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Readings

10 NOVEMBER 2024

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

17 NOVEMBER 2024

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR B

10 NOVEMBER 2024 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 NOVEMBER 2024 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Youth Ministries Coordinator: It is with sadness that I announce I will be finishing up from my role as Youth Minister and my last day will be the 13th December 2024. It has been an incredible privilege and joy to have been Epping & Carlingford's Youth Minister for the last 6 years, and part of Antioch for the last 9.5 years. I have had the joy of creating a new young adults group Emmaus which has been running for the past 4 years, helped launch the 5pm Sunday Youth Mass at St Gerard's, facilitating retreats for the youth groups and annual trivia nights. Please pray for the next youth minister and continue to support the youth. As Pope Francis said in *Christus Vivit* to the young people of the church 'Christ is alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you.' Always have trust in God that he is with us and he loves us and has a good plan ahead.



~Joanna Mak

We will thank Joanna more fully in the month ahead, with more details in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, we now search for another person who can step in to Joanna's very large shoes as Youth Ministries Coordinator. This is a challenging and rewarding role. We are looking for someone *whose faith in Jesus Christ is central to their life*, and who wants to help young people aged 13-30 encounter Jesus so that He can transform their lives.

We need someone who can be present to our teenagers and young adults, and who can also build up the team of adults and young adults who lead them, so it may suit a young adult, or a parent who is available for part time work. This is a paid role, approximately 18 hours per week, with some flexible working hours, and penalty rates for after hours work which is required to be at each of the three youth groups.

If you're interested in applying, contact Fr Jim or send your expression of interest and your CV to Jim.McKeon@bbcatholic.org.au **before November 25th**.

~Fr Jim

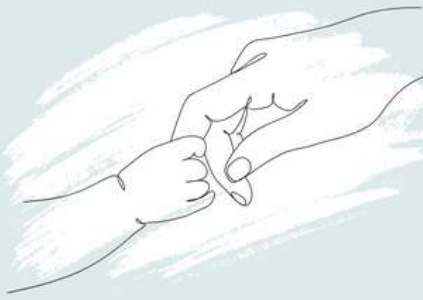
November Celebrations



Baptism Renewal: This Sunday, 10th November, children are invited to bring their baptism candle along to the 9:30am Mass at St Gerard's to receive a special blessing. There is morning tea after and some activities for the children. All welcome!

Red Wednesday is an opportunity for us, as the Body of Christ, to stand in solidarity to the present sufferings of our modern day saints and martyrs through prayer and action. In 2024 Red Wednesday will be held on **20 November** with a special focus on the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. We will celebrate **9.30am Mass at St Gerard's** in solidarity with them.

Remembrance Mass for Children
Gone Before Us



Mass for Children Who Have Died: Each year we offer a gentle, welcoming Mass for the parents and families who have had a child die from any cause, at any age, from accident, illness, suicide, stillbirth, abortion or miscarriage. Grief at losing a child may still be very near to us, no matter how long ago it occurred. Join us to pray for your children and for one another on **Thursday November 28, 7pm St Gerard's Church.**

You can bring a photo or a symbol of the young person you are remembering, to place in the sacred space during Mass. Join us to pray for your children and for one another.

DILEXIT NOS – HE LOVES US

Dilexit Nos is Pope Francis' recent encyclical on human and divine love in the heart of Jesus Christ. In it he invites us to rediscover our own heart, and then to immerse our heart in the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. In doing so, he is re-proposing the centuries old devotion to the Sacred Heart to a new generation. Along the way he traces the development of this doctrine through scripture and the writings of the saints, and then invites us to receive the love of Jesus' heart for us, and to repay love for love by extending his love to the world.



<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

PASTORAL WORKS FUND



Your Generosity: Thank you to everyone who has already donated to last weekend's Pastoral Works Fund Appeal which supports the resourcing and training of our catechists who teach in state schools and our chaplains and pastoral care workers in hospitals. It's fully tax deductible. If you've brought back an envelope and are giving by cash you can place this in either collection box in the church. If you didn't pick up an envelope last weekend

you can pick one up from the back of the church this weekend. You can also donate online at <https://www.catholicparish.app/donate?id=0010I000008aHYoIAM> or use QR code on the right.



