St Ambrose Parish
Woodend
2013

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C
17th November 2013

First Reading:
Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading:
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Luke 21:5-19

TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE

Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets.

$460 provides 4 families with emergency shelter, $105 provides 3 families with water & sanitation kits, $50 provides 4 families with cooking kits.

Give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

To donate: Call the Melbourne Office (03) 9926 5706 or 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002 or GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Every first Wednesday of the month Mass will be at Woodend Community Aged Care at 11.00am

Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.

Parish Priest
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School Principal
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54271285
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www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

Hall Caretaker & Bookings
Gillian
0402884450

Archdiocese Mass Times
www.cam.org.au/parishes

Welcome
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to fill in a card found on the table at the church entrance and place it on the collection plate. A member of the Parish will visit you as soon as possible.

Northern Deanery
Archdiocese of Melbourne
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick especially Evie Straughair and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.}$404
Church (envelopes) collection
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.}$1019

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in today’s world.

Like Jesus, Mary MacKillop set out to show the poor their own worth, while also assisting in practical ways. p35
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

You know that at the end of earth-time, everything will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be the time we spend on improving our relationship with our God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus warns his followers that living and preaching the changes that his kingdom demands will be no easy life. Besides this, the world will go on with its natural and man-made disasters. They are called to live in faith through this. They may be rejected, harmed and even killed—as we see is still taking place—but they will not lose what really matters.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at John & Judy Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, Woodend, at midday each Monday for a sandwich and a chat. All welcome. Anyone needing transport can call John & Judy Wills on 54272827.
**St Ambrose Parish Woodend**

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### “CUPPA GIRLS”

You are invited to join with the “Cuppa” girls for lunch on Friday 29th Nov 1pm Zarby’s. All welcome. Cost $15 (Zarby’s special) R.S.V.P Veronica 54272654 or pauline@johnsonwoodend.com.au

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### CALENDARS & CARDS

Majellan Christmas cards and Columban Calendars are available after Sunday’s 10am Mass.

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### CRADIO LIVING LEGACY: BLESSED JOHN PAUL II SERIES

**DIGITAL RADIO BROADCAST**

Every Tuesday evening:

22 October – 14 December, 8pm
In the lead up to Blessed John Paul's canonisation, Australia's Catholic Internet, radio and podcasting service Cradio will be streaming a brand new Living Legacy series, which explores Blessed John Paul II's charism.

Where: www.cradio.org.au

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### MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

**Sunday 1 December, 11am**

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to a Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart.

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne.

RSVP: Friday 22 November

Contact: Life, Marriage & Family Office 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily.

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### SACRED HEART PARISH, PRESTON CENTENARY

Sacred Heart, Preston will celebrate 100 years in 2014. The parish’s Centenary Committee is looking for old photos, articles and general memorabilia that might be useful for their centenary publication. If you have anything of “Old Preston,” please email preston@cam.org.au, or post to The Secretary, PO Box 1614, Preston South, 3072.

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### POPE CALLS FOR VIEWS OF MELBOURNE CATHOLICS ON THE FAMILY

Pope Francis has invited parishioners from every diocese in the world, including the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on the many challenges facing the family today. The questionnaire covers topics such as: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.

Answer will be collated at a diocesan, national and international level and presented to the Bishops at the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops set for October 2014 and themed: Pastoral Challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation. The Life, Marriage & Family Office at the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will be collating responses for Melbourne. Responses to the questionnaire must be received no later than Friday 6 December. To participate visit: www.cam.org.au/synod or speak to your parish priest.

More info: The Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5576 or Matthew.MacDonald@cam.org.au

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### POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Choir and Music Co-ordinator, St Anne’s Parish—Seaford
- Parish Organist, St Joan of Arc Church—Brighton
- Parish Secretary, St Joseph’s—Chelsea
- Cook, St Joseph’s Community—Port Melbourne
- Pastoral Associate for the parishes of St Louis de Montford’s Aspendale & St Brigid’s Mordialloc
- Pastoral Associate, St Simon the Apostle Parish—Rowville
- Pastoral Care Associate, Mercy Health—Montrose
- Case Manager, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Clergy Care Team—Clifton Hill
- Case Coordinator, Clergy Care Team—Clifton Hill
- Pastoral Associate, The Parish of Holy Family—Mount Waverley

Further details can be found at www.cam.org.au/jobs.aspx
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.

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
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 21:38
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 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

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St. Cecilia was a Roman martyr from the 3rd century, but little is known other than legend. A popular story from the 5th century describes Cecilia as a young Christian patrician who married a pagan named Valerian. Both he and his brother were baptised, but soon after were arrested and martyred. Cecilia buried them, and was then herself arrested. When she refused to make a sacrifice to the Roman Gods, she was sentenced to death. Later, her house was dedicated as a church by Pope Urban. She became a popular patron of musicians due to a story from her wedding; as the music played, Cecilia sang in her heart to the Lord, “May my heart remain unsullied, so that I be not confounded.”

Cross out all letters that appear more than once. Unscramble the remaining letters to reveal what Jesus gives to us so that we know what to say when we defend ourselves.