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Readings

30 OCTOBER 2022
Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
Luke 19:1-10

6 NOVEMBER 2022
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27, 34-38



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford

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30 OCTOBER 2022 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6 NOVEMBER 2022 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Why planned giving is important:

At the Epping and Carlingford Parish, we aim to foster the goodness and love that comes from Christ with everyone. Our world needs all to appreciate this love every day. Similarly, the capacity to love grows day by day. The sunshine that illuminates our hearts brings light and warmth to ourselves and others; most importantly, it shows how they can also be beacons of light and warmth. This happens by praying a little better, reflecting a little better, discovering a little more and seeing the world through a prism of opportunity and thankfulness. Our world is built by little steps; one more good experience, one more new friend, and one more heart that is softened to the plight of humanity.

Fr Jim and Fr Vincent have a vision and a plan. Your volunteer Pastoral and Finance Committees wholeheartedly support this plan, and that is to reach more people with the goodness and love that comes from Christ. We especially would like to see more young families as they are the vitality of the

future, yet susceptible to missing the broader benefits available from Christ's love by not being part of a supportive Christian community.

When my children went to school in this parish, the fellowship of parishioners nurtured us beyond our family life. This is not chasing a golden age of a bygone era, but rather we know if you till the soil, plant the seeds and keep the weeds down, God will provide the rain and sunshine. Past generations of parishioners have created a supportive community through their contribution of time and resources. All generations, especially today's generations, can experience this love and goodness by prioritising God's local vision of fellowship so our children can see the good we do. They, in turn, become good, happy and nice.

We appeal to you not to see this weekend's planned giving appeal as a burden but to look at it as building a strong community of thoughtful people. We do this through weekly prayers connecting us with God, personal development through learning and engagement, and weekly activities connecting people. This is how we grow individually in God's love, week by week.

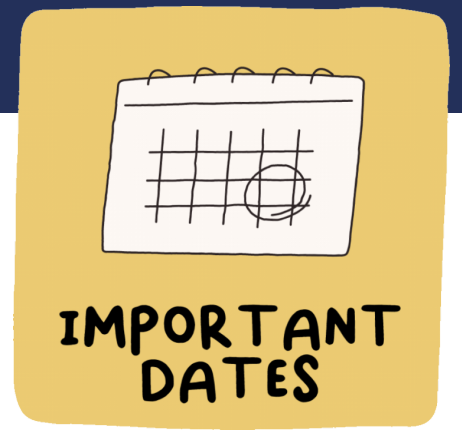
~ **Richard Houwing**

Richard.Houwing@bbcatholic.org.au



Welcome Fr Aldrin Valdehueza who is celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with us on Saturday 29th 6pm at St Gerard's. His parents Edu and Marites who are visiting from the Philippines will also be with us. Come join us for supper in the meeting room after Mass.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS



All Saints Day is Tuesday November 1st. This is a solemnity so we will have *Mass at 9.30am at St Gerard's instead of the monthly Healing Mass*. You are invited to bring a picture or statue or a saint to place before the altar during Mass.

All Souls Day on Wednesday Nov 2nd begins our month of remembering those who have died. We will have *Masses at OLHC at 7am and 6pm, and at St Gerard's at 9.30am and 7.30pm*. There will also be *Mass at North Rocks Catholic Cemetery at 4pm* followed by the blessing of graves. You may like to bring a photo of a person you love who has died to place in front of the altar.

On Sunday November 6th our parish will have a liturgy at Macquarie Park Cemetery at the Ascension Hill gazebo from 11.30am followed by a shared lunch together. This will be an opportunity to pray at the grace of people we love who have died, and to find support in one another. Feel free to bring a plate to share (tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided).

Venue: David Lusby Pergola, Ascension Hill. Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium. Cnr Delhi and Plassey Roads, North Ryde.

