Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Now, after the misery of those days, the sun will turn dark, the moon will not give light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the universe will be shaken.

“Then people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. He will send out his angels, and from every direction under the sky, they will gather those whom God has chosen.

“Learn from the story of the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and it sprouts leaves, you know summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happen, you know that he is near, at the door.

“I can guarantee this truth: This generation will not disappear until all these things take place. The earth and the heavens will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

No One Knows When the Earth and the Heavens Will Disappear

“No one knows when that day or hour will come. Even the angels in heaven and the Son don’t know. Only the Father knows.

(Mark 13:24-32)

Gospel Reflection

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.
It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent death of Mrs Sjaan Wilson’s mother, Lyn.

Please keep Mrs Wilson, husband Anthony, Sam and Lucy and the extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent death of Mrs Karen Proudford’s mother-in-law.

Please keep Mrs Proudford, husband AJ and her sons Alexander and Will and the extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent death of Father Greg’s father.

Please keep Father Greg and his extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

BOOKCLUB
DUE
Wednesday
28th November 2018
Flowers brighten up even the most bothersome of days.

Piglet had got up early that morning to pick himself a bunch of violets; and when he had picked them and put them in a pot in the middle of his house, it suddenly came over him that nobody had ever picked Eeyore a bunch of violets, and the more he thought of this, the more he thought how sad it was to be an Animal who had never had a bunch of violets picked for him. So he hurried out again, saying to himself, “Eeyore, Violets,” and then “Violets, Eeyore,” in case he forgot, because it was that sort of day...
SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to our Year 4 and Year 5 students who travelled to Dubbo for the Summer Sports Trials last Thursday. It was an extremely hot day which would have made it an even tougher assignment. As always the skills of the participants at the trials was of very high standard.

Congratulations to all our children who attended the trials their behaviour and skill level was to be commended. Thank you to the parents who transported the children and supported them on the day. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for attending as the supervising teacher from St Mary’s Catholic Primary School.

Special congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent in Bathurst Diocesan teams:

**BASKETBALL** - Keely Holmes & Lucy Wilson

**TENNIS** - Amelia Johnston, Edward & James Ashton

**TOUCH FOOTBALL** - Mason Edgerton, Isaac Clarke, Mya Simmons & Keeley Thornhill

These children will now compete in the Polding trials.

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**Wellbeing Week**

Lunch Time Yoga with the children.
Extra Kindergarten Class at St Mary’s for 2019

The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst has announced St Mary’s Catholic Primary School will have three classes for Kindergarten in 2019.

Ensuring smaller class size whilst still offering all the high qualities of education St Mary’s is renowned for. This announcement has caused much excitement in the education sector.

Additional but limited spaces are now available for new arrivals to Orange or families who have not yet settled on a school for Kindergarten in 2019. St Mary’s is a Catholic school welcoming all religious denominations.

Group tours of the school will operate on Wednesday 7th November & Monday 12th November at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book a place on a tour or to arrange a private tour and interview on 63627926.

Our Transition Program continues on the following dates:
* Friday, 30th November - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
*Friday, 7th December - 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Secure your place today.

Learning today. Leading tomorrow.
# IN TERM 4

| 7 | Mon 26-Nov-18 |
|   | Tue 27-Nov-18 Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass 9:30am |
|   | Wed 28-Nov-18 Yr 6 Retreat Day @ JSCH |
|   | Thu 29-Nov-18 |
|   | Fri 30-Nov-18 Voting Day Yrs3-6; Kinder Transition 2-3pm. |
| 8 | Mon 03-Dec-18 |
|   | Tue 04-Dec-18 |
|   | Wed 05-Dec-18 |
|   | Thu 06-Dec-18 Class Presentation Day |
|   | Fri 07-Dec-18 School Presentation Day; Kinder Transition 2-3pm |
| 9 | Mon 10-Dec-18 |
|   | Tue 11-Dec-18 Yr6 Grad Mass 6pm |
|   | Wed 12-Dec-18 |
|   | Thu 13-Dec-18 End of Year - student reports home |
|   | Fri 14-Dec-18 Kindergarten Assembly 12:30pm |
| 10 | Mon 17-Dec-18 |
|    | Tue 18-Dec-18 End of Year Mass 9:30am |
|    | Wed 19-Dec-18 Flag Raising 9:30am; Last day of 2018 school year.  
**School resumes for staff Tues 29 January 2019.** |

It is with excitement and sadness that I inform you that Mrs Nikki Breen will be departing St Mary’s at the end of 2018. Nikki and her family will be moving to the sunny Gold Coast. I know you will join me in wishing Nikki all the best. I know she will be sadly missed by all at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School. Once we have completed recruitment we will inform you of the new face at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

## Term 4 Dance Timetable

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 4.