Thank you

FIRST COLLECTION

Reporting on the First Collection: Some parishioners recently inquired with members of our Parish Finance Committee about the reporting of the First Collection. Historically, we haven't included these details in our Annual Report, as our primary focus has been on the parish's operating costs. However, we understand the importance of this information and, in response, have provided the figures from the past three years on the right.

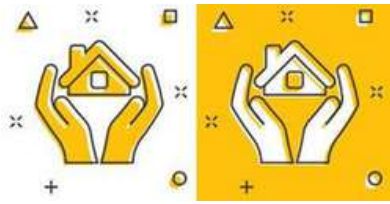
The First Collection is specifically allocated to supporting our priests, covering their stipends, housing, household expenses, and retirement care. Additionally, a portion of this collection contributes to the Bishop and his many ministries.

~Deacon Richard

Clergy Fund (First Collection)

| Income - Year | 2022 FY | 2023 FY | 2024 FY |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| First Collection | \$ 98,755 | \$ 119,879 | \$ 106,363 |
| Baptisms, Weddings & Funeral donations | \$ 16,230 | \$ 8,615 | \$ 9,500 |
| Sundry donations | \$ 3,538 | \$ 2,476 | \$ 4,128 |
| Total | \$ 118,523 | \$ 130,970 | \$ 119,991 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Household Expenses | \$ 13,277 | \$ 10,842 | \$ 8,290 |
| Cleaning Expenses | \$ 2,480 | \$ 620 | \$ - |
| Electricity & Gas | \$ 6,006 | \$ 4,681 | \$ 4,788 |
| Relieving Priests | \$ 769 | \$ 589 | \$ 344 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 22,532 | \$ 16,732 | \$ 13,423 |
| Bishops Sustentation | \$ 17,778 | \$ 19,646 | \$ 17,999 |
| Pastoral Surplus & Stipends | \$ 78,212 | \$ 94,592 | \$ 88,570 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 118,522 | \$ 130,970 | \$ 119,992 |

BUILDING OF A DIFFERENT KIND



Epping & Carlingford was my first parish when my family arrived in Australia. It was where my husband and I married. It is where my mum still belongs. Even though I live in Hornsby Heights, I was welcomed back in January and tasked with starting a playgroup, recommencing the Senior's Mass, ensuring that new parishioners are welcomed and that our hospitality made use of our new building. I will be leaving in the new year feeling sad that I haven't quite achieved these. I've only just started!

The death of my mother-in-law in June this year, Mary Cullen, a long time OLHC parishioner, has made our family reflect. My husband Paul and I are seeking a more grounded and simpler life out of the rat race (a long time dream) and I will be moving to Mudgee and working at St Matthew's, the local Catholic high school early in 2025.

I never got to see toddlers play in our new hall nor wheelchair-bound parishioners arrive in the new lift nor slices offered from the new servery giving onto Oxford Street but hope to build up the Kingdom of God in a different way in country NSW.

The Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and the new building will give our community a beautiful opportunity to get to know one another, to welcome others and to spread Jesus' message that LOVE wins!

~Simone Noel

Congratulations



Congratulations to Li and Abigail, and Faith (who became a big sister)! They welcomed Baby Joie - French for joy, still pronounced "Joy" at the end of October. Daddy Li says, "She's the second great gift to our family from God. The first was her big sister who's holding her in this photo. Joie just turned one week old. Words cannot express the happiness and joy we feel with her arrival." We certainly feel your joy and can't wait to meet her. Congratulations!

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Please note parish@eppcarl.org.au will be obsolete.



Updating your contact details for the Parish Office:

Please contact our Parish Secretary, Marcella Letteri, if you need to update your contact details, for eg: mobile number, email address, home address.

You can either pop in to the parish office to see Marcella in person, contact her using details above.



See you later

Fr Aldrin will be away from the 12th to 26th November.

Fr Michael Sullivan from Order of St Augustine will stand in whilst Fr Aldrin is away.

Please welcome him.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Preparations for 2024 Christmas Eve Family Masses at both churches: All children are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Masses (**5pm at OLHC or 6pm at St Gerard's on Sunday 24th December**). We would love your children to participate in one of the many roles available:

- Reading the Welcome at the start
- Leading the Penitential Rite
- Various roles for the Gospel Mime of the Nativity - yes they get to dress-up... gorgeous!
- Leading the Prayers
- Preparation of the Gifts and Gospel processions

There are separate signup links below for each church. You pick the Mass you wish to attend, use the correct link to sign up **by 16th December** and our Children's Ministries Coordinator, Lynn Siau, will contact you closer to the date.

