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Sunday, 14th November 2021 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Wednesday, 17th November 2021 – St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday – 4.15pm or by appointment	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday	4.15pm
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)	
AN OINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of each month	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	
This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired		

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Teresita Boubon, Jesus Calvo.

Anniversaries: See the November Mass Intentions Book, in the church or in our website

“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

We pray for: Sister Heather Burkz, Tom Laidler, Judy & Leo Melville, Caterina Smiroldo

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for us”

READERS ROSTER 3rd Week (20th & 21st)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
5:00pm	Judy Simon Sue Allan	Tony Allan
8.00am	Barbara Perry Rhos Shi – Wang	Ruben Baluyot
10.00am	Leo Vakauta Dulce Mappa	Cheston La Porte Radley La Porte

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS We ask you to keep these students in your prayers: *‘Lord, we pray for those sitting the HSC exams. That they may remain calm and at peace so they will be able to make the best use of their talents, the study they have done and the education they have been given. Let nothing prevent them from doing as well as they deserve and may they be ready to support and encourage one another. We also pray that they each have a prosperous future. Amen’.*

ADVENT TALKS Christmas 2021 is coming. After these challenging months, how are you to live this important celebration? In order to celebrate well, the Church, provides a time of preparation, “the Season of Advent”. Fr Gus and Zeljko hare preparing a series of talks for Advent once a week. If you are interested talk to Fr Gus or check our website for more information.

HOME VISITS Every Saturday morning Fr Gus and Zeljko are visiting people home by home. The purpose of these visitations is to introduce Fr Gus to the people and to let them know that St John of God parish is here for them. Please pray for the evangelization in our parish.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on **21st November 2021 at 11.30am**. Please keep them in your prayers.

ST JOHN OF GOD VOLUNTEERS We request that you contact us in order to confirm your availability for the various volunteer roles on offer that you may be interested in. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND NOVEMBER APPEAL 2021 Please donate generously to this months’ CWF November Appeal. Envelopes can be collected from the foyer. Our Parish’s quota for this appeal is \$2765.00 and we greatly appreciate your support. This appeal supports our ministries including the Ephpheta Centre, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Centre, the Confraternity of Christian doctrine and the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS LAST WEEK, IT WAS REALLY GREAT.**

NOVEMBER MASSES Envelopes for November Mass Intentions are included in the Weekly Offering Envelopes and will also be available at the entrance to the Church from this weekend or on request. If you wish a Mass to be offered, please write the names of those to be prayed for **Clearly** on the front of the envelope. The Australian Bishops Conference has nominated \$20.00 as a suitable offering for the November Masses. A List of all those asked to be prayed for during November will be entered in **our BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** which will be kept at the entrance of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LEBANON APPEAL for items such as nappies, medicine and medical equipment, sanity and care packs, blankets, children’s clothes and shoes. Our goal is to achieve a 300kg shipment of such items. From there our items, will be taken to Beirut, where a Catholic co-ed High School run by an Order of Nuns will be the recipients of goods hoping to arrive before Christmas. With your generous assistance I am certain we will be able to achieve the 300 kilos.

OUR WEBSITE Please note that each week bulletins are also added to the website. Please visit

www.stjohnofgod.com.au



Today's Readings:

[Daniel 12:1-3](#) Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

[Hebrews 10:11-14, 18](#) When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

[Mark 13:24-32](#) He shall gather his elect from the four winds

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Gospel commentary:

This Gospel directs our attention to the end of the world, the last judgement and the Lord's coming in glory. Every age has its share of false prophets, scare-mongering, predicting doom and calamity, so we may not take easily to such a message. It's apt to release, within our minds, great surges of fear about punishment, destruction and death. Yet Scripture is not meant to frighten or threaten but to give consolation, hope and encouragement in life's difficulties. The great truth of the gospel is that God's love has triumphed over the power of evil and will put all things right. God is on our side and will see us through our present troubles.

The readings aim to focus our minds on an overall view of life's purpose so as to encourage us to live on a more spiritual level. We are on an earthly pilgrimage and have within us deep-seated longings for a better world. At journey's end we are hoping for an everlasting happiness, for a bright dawn to emerge out of our present darkness. What is important to remember is that our own death spells the end of our particular world. At the moment, life's mission is accomplished and we go forward to meet Christ face to face. It may happen at any time and we've got to be prepared for the encounter. While we cannot avoid a sudden death, we can take steps against an unprepared death by living each day carefully as if it is our last and by keeping God ever in our sights.

Nowadays we seldom hear talk of hell. It has become a forbidden conversational topic and yet the reality of it all is, Christ states that it is possible for us to shipwreck our lives, turn our backs on him and not be called into his company on the last day. Hell means eternal separation from God who is love; a calm and deliberate rejection of his mercy. It will be a sad parting, a missed opportunity, but God will always respect our freedom. We will have no-one to blame but ourselves for preventing God from drawing us to eternal life. Where we will stand when Christ comes, will depend on the way we are trying to live now. Being his friend at the moment of death will not be a matter of luck. We are what we are doing. Christ comes to us each day offering us his life and inviting us to his side. The call he makes at death is only the final in a series of approaches. Judgement is happening all the time. If we are carrying God in our hearts where we go, heaven will not come as a surprise, but as a full blossoming of the world we have been building for ourselves. It makes sense to pause and to do some spiritual stock-taking. We can all check what our relationship with God is like and where our hearts and values lie. Have we put our confidence in the way he has shown us? We are people with a glorious future so let's not spoil it by refusing to live upright lives.

Let us call upon our Good Lord in prayer: Let us renew our faith knowing that the Lord is with us in our journey of faith. God bless you.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box which will be placed on a table in the church foyer. We look forward to hearing from our children.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.