietnam, leaving communities devastated. Many lives have been lost, thousands of people are missing, and more than a million people evacuated with nothing. Caritas partners are providing emergency assistance.

Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au
or by calling 1800 024 413.

Prayer for Earthcare

Written by Michael McGirr

God of all life,
We thank you for the gift of creation,
For the water that keeps us alive,
For our food and shelter,
All of which come from the generosity of Earth.
We thank you for the very air we breathe,
Which we share with every creature.
May we take good care of Earth,
As our common home takes care of us.
May we work for justice for those,
Most hurt by damage to our environment.
May we enjoy the beauty of nature,
And pray that it be treated with deeper respect.
Jesus asked us to learn from the lilies of the field,
And the birds of the air.
We ask this in his name,
Amen.

St Brendan's Earthcare meets on the third Thursday of
each month from 5pm to 6pm
in the Parish Centre (MPJC).
The next meeting will be held on
Thursday, November 20.
All welcome!



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