Our Lady Help of Christians

To sign your child up for **OLHC** 5pm Mass, please use this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/MFD3Y> or via the QR code on the right.



Practice dates and times:

OLHC Epping - Saturday, 21st December

- 10 to 11am - Gospel mime learning and procession
- 11 to 11:30am - Readers and Offertory procession

St Gerard's

To sign your child up for **St Gerard's** 6pm Mass, please use this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/KTYMM> or via the QR code on the right.



Practice dates and times:

St Gerard's Carlingford - Monday, 23rd December

- 10:30 to 11:30am - Gospel mime learning and procession
- 11:30am - 12pm - Readers and Offertory procession

Our Christmas Eve Family Masses are wonderful and are a long standing tradition with many families. So make sure you contact Lynn (details below) if you need assistance signing up. We are all looking forward to this and sharing in Jesus' birthday cake after Mass!

Kindy Family Mass at St Gerard's 24th November

Meanwhile, we would like to invite **Kindy** children and their families to participate in the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 24th November. We would love to see as many of you as possible! Please visit this link to sign up **by Monday 18th November: volunteersignup.org/KJKQA** or sign up via the QR code on the right. Any questions, please contact Lynn.



Lynn Siau

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Sacramental Programme & Parish Communications

Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au or phone Parish Office 9876 2853

COMMUNICATIONS

Article submission deadline: If you would like to submit an article from your ministry for inclusion in the next edition of our parish bulletin, please send it to Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au before **10am on Wednesday 20th November 2024**. Kindly understand I am unable to accommodate late submissions. Please send in a Word document. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format. Please note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Do provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

Other ways to connect:



eBulletin: If you know someone who would like to receive the electronic version of the bulletin, please forward this link for them to fill in via a desktop, the form on our website: bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Cana (Year 6-9): Cana remaining Term 4 dates are **15th, 29th November and 13th December, 7:30-9pm** in the parish hall.

Entrance to the premises is via 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford.



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds): Antioch will meet on the **10th and 17th November, 6-8pm** at St Gerard's meeting room. All welcome!

Contact parent support if you have any questions: Cres & Lui Yparraguirre Mobile: 0449228514.



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds): Emmaus are meeting on the **12th November, 7-8:30pm** at St Gerard's meeting room.



Supporting our neighbouring youth groups.

Our youth and young adults participated in the trivia night hosted by Chatswood youth on the 26th Oct. The theme was on 'Holy Wins' and we dressed as different Saints and holy figures to celebrate All Saints Day.

Joanna's Work Hours: Mondays 6-9pm, Tuesdays 6-9pm, Wednesdays 6-9pm, Fridays 5-9pm and Sundays 4-9pm.

For more information on any of our 3 youth groups, please contact our Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or send her an email at

Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE

Foundations of Community Organising Training: This year several people from our parish have taken part in this course run by The Sydney Alliance. It's a way of learning skills for analysing society, building relationships across diverse groups and discovering how to use our voice to speak to elected leaders.

This course is running again on Mon 18th & Tues 19th in Arncliffe (a short walk from Arncliffe Station) and is well timed for students who have just finished the HSC or university exams as these are valuable skills for young adults to have.

We have access to this course for free (usually \$250) through our membership of the Sydney Alliance. Register at <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/foundations-training> and let Fr Jim know too.



CATECHIST NEWS

Our Special Religious Education (SRE) Mass for public primary schools



On Sunday October 27th, we celebrated our Public Primary School Children's Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians' (OLHC) Church at Epping. It was an occasion in which our children took part in various ministries in the Mass.

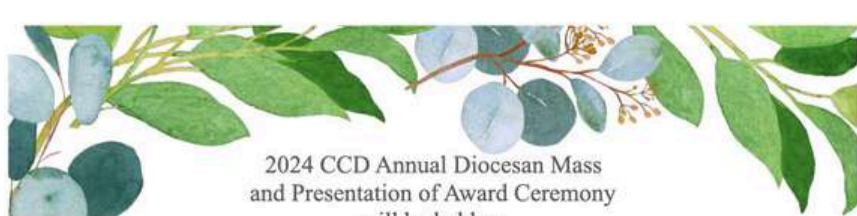
We had children making the Welcome Speech, reciting the Penitential Rites, doing the Procession of Bible with candles, leading the Prayers of Faithful and presenting the Gifts (Bread and Wine with flowers). There was also a lovely children choir who sang hymns for the Mass, and, not the least of all, sang "A Child's Prayer" for the congregation.