**MONDAY**
- Year 1
- Year 6

**TUESDAY**
- Year 2
- Year 3

**WEDNESDAY**
- Kinder
- Year 4
- Year 5
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BYODD - 2019
ATTENTION all students in Year 3 2019 and any students in Year 4, 5 or 6 new to the school who have not yet purchased a Chromebook.

Our Chromebook Portal is Now Open!
The designated ACER Chromebooks are to be purchased only through the JB Hi Fi Purchasing portal. To purchase a Chromebook you will need to go to the following website and then enter in our school code.


School Code: SMCBYOD2019

The total cost of the Chromebook is $379. You will also have the option to select additional warranty and insurance for the device. As well as this, there is the option to purchase the Chromebook through JB Hi Fi for 12 months Interest Free. We are asking all families to purchase the Chromebook by the end of the 2018 school year so that we can ensure all students will have the device for the beginning of next year.

If you have any financial concerns regarding the purchasing of a device before the 2019 school year, could you please contact the School Office or Mrs Basha or Mrs Maher so that alternative arrangements can be made for your family.

CANTEEN HELPERS

| FRIDAY 23/11/18 | Mandy Miller |
| TUESDAY 27/11/18 | Helper Needed |
| WEDNESDAY 28/11/18 | Helper Needed |
| THURSDAY 29/11/18 | Helper Needed |
| FRIDAY 30/11/18 | Helper Needed |

WEEK 7 SPECIAL
NO SPECIAL FOR WEEK 7

If you can help in the canteen please text Mandy on 0418 664 741 or contact the school.
Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass

9:30am—Tuesday, 27th November—Week 7 (Term 4)

Due to the passing of Fr Greg's father and the funeral on Tuesday 27th November in Bathurst. The Parish has to cancel the Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass for the school. A new date is currently being organised.

Grade and Class Masses in Term 4

Year 4 Blue Class Mass - Tuesday 4th December (Week 8) at 9:30am.

Grades or Classes will be joining the parish at mass. The children will not have roles during the mass instead they will be participating in the celebration of the Eucharist. Families are invited to the parish mass.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

We invite our St Mary’s Catholic Primary School Community and all the parents, grandparents and families to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 students at their Graduation Mass.

Tuesday, 11th December – 6pm at St Mary’s Church.

End of Year Mass

We invite all parents, grandparents and families to celebrate our last Mass together for 2018.

Tuesday, 18th December – 9:30am at St Mary’s Church.

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

We ask that you DO NOT walk through the bus bay or teachers carpark when dropping off or collection your children.

PLEASE USE PEDESTRIAN GATES ONLY
Unleash your child’s imagination. Learn to code these holidays!

More than 45,000 Aussie kids have loved Code Camp so far.

Brand new! Build your own website at Web Hackers

Why kids & parents love Code Camp!
Rated 4.9 on ProductReview.com.au with over 300 5-star reviews!

“Was tentative to do it at first, but after the first day was absolutely in love with code camp. Insisted on wearing hat and t-shirt for the next 2 days. Post-camp, he has continued to build on his game and now shares it with his school friends and family.”

Stuart, Melbourne ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

“My daughter loved her code camp and will be back for more... The experience was great, teachers were fantastic and the follow up emails with more activities has been unbelievable...”

Katie, Sydney ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

“The end result is far and away the best programming teaching environment I have ever seen. Seriously now my primary school child can program in JavaScript.”

Jeffrey, Melbourne ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Book with confidence
We are so sure your kids will love Code Camp, if they don’t want to come back after Day 1, we’ll refund the remaining days!

12-14 December
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Kinross Wolari School

Computers Provided

Alternate dates and locations available (no camps on public holidays)
Amazing Maths Results

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Newcastle Permanent Maths competition.

A special mention to the following students for their achievements in this competition.

What amazing mathematicians! Certificates will be given out at our next Flag Raising assembly.

Here are some comments from our future Mathematicians:

Toby Sunderland: I love the challenge of Maths

Tadhg Curran: I love Maths because there is always a different way to solve a problem.

Harriet Ringbauer: I also love the number of different possibilities there are to discuss to one problem.

Certificates will be given out at our next Flag Raising assembly.
This year the needs of the Orange community are centered on the FAMILY. We would like to continue to help those who are less fortunate than us have a joyful family experience.

You can help by giving a gift for a family to use. For example: Gift vouchers to local coffee shops, Flip out entry ticket, Movie tickets, Ten Pin Bowling, coffee shop vouchers or even a garden shop gift vouchers.

