



Reflection

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than

intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.



Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means

when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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Liturgy Help

OUR VISION

"Everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God".

OUR MISSION

- holiness in the image of Christ.
- proclaim the good news of salvation.
- minister within the faith community.
- the service of all, particularly those in need.



November Intention Book

During the month of November, parishioners are invited to record the names of deceased loved ones in the special book located near the sanctuary steps. This gesture helps us to recall all those who have gone before us and to reflect upon our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.



'A Journey into the Catholic Faith'

Wednesday, 21 November
at 5.30pm - St Agnes' Youth Hub

The program offers support and friendships with like-minded people to assist in faith formation and growth. If you would like more information contact Fr Peter on 6583 1024. The next topic will be:

Why does the Church exist?

In this topic, we will discuss the meaning of the Church. The questions to be explored are: What is the Church? What does the Church do? What life does the Church offer us?

Baptism Information Night

Will be held on Thursday, 22 November at 6.00pm in St Agnes' Church. If you are planning on having a child baptised it is important for you to attend an information session. For more information call the Presbytery on 6583 1024.



Holy Baptism

Christian Meditation & Taize Worship

These gentle, meditative worship gatherings continue each week in St Francis of Assisi Chapel. New participants are encouraged to join and will be warmly welcomed.

Christian meditation is held each Wednesday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. For more information contact Simon on 0412 236 977.

On the last Wednesday of the month, meditation is replaced by Taize worship. Contact Judy on 0409 306 207 or Jenni on 0438 522 854.

The Catholic Leader

Is available for sale from the Presbytery Office on a Friday afternoon and after weekend Masses. Cost is \$2.50.

November Mass Intentions

When submitting November Mass intentions for the deceased please ensure all names are CLEARLY PRINTED and the envelope is clearly labelled **November Masses**.

Tuesday, 20 November: John Herring; Walter Dick, Jess & Reg Moylan, Mary & Gordon Dick; John Hayward & deceased family & friends of Hayward family; deceased members of McNamara & Croke families; deceased members of Duff family; deceased members of Mullens family; deceased members of VanKerckhof family; deceased members of Cassidy & Franklin families; Heather & Anthony Mangold, Francis McNamara & Christopher Patterson; Joe, Agnes, & Harry Vella, Gladys & Edward Borg Barthe; Errol, Christopher, Kathleen, Christine, Edward, Ellis, Ruby & Richard Levy, Aunt Ida, Aunt Everyl, Conrad, Kathleen, Bertie, Tyler, Danny, Ferdie, Papa Dee, Gangang, Carol, Malvon, Gloria, Ronnie, Dolly, Elizabeth, Vince & Robert O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor family, Suzanne Couch, Freddie & Amy Latibeaudier, Cilma Sinclair.

Wednesday 21 November: Ronald Johnson, Mary Milliner, William McFarlane, William Godwin; deceased members & friends of Devitt family; deceased members of Williams family; deceased members of White, Kingston & Connolly families, Michael Kingston, Harry & Edna Roach & parents, Peg & Terry Moriarty, Ross & Nancy Francis, Neville, Colleen & David Stapleton, Richard & Val Smith, Ian & Rita Bewglass, Keith Kelly, Frank McGinity, Jim Arnold, Fr Pat Reynolds SM, Rene Ansell, Ann Gaul, Bill & Dot Street; Hernan Astete; Harold & Glad Grose, Shirley Billington, Pat Huxtable, Ann Woodbury; Jeff & Winnie Penhaligon, Celia & Chuck Trumble,

Thursday, 22 November: Miguel Angel Garcia; deceased members of Williams, Byrnes & Keating families; Danny, Dawn, Mary, Patrick, Jim, John & Leo Bradley; Percy & Clara Davis, Stanley & Gail Holt, Lily Regan, Olga Adams, Patsy East, Kathleen Balogh, Bridget Curran, Peter & Kathleen McGovern; Ray Hodgson & deceased relatives; deceased relative & friends of Osmond family; Gary Wincote & deceased members of Morcom family; deceased members of Courtney & Vogel families; deceased family & friends of Donoghoe & Barker families; J McMahan & L King families;.

Friday, 23 November: Deceased members of Slack-Smith family; Jack, Freda, Craig & Jillian Morton; Joan Powell, Frank Montague & Olof Weyand; Jane & Joseph Borg, Mary & Jimmy Jamieson & deceased members of Borg & Jamieson families; Valerija & Kazimierz Boguslawski, Pranute & Isidorus Baksys, Maryte, Vincas & Vytautas Puzas, Aldona Bernotas, Mikhail Krycki & Aiden Hodges; deceased relatives & friends of Koenig family; deceased members of Murphy & Hourigan families; Monica, Vince & Elaine McGrath & Paul Timbs.

Christmas Hampers

Sponsor slips for families requiring hampers are still available in the Church. Please leave your name and phone number on the 'sponsor' section and cut off the lower section with 'family details' to take with you. If you would like to donate money, or items for hampers you can leave them at the Presbytery Office. Please note completed hampers are not to be delivered to the Presbytery Office. Please call the Office prior to delivery & arrangements will be made to take hampers to the Hamper Office.

On Hamper Sunday, 2 December we ask you to have your hampers at the Church prior to 9.00am Mass.

We again ask for your assistance in 3 areas to distribute:

1. Hampers need to be moved from the Hamper Office to the Church at 1.00pm on Saturday 1 December.
2. On Sunday following 9.00am Mass we will need assistance to move the hampers from the Sanctuary, labelled and placed in the correct zone of the Church.
3. At 1.00pm hampers will be delivered. This is when we need an 'army' of delivery people. Volunteer sheets will be available next weekend for you to add your name and contact number.