<https://nmclm.com.au/locations/macquarie-park/>

Remembrance Mass for Children who have died: To have had a child die before you is tragic, whether that child was 6 days old or 60 years old, and whether they died from accident, illness, suicide, miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth. There is a particular grief which accompanies this loss and deserves tending to, even many years afterward. We will celebrate Mass in remembrance of children who have died on Wednesday Nov 16th at 7.30pm at St Gerard's.

OLHC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

It is now several weeks since the demolition of parish and school buildings have been completed. Following the upcoming approval from Sydney Water we will soon commence piling and the excavation for the carpark. This work will take several months and access requirements of the piling rig will require:

- Removal of the spiral staircase with reinstatement once works are complete
- Removal of white concrete awnings from the Western side of the Church with reinstatement once works are complete
- Removal of a white concrete awning from the Northern side of the Church with no future reinstatement

Weekday Masses at OLHC: 12.15pm Masses at OLHC continue to be on hold as we await the excavation phase of our building works which we expect will generate a level of noise which would make Mass impossible. **We continue to have Monday night adoration at 6pm and Wednesday night Mass at 6pm** which fall outside construction times.

A BLESSED DAY OF ST GERARD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

Thank you

Thankyou to everyone for attending the St Gerard's 50th anniversary Mass and celebrations after. We were blessed with great weather after weeks of rain!

A special thanks to Barbara Yee (school principal), Bishop Anthony, Fr Jim, Fr Vincent and organisers including but not limited to John Williams (and dad's club), Joanna Mak, Lynn Siau, Jane Foster, hospitality team - Alice So, Lilibeth David, Li Liang, Kevin Siau, Belinda Shi, etc, Louise and Kirk Koelmeyer, Antiochers and Cana youth, Paddy Watts, Joan Sally, and everyone else who helped serve at the Mass and behind the scenes. We hope you had a great day! The historical display images are now in the back of the crying room and our combined painting mural will hang in the crying room once completed.



50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Anthony presiding, Fr Jim and Fr Vincent con-celebrating

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joanna Mak via email: Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au

You can also view more photos of this special celebration on our parish Facebook page. Just tap or click the Facebook icon on the right to take you there. Follow or Like us whilst you are there!



Historical Display

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After Mass celebrations in the school undercover area



Hospitality team at work



50th anniversary mural with everyone's fingerprints

Life is so much richer with friends



Parish Team

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New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator - OLHC

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Parish Pastoral Council:

If you have any questions, comments or feedback for the Parish Pastoral Council then please send an email to ppcsecretary@eppcarl.org.au

OUR PARISH SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



If you have spare time on a Tuesday or Thursday, you may be able to assist in various ways with the JRS Foodbank deliveries or, on Thursday only, in their small garden. Please contact Michael at JRS (ph 9098 9336) or through their website aus.jrs.net for further details.

We have been advised that Jane, the Volunteer Coordinator at JRS is moving to a new role with the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC). Their broad vision is working for a fair and just immigration system for everyone.

Feel free to contact John Whealy (johnwwhealy@gmail.com) with any questions.

Parish Social Justice Team

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Congratulations to the newly installed Junior Servers!

INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?

Altar serving is an important ministry in Church Liturgy. As an Altar server, you are one of the liturgical ministers during the Mass or other liturgical services. It is a privilege to minister as an Altar server. Servers assist the priest at the Altar and help the church community worship in a prayerful way. Should you desire to respond to God's call to become an Altar server (Senior or Junior), you will be most welcome! For Junior servers, children should already have made your First Eucharist. If you are interested, please get in touch with me via email and let me know your child's age as well as which church he/she would like to serve so that I can put you in touch with the right people. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lynn Siau
Coordinator of Children's Ministries,
Sacramental Programme & Communications
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KidzPlay - Playgroup

We had many excited little people last Friday when St Gerard's held their first playgroup in over 2 years. KidzPlay kicked off with some song and dance and stories to learn about the miracle of God creating everything through him - this week was about the wonder of caterpillars becoming butterflies. This was topped off with the kids each creating their own colourful egg carton caterpillars which they were very excited to share with the Parish. Photos below.