The occasion came to a close with morning tea where everyone enjoyed some nice food, drinks and friendly chats.

We thank the children and their parents for their effort in making the Children's Mass possible, the Catechists for their unyielding support in the event and all people who have contributed to the celebration. A special thank-you also to the schools : Epping Heights, Epping North, Epping Public, Epping West, Murray Farm and Roselea public schools for their continuous support to their Catholic SRE students.

Please find details of the Annual CCD Mass and the Service Awardees of our Parish on the right. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

~Katherine Tam



2024 CCD Annual Diocesan Mass
and Presentation of Award Ceremony
will be held on
11:30 am, Saturday November 16, 2024
at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Service Awardees : Parish of Epping and Carlingford

Trish Lucas 35 years of service
Cyril Tumminello 30 years of service
Pat McArdle 15 years of service

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Katherine Batten | 10 years of service | Noreen Sorabji | 10 years of service |
| Maria Senger | 10 years of service | Reena Baby | 5 years of service |
| Mery Monik Auwyang | 5 years of service | Sianny Gandasmita | 5 years of service |
| Peter Crowley | 5 years of service | Lei Davoren | Level 1 certificate |
| Elizabeth Mary Hiller | 5 years of service | Irene Luk | Level 1 certificate |

Gerard Bohums  Rose Ceremony

MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTICES



Christmas Mass times: For those of you who like to plan ahead we have confirmed our Christmas Mass times -

- At OLHC: Dec 24th - 5pm vigil and 9pm vigil. Dec 25th - 8.30am and 10.15am.
- At St Gerard's: Dec 24th - 6pm vigil and 10pm vigil. Dec 25th - 7.45am and 9.30am.

Notice from Brenda and Hamish La Porte:

Sale of one plot in Rockery Garden for 2 people at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill. Inclusions:

- 1 double granite tablet, family name on back rock
- 2 bronze wedge plaques
- 10 lines of English inscription

Can be upgraded for 3rd person. Seller will pay transfer fee. Price \$10,000.00. Please contact Hamish La Porte on 0426 216 930 or hamishlaporte@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC BOOK STALL MINISTRY



In response to Pope Francis' declaration of 2024 as the **Year of Prayer**, emphasizing the immense value and necessity of prayer in personal life, the Church, and the world, the Charismatic Ministry has set up a book stall at the back of the Church. This stall offers books for **adults and children, along with informative leaflets**. The prices are marked and available at a **discounted cost price**. Please place your money in the **provided envelope**, noting the name of the item(s), the cost per item, and the total cost. Then, place the envelope in the **Prayer Request box** located next to the bookstall.

CARLINGFORD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 7.00 pm

WHERE: St Gerard's Church (Children's room at back of church)

STUDY SERIES: 'Living with Holy Spirit Power' by Bruce Downes Ministries

CONTACT: Margaret at 0401 133 368 or via email mtmk.wk.ccr@gmail.com



CHARISMATIC INTERCESSORY PRAYER REQUEST MINISTRY

Need someone to pray with you? Our Intercessory Prayer Request Ministry is here for you. Whether you're seeking prayers for yourself or others, for any intention, big or small, we're here to support you.

How to Request a Prayer:

- **Pick up a form** - Prayer request forms are available at the back of the church.
- **Fill it out** - Write down your prayer request. Remember, it can be for any intention, whether for yourself or others.
- **Submit your request** - Place your completed form in the designated box at the back of the church.



Your prayer requests will not only be prayed over by our Intercessory Prayer Group, but will also be passed on to Charismatic NSW, Charismatic International, and Bruce Dowens Ministries on your behalf (tick the 'pass on' box). If you would like the request to remain private, just **place an X on the form**. God knows your intentions and who you are. All prayer requests are strictly confidential.

Share Your Blessings: When your prayers have been answered, we invite you to complete a green 'answered' form. We love to hear about the blessings and miracles happening in our community! Remember, you are not alone. Our Charismatic community is here to pray with you and for you in your needs, no matter how big or small. Let us lift each other up in prayer.