Mackillop Centre Christmas Stalls

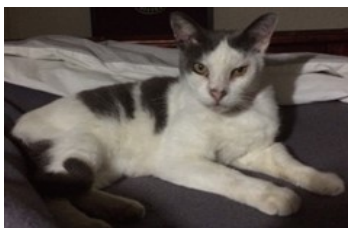
The MacKillop Centre will be holding Christmas stalls at the chapels on the following dates:

Christ the King Chapel
Saturday, 1 December after 4.30pm Mass.
St Francis of Assisi Chapel
Sunday, 2 December after 9.30am Mass.

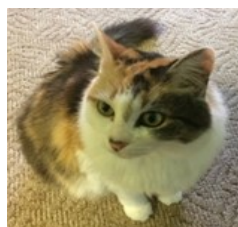
The MacKillop Centre located in Horton Street will also open on these additional dates:

Sunday, 9 December 8.00am—10.45am.
Sunday, 16 December 8.00am—10.45am.

The phone number is 6584 9779.



"Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you."
-St. Augustine



"Joy is very infectious; therefore, be always full of joy."
-St. Teresa

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Patricia Gallagher, Annette Williams, Shirley Jones, Mary Maybury, Noelene Sinclair, Yvonne Purse.

Anniversaries: Basil Smith, Phyllis Carlon, Valerie Rose, John Hibbard, Jim O'Reilly, Beryl Thomas, Andrew Millward, Patrick Hopkins.

Other Mass Intentions: Kathleen Connors, Marija Miller, Adam Triggell, donor intentions and masses of thanksgiving.

Altar Servers Ministry



Altar Servers

Altar serving is a ministry well suited to young people. As well as aiding in their spiritual development, it helps them gain a better understanding of the Church and its special celebrations. It is very much 'active participation' in the liturgy.

We would like to invite all youth who are Catholic, 7 years of age or over and who are willing to commit to serving at one mass every two or three weeks (more if they would like to) to join our dedicated team of altar servers. For more information please come and see Denise, Sue or Vanessa at the sacristy after any of the weekend Masses or call Vanessa on 0447992986.



Christmas Singers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas Choir. If you are interested please contact Jenni on 0438 522 854.

Did you know?

The Sisters of St Joseph (Lochinvar) came to Port Macquarie in 1913 to lay the foundations of the huge educational enterprise that exists today. Foundation Sisters were: Dominic Barry, Alacoque Gallagher, Dorothea Kealy and Rose Pilson.

Need help with your parish giving?

Call Trudi
(02) 6588 7444



Parish Giving Programme

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Father Paul Gooley

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Father Peter Wood

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Office Hours:
8.30am - 4.30pm

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 21 November
The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 22 November
St Cecilia



Friday 23 November
St Columban
St Clement I

Saturday 24 November
St Andrew Dung-Lac &
Companions

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE
WORD ROSTER
5.00PM SUNDAY
25 November 2018**

Kim Post
Daniel Blackman

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND PAYS 2.15%

There are no fees or charges on your account.
AGENTS: Mrs Veronica Rinkin & Mrs Mary O'Brien
DIF Office, Parish Administration Centre,
Phone: (02) 6583 7439 9am – 1pm Monday - Friday

PARISH MASSES

ST AGNES' CHURCH | Hay Street, Port Macquarie
Tuesday & Wednesday: 5.15pm
Friday: 12.05pm
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm
Please note: Weekday Masses at 9.00am on Public Holidays
Reconciliation: Friday 11.30am -12 noon, Saturday 11.30am - 12.30pm

ST FRANCIS CHAPEL | Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie
Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan
Ph 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259.
Communion Service or Mass: 9.30am Monday - Thursday
Sunday Mass: 9.30am

CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL | Boronia St, Port Macquarie
Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan
Ph: 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259
Communion Service or Mass: 8.00am Thursday
Mass: Saturday Vigil - 4.30pm
Rosary: 1st Saturday of the month 4.00pm.

ST BERNARD'S, TELEGRAPH POINT | Rollands Plain Rd, Telegraph Point
Thursday: 6.00pm.

STAR OF THE SEA, LAKE CATHIE | Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie
Sunday: 8.00am.

ROSTERS

24-25 November 2018

READERS AND COMMENTATORS

6pm Vigil: Margaret Donnelly
Margaret Swan
Sue Williams
7.30am: Sandy Luschwitz
Anne O'Brien
Jim O'Brien
9.00am: Josephine Mockford
Denise Puzas
Joan Lancaster
5.00pm: Marraki Kilpatrick
Tiarne Rogers
Emily Shelley
Cassidy New

GIFT BEARERS ROSTER

6pm Vigil: P & F Shaw
7.30am: S & K Panes
9.00am: L Fuller & J Howle

THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

Genevieve Ruhl

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

6pm Vigil: Jason Gill
Lisa Toomey
Kym Condon
Des Grissell
7.30am: Kevin Lewis
Geoff Leary
Beverly Arthur-Pfeil
Wendy Pfeil
9.00am: Ann Thurgate
Pat Daley
Betty Hodgson
Sandra Hartas
5.00pm: Timo Gobius
Marg Gobius
Carol Briscoe
Peter Briscoe

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**
Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm 92
Revelations 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

**2018 YEAR OF
YOUTH**