A huge thanks to the Parish Team who helped in the various stages of planning and contribution of ideas, the parents who contributed in different ways and the support of Mrs. Barbara Yee, our parish school principal at St Gerard's.

Remember that KidzPlay is open to all in our local community and runs every Friday morning at 9:30am in the hall, so feel free to drop in and say hello!

Belinda Shi
New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator
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KIDZ MASS COMING UP!

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

**3RD SUNDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM
20 NOVEMBER**

**9:30AM ST GERARD'S
10:15AM OLHC**



We welcome the involvement of our children at our Kidz Masses! This could include being involved in songs with actions, processions, and prayers of intercession. If your child would like to be involved, please note information below:

- contact Therese for Epping - olhcchildrensmass@gmail.com
- at Carlingford this is for Year 2 children. Contact Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au



Serena Kozanic leading in song and dance

YOUTH MINISTRIES

World Youth Day update: See another one of our pilgrims attending World Youth Day next year!

Getting to know your World Youth Day pilgrims



Hola Amigos!

My name is Shaz and I am a part of a wonderful Catholic Youth Group called Emmaus. This will be my first time experiencing World Youth Day and I am extremely looking forward to it. I've heard from people who have been that it is a profound experience unlike any other and brings you closer to God.

Being involved with Emmaus has been heartwarming as for many years I longed for a community of caring like-minded young adults that embraces faith and also have fun at the same time. It fascinates me how despite our adversities and differences we can all be united by faith.

With the travesties going on around the world these days, poverty and war across the borders, I hope this World Youth Day trip will help future generations remain hopeful and optimistic about the future ahead.

Thank you so much to everyone who bought raffle tickets for WYO fundraising. Our winners were:

1st place- Yael

2nd place- Anu

3rd place- Gabriel

Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds) - Our young adults group meets on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Join us on the **8th November** for our next meeting - dinner and games!

We also have Facebook groups for Antioch and Emmaus. If you would like to join or would like more information on any of our 3 youth groups, please contact the Youth Minister, Joanna Mak on 0404 710 588 or Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au



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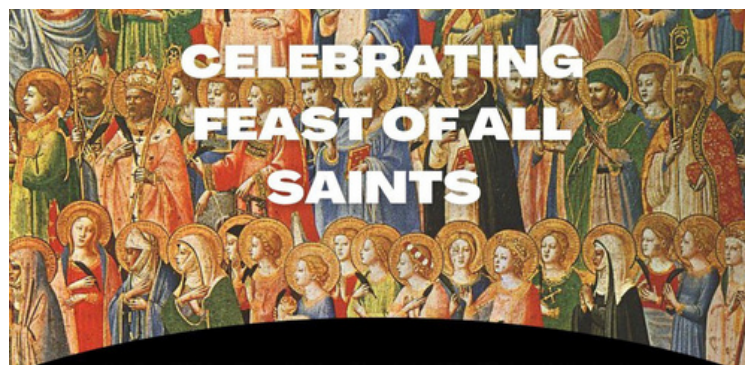
Cana (Year 6-9) - Cana is on the **4th and 11th November** at St Gerard's Parish Hall, Friday 7:30-9pm. 543 North Rocks Road, Carlingford - entrance via North Rocks Rd.

Special events (not to be missed!):
4th Nov- bonfire + marshmallows
11th Nov- make your own spider



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Antioch meets on the 6th November, 6-8pm at St Gerard's meeting room.

On the **30th October**, we will be having our first combined youth group with Waitara's youth group (Our Lady of the Rosary)! Meeting at St Gerard's at 6:30pm, carpooling to Waitara and returning by 9pm), dinner provided. Contact the parent support for more details: Kirk Koelmeyer (0420874824) or Louise Koelmeyer (0404496554).



• 30 Oct 2022 • Mass 6 PM • Youth 7 PM • Light of Christ Centre •

**OLOR CATHEDRAL YOUTH AND
EPPING CARLINGFORD ANTIOCH**



Music - Prayer - Community - Games



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 9th November 2022**. 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 remember to provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

Communications for School Notices: If you have an article from your ministry that is relevant to the Primary Schools, please send it to Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au before 10am on Monday 7th November 2022.