All items will be donated

St Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your support.
Together we can create a world where there is justice for all.
EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATION BY READING THIS SUMMER
These summer holidays, I am launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it’s a comic, play, book, e-book or graphic novel.

READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN
The Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books (5 full length novels for secondary) during the summer holidays to go in to the draw to win one of four iPads.
There are two categories, based on the year the student is in on Tuesday 6 February 2019. The categories are:
Primary - Years K-6 (10 or more)
Secondary - Years 7-12 (5 or more of reading age appropriate novels)

HOW TO ENTER
If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the personal reading log (or print the page below). Once your challenge is complete, enter your list of read books online to go into the draw for a prize (the link to the entry form is also available on the Catholic Education Office website via the News section www.bth.catholic.edu.au). A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry. Entries must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 6 February 2019. The draw will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 and the winners will be published on the Catholic Education website.

READING SUGGESTIONS
Following are some suggestions for books to read to get the summer reading challenge started. You may also like to refer to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge reading list for some further ideas.

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Personal Reading Log

Name

School  Suburb

School Year (2017)  D.O.B.

Total Books Read

Simply read **10 or more (or 5 novels for secondary) age-appropriate books** during the Summer holidays to go into the draw to win one of four iPads in the Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge.

Record each book you have read on this personal reading log. Once you have completed the reading challenge, enter this information online by clicking this link Entry Form. A parent or guardian must verify the books you have read prior to entry.

**Entries must be completed by 5pm, Wednesday 6 February 2019.** The draw will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 and winners will be published on the Catholic Education website [http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au/)

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- Make sure you have Adobe App downloaded.
- In Compass go to the three lines at the top left hand side and go to ‘Open in Browser’ and sign in again.

Try this and see how you go

2 GOLD NEWS

In 2 Gold we have been very excited to make our First Reconciliation. It is a very special time in Year 2 and a lovely celebration to share with our families.

We had so much fun on Fantastic Mr Fox Day. We drew amazing plans and built wonderful traps and our costumes were great!
Indigenous Engagement Day

Last week the children in Year 1 and Year 3 attended an Indigenous Engagement Day at the Orange Regional Museum. The children took part in a variety of activities including weaving, Bush tucker sampling, Indigenous storytelling and a museum tour with research activities.

Everyone had a fabulous time and learnt a lot about Aboriginal culture.

“The part I liked the best was doing the weaving of the bracelets and the rope.” Joshua King
“I loved making the bracelets too!” William Pell
“I learnt that babies could be carried in coolamons.” Brianna Elliott
“I tried some bread with bush jam, and I liked it.” Isabelle Perkins

Year 3 and Year 1 had a fabulous day, learnt a lot and everyone agreed it was the best excursion ever!

In the weaving workshop we used coloured raffia and cumbungi leaves to weave. It was hard to turn it and hold it at the same time. Vincent Duncan 1 Blue

At the bush tucker workshop the lady told us about food the aboriginal people got from the bush. I tasted the damper and jam made from berries. Leah Smith 1 Gold

Larry showed us how the men hunted kangaroos. I got to hold a weapon and he put yellow paint on my face. We also looked at different boomerangs used for hunting. Max Smith 1 Blue
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 2019 Changes

Please see the following letter from Fr Greg sent to Year 1 families to explain changes to the Parish Sacramental program for 2019.

Monday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you of some changes that will be happening in the Sacramental program next year. These changes concern your child that will be in Year 2 in 2019.

In previous years the Sacrament of First Reconciliation has been celebrated by Year 2 students during Term 4. They then go on to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during Term 2 of Year 3.

Next year when your child is in Year 2, the students will still prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation during Term 4, however will not receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in 2019. This will take place during Term 1 in Year 3 (2020). First Holy Communion will still be celebrated during Term 2 of Year 3.

There will be children who are disappointed with this change, especially if they have older siblings who have previously received the sacrament and are aware that Year 2 was once when the sacrament occurred. We feel that moving the sacraments closer together will be a better way to assist your child’s faith development and preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

To assist preparation for these sacraments it would be wonderful to see your children at Children’s Liturgy. This is every Sunday during 9:30am Mass at St Mary’s Church. It is a great opportunity for your children to learn about their faith in language they can understand. Once a month after this Mass there is ‘Stay and Play’, this is a chance to have a cuppa and a chat after mass while the kids play.

There are many events like this during the year that we would like to invite you to so that your family can celebrate Jesus and get to know your fellow parishioners. Please join our Facebook page to ensure you hear about upcoming events for your family. Our Facebook page can be found be searching ‘Catholic Parish of St Mary and St Joseph-Orange NSW’.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Fr Greg Bellamy
Parish Priest