OTHER NOTICES

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Week 32

11 Nov Mon: St Martin of Tours

12 Nov Tue: St Josaphat

15 Nov Fri: St Albert the Great

16 Nov Sat: St Gertrude, St Margaret of Scotland

Ordinary Week 33

18 Nov Mon: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

21 Nov Thur: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22 Nov Fri: St Cecilia

23 Nov Sat: St Clement I, St Columban



Christmas Carols: Sadly, Carols in Boronia Park will not be going ahead this year due to cost constraints, but happily, we are invited to join with Lifeway Lutheran and All Saints Anglican to take part in Carols at **Epping Oval on Fri Dec 13th**, with food from 6pm, carols from 7pm and fireworks at 9pm.

A group of people from local churches meets once a term to pray for Carlingford, Epping Boys', and Cheltenham Girls' High Schools.

Please join us in praying for the students, staff, scripture teachers and chaplains at these schools. We will meet via zoom from 8-9pm on Thursday 21 November.

Contact Katrina Collins for zoom details ckjsge@gmail.com or 0400 488 459

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose! Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au or via QR code above.

A Market Hall filled with handmade goods, unique gifts and gourmet delights.

The Fairground will be packed with plenty of activities, treats and fun for all ages.

The International Food Fair will keep you going with delicious food and cold drinks.

UNLIMITED Ride Passes can now be purchased, see the Rides flyer for more details. [Click here to buy Rides pass](#)

Our Market Raffle is now LIVE. Check out the prizes and buy your tickets [here](#).

To close out Twilight Market 2024, make sure to pick your vantage point for the FIREWORKS FINALE!

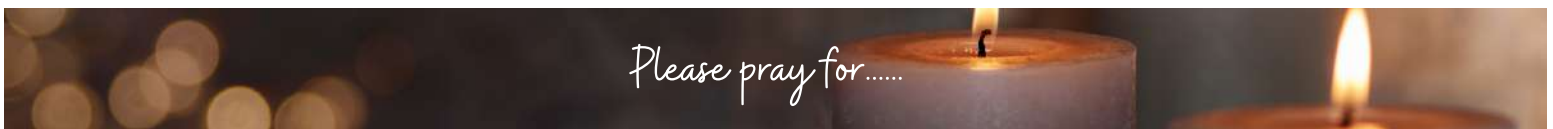
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 Nov 2024
Ps 145:7-10 Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

| WEEKEND MASSES | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Epping | 5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am and 7:00pm (Youth) | | | | | | |
| Carlingford | 6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am (Family/Children) and 5:00pm (Youth) | | | | | | |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | | | | | | |
| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | |
| EPPING | - | 6:00pm | - | - | - | 8:00am | |
| CARLINGFORD | 9:30am | - | 9:30am | 9:30am | 9:30am | - | |
| EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm and Saturday 8:30-9:00am Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am | | | | | | | |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm and Saturday 8:30-9:00am Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am and Saturday 5:15-5:45pm, OR BY APPOINTMENT at either church | | | | | | | |
| BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT | | | | | | | |
| POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: PO Box 369, Epping NSW 1710 | | | | | | | |
| ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 7256 2140 Email - sgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au | | | | | | | |
| OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH - 9868 3322 Email - olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au | | | | | | | |



Healing Mass: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford



For those who are sick and suffering (new requests):

- Ken Leslie
- Baby Sophia (Marie Saul's great-granddaughter)
- Maureen & Don Brown
- Elizabeth Barton
- Helen Orban
- Regina Yip
- Roslyn Rodriguez



Baby Sophia's condition has relapsed. Please continue to pray for our dear little Sophia. ~ Marie Saul

Thank you to all who offered prayers for John Donnellan the past months. John passed away peacefully this week. May his soul rest in peace.

Our parish Prayer Ministry also has a private group on Facebook where you can post your requests directly or email us to do so. Please feel free to join this private group if you would like to pray for someone or for your own intentions: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2660800900909668> or via QR code on the right.



Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased - Domnick Dsouza, Martha Hanna, Nola Sleiman, Kathleen Petch, John Donnellan, Sister Louise SSJ Lochinvar (Pauline McDonell) - Aunt of Jeanette Brady

Anniversaries & Remembrance - Teresa Dobosz, Francis Chen

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 Nov 2024
Ps 15:5, 8-11 Response: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.