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 the form on our website: bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter

CATECHIST CORNER



Our **Special Religious Education (SRE) Mass** for public primary schools took place on October 23, 2022 at St Gerard Majella Church, Carlingford. Fr Jim welcomed all students and their families coming together for this special occasion in which the SRE students took part in various ministries in the Mass. Those activities included: «Readings and Psalm», «Bible Procession (accompanied by candles)», «Leading the Prayers of Faithful» and «Presentation of Gifts (Bread and Wine with flowers)».

The SRE students from different schools also formed a lovely children choir who sang hymns at the Mass. All the participating SRE students were well prepared and eager to participate in their roles. They received a huge round of applause from the congregation for their wonderful participation and reverence.

The Mass was followed by a sumptuous morning tea and jumping castle where everyone enjoyed some good food, drinks, friendly chats and not the least, a game of fun.

We thank the children and parents for their effort in making the SRE Mass possible, the catechists for their continuous support in the event and all ministries and people who have contributed to the occasion. We also thank the schools : Epping Heights, Epping North, Epping Public, Epping West, Murray Farm and Roselea for their continuous support to their Catholic SRE students and teachers.

Katherine Tam
Primary Catechist Coordinator
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ALPHA REUNION: A WRAP-UP

The first Alpha started in 2017. Denis McNamara and the team made preparations in winter and Alpha officially kicked off in spring that year. We have had a fantastic run; so many returned to be hosts and helpers on the teams!

A few weeks ago, we had a lovely reunion. We caught up over a meal full of memories and full of hope and of course, in true Alpha spirit, with plenty of food! Few people had sent their apologies and they have certainly been missed.

Maureen and Denis also came to join us and we looked back over the last five years of Alpha, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible and The Wild Goose. Thank you to all who helped in different ways to make this reunion possible! Photos of the evening to share:



*Wishing Denis & Maureen
all the best!*

~ Regina Soeryanto



OTHER PARISH INFORMATION & NOTICES

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Time Week 31

- 1 Nov Tuesday: ALL SAINTS
- 2 Nov Wednesday: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
- 3 Nov Thursday: *St Martin de Porres*
- 4 Nov Friday: St Charles Borromeo

Ordinary Time Week 32

- 9 Nov Wednesday: **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
- 10 Nov Thursday: St Leo the Great
- 11 Nov Friday: St Martin of Tours
- 12 Nov Saturday: St Josaphat

FISH AND CHIPS AT WOY WOY! IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING! Yes, nine brave souls from the 50++ group, all females, sadly no gentlemen, boarded the train and headed to Woy Woy on a wet Monday morning. We were armed with a 'Thought for the Day' provided by Brenda Pickering: "Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass! It's about learning to dance in the rain"! It was not raining in Woy Woy, no umbrellas needed, a good day was had by all. All are welcome to join us in our next outing. Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036.



60th Anniversary of Second Vatican Council
A JOURNEY FROM VATICAN II
to
A SYNODAL CHURCH:
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION
*Being the Pilgrim Church
in 2022-2024*

Mystery of the Church
People of God
Universal Call to Holiness
The Pilgrim Church...

Dr Debra Snoddy from Catholic Institute Sydney, will offer two seminars, drawing from Lumen Gentium, the Vatican II Constitution on the Church and the movement to Synod 2021 - 2024

SATURDAYS, 5 & 19 NOVEMBER
2.30—5.00pm
Magnificat Room, Cnr of Archer & Kirk St Chatswood Parish
Please register with gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Being the Pilgrim Church: Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church," is a two year process initiated by Pope Francis last year that allows bishops to consult with Catholics — from parishioners all the way up to priests — in a spirit of collaboration and openness. Much of this has been overshadowed in Australia by the Plenary Council and other local events, but it is a significant event in the life of the Catholic Church. This year is 60 years since the Second Vatican Council. Dr Debra Snoddy, an enlivening scholar from the Catholic Institute of Sydney will present two seminars on Lumen Gentium, one of the principle documents of Vatican II, and how this can shape our understanding of the 2021-2023 Synod. This will be held at **Chatswood Parish on Saturday Nov 5 and Nov 19 from 2.30pm – 5pm**. Contact gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

A group of people from local churches meets together 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 at 9 Gloucester Road Epping from **8-9pm on Thursday 3rd November**.

