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November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)



Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community were very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited.

In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all ... *(the summit)*

1 Domenica di Avvento (ANNO A)

Questo testo non fa parte di quelli che si scelgono deliberatamente per trovarvi un conforto e risollevarsi il morale. Eppure la Chiesa mette un tale ostacolo all'inizio dell'anno liturgico. Si tratta di abbandonare il trantran, le abitudini, le usanze, di convertirsi e ripartire da zero. Al di là della gioiosa novella del Vangelo che annuncia la venuta redentrice di Dio, si dimentica e si respinge facilmente l'eventualità del giudizio, anche se non la si contesta assolutamente "in teoria". È il pericolo che corrono i discepoli di tutte le epoche. Se non si aspetta ogni giorno la sentenza di Dio, non si tarda a vivere come se non esistesse giudizio. Di fronte ad una tale minaccia, nessuno può prendere come scusa lo stile di vita "degli altri": nessuno può trincerarsi dietro agli altri per sottrarsi al pericolo di essere dimenticato dal Signore. Salvezza e giudizio sono affini uno all'altro, ci scuotono nel bel mezzo della nostra vita: sia nel momento delle grandi catastrofi (la grande inondazione è qui evocata) sia nel corso del lavoro quotidiano nei campi o in casa. Uno è preso, trova scampo, è salvato; un altro è abbandonato. Ma non essere tratti d'impiccio non dipende chiaramente dal beneplacito degli altri. È l'uomo stesso che ha nelle sue mani la propria salvezza o la propria perdizione. Ecco perché, come spesso nel Vangelo, questo brano si conclude con un appello alla vigilanza. *(lachiesa.it)*

Vinnies Vic Flood Appeal 2022

Vinnies is working to urgently help support families and businesses impacted by the Victorian floods. Any donations will help provide people with groceries and essential items including the supply of fresh sets of clothing to people who've fled their home; re-equip a home with appliances and bedding; and pay for a family's rent while their home is being repaired.

To make an urgent donation please call 131 812 or visit
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamnaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Krys Herrmann, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Maurice, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Margherita Costa, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Hussan, Joe and Tony, Joe and Monica Zahra, Robert Di Pasquale, Cathy Taviane, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Gin, Georgia and Igghy, Tony B.

Upcoming funerals: *Maria Pizzo, Tuesday, 29th of November, 2022 @ 11 am.*

Recently deceased: Concetta De Luca, Maria Pizzo, Biagio Parisi, Sebastiano Tuccitto, Leonardo Rendina, Frank Rubini, Eleonora Iacopino, Stella Raphael, Denise Psaila.

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Dec 3/4)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: L. Psaila

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Markis

Sunday 10.30 am: C. Surace

Bus driver: B.Tajhono

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Thanksgiving envelopes 2023

Thanksgiving envelopes for next year will be available before or after masses.

Parish staff will distribute staff in the foyer. Please remember that envelope numbers will not be the same as per 2022.

Parishioners will be asked to provide address details for record keeping purposes.

Christmas mass times

Thursday 22nd December:

6.00 pm: Penitential Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation (English and Italian)

Saturday 24th December:

7.00 pm: Christmas Eve Family mass

9.00 pm: Syro-Malabar Mass

11.30: Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December:

9.00 am: Mass

10.30 am: Italian mass

St. Matthew's Parish raffle

The Parish is holding a Christmas raffle in 2022. Tickets are \$2.00 each (or \$20.00 for a book of 10). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before or after weekend masses. **First prize** is a wheelbarrow full of gardening tools and implements. **Second prize** is a basket of linen. **Third prize** is a canteen of cutlery.

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday the 18th of December.

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>