

Ministry Roster.

This Week: 33rd Sunday in Ord Time Yr B, (17/11.) Jesus Christ, King of the Universe(24/11.)

Ministry	Vigil	8:30AM.	Vigil	8:30 AM.
<u>Acolyte.</u>	R. Kemmis.	G Verhoeven.	R Kemmis.	G Verhoeven.
<u>Commentator.</u>	M Dodd.	L Blahut.	L Blahut.	P Gannon.
<u>Reader.</u>	K Mahoney/ Cu.	Cathy Van Gelderen.	M Golez.	S Sheean.
<u>Flowers.</u>	K Powell.		J West.	
<u>Cleaning.</u>	R. Verhoeven.		T Griffiths & G Hitchen.	

If you are unable to carry out your ministry please organise a replacement or call Richard on the Parish phone number listed on the first page of this bulletin before COB Fridays(5:00PM).

**Positions Vacant:**

Management and Systems Accountant – **Applications close 17 November.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!**

At Our Lady of the Nativity, we are sorely in need new Ministers at the Altar as we are down to three serving members. Ideally, we would like 6-8 people.

Mass times, as we know are Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM and will take around an hour. Complete training is available in our parish.

If you are interested, please call Richard on 0418 214 548 to discuss the role.

**Book of Remembrance. November The Month of the Holy Souls.**

Our "Book of Remembrance" is on display during November and should parishioners wish to add the names of departed loved ones please use the envelopes in the pews and the church foyer. These are purple or yellow coloured envelopes .

Please place in the second collection and please print the names clearly in block letters so they can be read easily and the names will be correct.

**Fr Paul.**

*Lawson Vinnies is very active in our Community, and we are looking for more volunteers to assist the needy in the Mid Mountains.*

*If you are considering a transition to retirement in the coming year or two or just have a bit of spare time once a month or so, could you please contact Paul Gannon on 0409592055 to discuss (I'll shout the coffee). Thanks, in anticipation on behalf of the Lawson Vinnies Team.*

*Thanking you in anticipation.*

*Paul Gannon*

*President and Justice of the Peace*

*St Vincent de Paul Society - Lawson Conference*

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*Our Lady of Nativity Parish Bulletin .*

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Slyney - 0418 461 316.

**Parish Office Hours:** Thursdays & Fridays 10.00 am - 3.30 pm.

**Weekend Masses:** **Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES : Each Tuesday at 5:00PM during November ONLY.**

**Baptisms:** First & Third Saturdays at 11:00 AM. **Weddings:** Call the office & six months notice.

**Funerals:** Call the office. **BENEDICTION: First Fridays 7:00 PM.**

A Poem to Sit With

33rd Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
Year B  
November 17, 2024.

Do not be afraid  
I have shown you  
how to live

I have shown you  
how to pray  
I have shown you  
how to care  
for your brothers  
and sisters

Why do you worry?  
Didn't I tell you  
Time and time again  
you have a Father  
who cares for you  
who understands you

he knows all about you  
he even has the hairs  
of your head numbered—  
Counted

J. Janda

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Darug and Gundungarra People and their elders - the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather.



**Recently Deceased:  
Anniversaries:** William Kemmis.

**Sick:** Phillip Doherty, Tony Gilmour, Rob Nickl, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Kees Van Der Donk, Mary Whyte, Shirley Bennett and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

**First Reading**

*Daniel 12:1-3*  
Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 16:5,8,9-10,11*  
God protects us and shows us the path of life.

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 10:11-14,18*  
Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 13:24-32*  
Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

*From Loyola Press.*

**OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY**

**SCHOOL**

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**SANTA MARIA  
CONFERENCE CENTRE**

Available for meetings,  
functions and  
conferences. Phone  
Sr Veronica on 4759 1116.

**NEW ICON.**

We have a new icon in the church which was donated by a parishioner and is located behind the votive candle stand. The icon is The Black Virgin Mary of Russia and is the icon of the Romanov family. Her feast days are 27<sup>th</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**KEEP THE DATE FREE !! SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER**

A Pre Christmas/welcome back Fr Paul morning tea will be held in the Santa Maria Hall after the 8.30am Mass for ALL parishioners. Further information next week.

**OLN PARISH SENIORS' GROUP's** next outing is being held on **Wednesday, 20th November**, when we will be enjoying a **lunch/cruise up the Nepean Gorge on the Nepean Belle**. This will be our last coming together as a group for this year with our next meeting being held on **Wednesday, 29th January, 2025** in the Santa Maria Hall.

**What's the buzz?**

Lately, some parishioners have been chatting about strengthening community connections within the parish. How do you feel about where we are as a parish? Do you have any ideas about how you would like to refresh or build on what we value most in our community?

For instance, might it be valuable, as part of the Gathering Rite of our Mass, to extend a little that brief moment we presently have so that we can properly greet and engage with the people in the pews around us?

Why not throw your ideas and thoughts around those points with some other parishioners after Mass one day soon!

Chris van der Walle

**Information about the Sacramental Program for children :**

**Baptised children who are in YEAR 3 OR ABOVE**



**IN 2025**

**will be invited to join the First Reconciliation  
(First Confession) preparation program**

**to be held in term 4 in 2025** Enquiries; Maureen Ryan [olon254@gmail.com](mailto:olon254@gmail.com)

**Flyers are also available in our church foyer.**