



## Gospel Mk 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.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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# St Patrick's, Mackay St Francis Xavier, West Mackay St Mary's, South Mackay, St Michael's, Sarina

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**14 November 2021**

## First Reading Dn 12:1-3

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

'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.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1**

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God:  
you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

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. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, 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 Lk 21:36

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man.**

**Alleluia!**



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#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Monday 15th - Saturday 20th November**

**St Patrick's Church:** Monday 12.10pm  
Friday 12.10pm

#### **Devotions -**

**Tuesday:** 7.00pm Novena

**Friday:**

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.  
12 noon Angelus

**St Mary's Church:** Tuesday 5.30pm  
Thursday 5.30pm

**St Francis Xavier Church:** Wednesday 6.30am  
Friday 6.30am

**St Michael's Church, Sarina:** Thursday 9.00am

**Francis of Assisi Chapel:** Wednesday 4.00pm  
Saturday 7.00am

#### **SUNDAY MASS:**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Saturday 20th November:**

5.00pm St Mary's, South Mackay  
6.00pm St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

**Sunday 21st November:**

7.00am St Patrick's, Mackay  
9.00am St Francis Xavier, West Mackay  
9.00am St Michael's, Sarina  
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel  
6.00pm St Patrick's, Mackay  
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**St Patrick's Church**

Friday & Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 noon

**St Francis Xavier Church**

Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

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**Columban Art Calendars** are available at St Mary's Church. \$10 each.

**Dementia Australia** is delivering free education programs in Mackay and Proserpine between Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Please visit <https://www.dementia.org.au/brainhub/mackayproserpine> or contact the National Dementia Support Program Team on 1800 588 699 for more information



**Nico Villadarez, Perry Shepherd, Joseph Albert, Hayley Carmody, Majiri Dimaro and Uruemu Dimaro** will be Baptised at St Patrick's Church this weekend.

Also, **Lacey and Archer Cheyne**, will be welcomed into the Catholic faith at St Mary's Church.

Please pray for **Nico, Perry, Joseph, Hayley, Majiri, Uruemu, Lacey, Archer and their families** as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

**Catholic Education & Catherine McAuley College** are extending a warm invitation to all past employees of the Mackay Sugar Research Institute (now Catherine McAuley College) to a tour of the new College followed by light refreshments. Tuesday 14th December, 2021 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. RSVP to Rachel - [claire\\_coppin@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:claire_coppin@rok.catholic.edu.au) or Catholic Education Office on 4994 8010 by 03/12/21.

**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 2021 FUNDRAISER:** This year we are hosting a Cent Sale and Mini Fair which will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 commencing at 5:30pm. This will be a cash only event consisting of a BBQ, cent sale and ham wheel. Tractor ride, petting zoo and Santa for the kids. Stalls will include cake stall, bottle stall and Chocolate toss. Raffle tickets and 100s board will also be available and will be drawn at the end of the night. Come along and join us in celebrating the spirit of Christmas at this fun-filled, family event. If you are available to assist on the night, please contact Liz Ph: 0427860438 or email: [ebriefies@hotmail.com](mailto:ebriefies@hotmail.com).

**The Maltese Prayer Group and The Association of the Stars of the Heart of Jesus** are having their break up on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Mass will be celebrated at Francis of Assisi Home Chapel at 10:00am followed by Lunch at Souths Club.

**For bookings please call Francis Muscat on 49561357**

#### **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sue Christensen, Grace Mifsud, Rosa Menzies, Maria Spina, Fred Maes, Debbie Jones, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Melissa Smith, Pat Holdsworth, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Natalie Valmadre, Dorothy Robinson, Debbie Hagger, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter. (permission of people needed for names to be printed)

**THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Noel Jeffery, Sirinimal Adikari, Stanley Paul, John Anderson, Joanna Waite (Melb), Emanuel Bugeja, Pat Ogden (Barcaldine), Maria Lai (Syd), Doris McSherry, Victor Fenech, John & Josephine Saliba (Syd), Allan Flor, Fr Rod Dela Rosa SVD, Ursula Murray, John Reilly, David Pace, Paul Grech, Anthony Brazil, Patricia Grendon, Vincent Hurley, Kevin Chivers, Joyce Bonehill, Henry Miller, Tony Falzon, Irene Ryan, Daniel Connor, Sr Gemma (Bev) Crowe (Syd), Polly Borg, Monty Martin, Monica Baldwin

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Mary Ellul 24/11, Tony Galea 14/11, Eileen McCormick 22/11, Joe Mifsud 30/11

**WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED:** Ann, Harold & Des Hinton, Joe Zammit, Joe Bartolo, Jean Sciberras, Giuseppe (Joe) D'Anna, John & Rose Vassallo, Domenico (Mick) Erba, Mary Falzon, George Camilleri, Lawrence Bugeja, Bernard McGuire, John Styles, Alfred & Hellen Miller, Peter & Francis Corby, Joe & Frances Vella, Jim, Frank & George Vella, Giuseppe & Maria Sorbello, Albert & Mary Deguara, Mary De Thomas, Chris Vella, Rita Bugeja, Jessie Berardi, Len & Myrtle Butterworth, Marlene Comin, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa, Casey Zarb, Vince Guinea, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri. **Deceased members of the Borg, Catania, Vassallo's, Hackett, De Brincat, Sorbello, Galea, Muscat, Mirabella, Camilleri, Quinn, Guinea, Donnelly & Noonan Families.**