

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 24th November 2025

Saturday 29th November 2025



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC

Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20, Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-56. R. v. 52, Luke 21: 1-4.

Reflection: Lord we long to see your face

I've watched many fund raisers at work, wining and dining the wealthy in the hope of large contributions. While this approach is understandable and at time brings dollars, it is more significant that the moist fruitful campaigns seek above all else to build relationships with every person, appreciating that many people generously giving their little not only builds strength of community relationships but also, at a healthier pace, the financial goal. As we have previously, Christian communities in our Australasian part of the world, while poor, combined their resources giving more than they were individually easily able to, to complete church, school and community projects which were both ambitious and successful. The key is found in not focussing on the outcome, but taking every opportunity to help individuals to freely and generously give of their time, their talent and their treasure, for as Jesus reminds us, the one who generously gives, will abundantly receive.



TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

Daniel 2: 31-45, Psalm: Daniel 3: 57-61. R. v. 59, Luke 21: 5-11.

Reflection: Give glory and eternal praise to him!

For the Jewish people, the Temple was the dwelling place of God, built on holy ground and considered to be indestructible. Jesus stands alongside this Temple announcing that it will be destroyed. His hearers could not have taken his words literally. This building was too solid. Surely it would remain forever. In my home diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand, the Cathedral opened in 1905 was one of the most beautiful and substantial building in Australasia. Today, a few years after devastating earthquakes, not one stone remains, and the site is completely empty. Jesus extends his example as a metaphor to speak of the temple that is his body. It too will be destroyed. Impossible, surely? Yet we now know that all of this predicted destruction has come to pass and is evident in our own experience. The ultimate devastation is human death, which, for those who let Jesus remain with them, is not destruction but transition into abundant life.



WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

***Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Psalm: Daniel 3: 62-67. R. v. 59,
Luke 21: 12-19.***

***Reflection: Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty
God.***

Many expressions in contemporary usage have their source in the scriptures: a drop in the bucket, the skin of your teeth and the sweat of the brow among many others. Today, the writing is on the wall. This is one of the many scriptural stories that captivates children as much as any modern tale, a hand appearing from nowhere to write on a wall. When we suggest the writing is on the wall today we understand it well as warning, a wake-up call, a reminder to consider the consequences of our words and actions. This is the call of a prophet- not to be a wizard who magically predicts the future but one who notices the graces and warnings in present behaviours and events. Even baptised Christian is given this ability to prophesy and this gift matures in is when we reflect on our own past experience, noticing what has moved us towards the abundant life we are created for.



THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

Daniel 6: 12-28, Psalm: Daniel 3: 68-74. R. v. 59, Luke 21: 20-28.

Reflection: Let us see your face Lord, and we shall be saved.

And here's another everyday expression with scriptural roots. How often have you felt a bit like Daniel in the lion's den? While the king wanted to save Daniel, he was courageous enough to act against the call of the crowds who wanted Daniel dead. Too often evil prospers because good people say nothing. No doubt when Daniel was thrown to the lions the outcome was thought to be inevitable death. But the power of God is most evident when people who feel helpless in certain situation call to God, thereby opening the floodgates of divine salvific power. Therefore, we can be confident in every difficult situation, in Jesus, God is present and active, eager to respond to those who call. When difficult circumstances arise, and when suffering is present, we who have faith can stand erect and raise our heads because our redemption is at hand.



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

Daniel 7: 2-14, Psalm: Daniel 3: 75-81. R. v. 59, Luke 21: 29-33.

Reflection: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

The response to the first reading is an often-overlooked treasure. At Mass we respond to each responsory verse with a take-home mantra. These phrases are usually taken for the Book of Psalms, but today is one of the few times when we respond with no-psalm verses from Daniel which immediately follow the first reading. These verses portray the cosmos responding to the future coming of the Messiah: Give Glory and Eternal Praise to God. This provides and highlights a welcome connection between the beauty of creation and the power of God. Oceans, rivers and springs, mountains, hills and plains, creatures of the sea and land and birds in the skies have suffered the consequence on sin, and therefore rightly and irrepressibly rejoice at the presence of God. For our ancestors in faith the power of nature erupting in earthquake, wind and fire conveyed communication for the divine. Today we are invited to hear Jesus in the still small voice of calm.



SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

Daniel 7: 15-27, Psalm: Daniel 3: 82-87. R. v. 59, Luke 22:34-36

Reflection: Give glory and eternal praise to him!

On this last day of the Church year the reminder to be vigilant sounds like a warning, a reminder that if our guard is not up then we are vulnerable to attack. However, the invitation to prayerful vigilance is not a fear-fuelled warning but a grace-laden opportunity. Yes, the vigilant pilgrim will notice danger, but even more the well-tune senses of the faith-filled disciple will recognise the blessing of divine presence and action in every experience and encounter. Especially when temptation threatens to overpower Jesus, God-with-us. The complacency Jesus warns against is best captured in the seven deadly sins: pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony and sloth. Less well known are the seven capital virtues which provide a welcome definition of prayerful vigilance: chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness and humility. Some great ideas for a New (Church) Year's resolution!



1st Sunday of Advent



Let us then throw
off the works of
darkness
and put on the
armor of light

Romans 13:12

Hope