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

After Hours Sick Calls - 9876 2853

Outside office hours our office phones divert to Fr Jim and Fr Vincent. In the event that they are unavailable, please listen carefully to the instructions in the message recorded for you or ring the number given in the message.

Admitted to Hospital: A reminder that if you are admitted to hospital, please try to ensure that you write down your religion as Catholic on the admission form, so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.

How to plan your funeral: Many of us will be called upon to plan a funeral for someone we love, sometimes unexpectedly. During November we will also have a seminar on how to plan your funeral (for yourself or someone you love). Or, you may want to do some planning for your own funeral in advance to take the burden off your family when the time comes. Join Fr Jim and Ben from Albert & Meyer funerals for an information session on **Monday November 14th either 10am at St Gerard's Church or 7pm at OLHC Church**.



SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR

Through its Anglican partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is supporting the people of Myanmar who have lost their means of livelihood during these difficult times.

Funds are being used to provide basic food and health needs of internally displaced peoples, help re-start livelihoods and resettle families affected by the current political situation in Myanmar.

Donations to this appeal are tax deductible.

www.abmission.org/supportmyanmar

LUNCH & LEARN

Presented by ABM (Sydney Diocesan Committee) and St Alban's, Epping
Sunday 6 November 2022
Parish Hall, St Alban's Anglican Church, 3 Pembroke Street, Epping
12 noon for 12.30pm

First-hand (illustrated) stories from ABM pilgrims to Myanmar in 2020
Enjoy a light lunch of authentic Myanmar food with wine or fruit juice
FREE admission

You will have an opportunity to donate to ABM's tax-deductible Emergency Myanmar Response appeal**If you cannot attend, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the ABM appeal by scanning the QR code or visit www.abmission.org/supportmyanmar

While parking is limited around the church, St Alban's is within very easy walking distance of Epping Station.

For catering purposes please register by **31 October 2022** through TryBooking www.trybooking.com/CCPWU or St Alban's Office
email: office@eppinganglicans.org.au
or telephone: 9876 3362

For further information please contact Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854

Recycling: As we continue our commitment to the Laudato 'Si principle of reducing waste, we have begun recycling the coffee cups we use at weekend Masses through specialised recycling (these can't go in the yellow bin). Please ensure you put only empty cups in the receptacle at morning teas. And we will be welcoming back Arnies Recon to the parish on **Sunday November 13th from 7am – 9am who will collect electronic goods for recycling**. See <https://www.arniesrecon.com/> for a list of what can be recycled.

Responsorial Psalm Response

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 Oct 2022

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 Oct 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:15am (Family/Children) and 6:00pm
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am (Family/Children) and 5:00pm (Youth)

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	*	6:00pm	*	*	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,

Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,

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 MAJELLA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9871 1633 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 at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford - not on All Saints Day.

***OLHC 12:15pm Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are temporarily on hold until further notice.**

Please pray for.....

For those who are sick and suffering:

- Nancy Walker (family of Eileen Nicoll)
- Martin McGuire (family of Eileen Nicoll)
- Patrick Thornton (family of Pat & Margaret Mcardle)
- Cohen Hadden (family of Pat & Margaret Mcardle)
- Graham Yeates
- Dennis Porteous (our Parish Secretary)
- Eric Yeung (brother of Goretti Yeung)
- Zachary & Mackenzie
- Stephen Lo
- Edward Ngu (Li May's dad)
- Richard McCarthy
- Beryl Heslin
- Owen Harrison
- Margaret Floyd



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

Recently deceased - Maitress Gammel, Josie Scully, Mavis Nolan (relative of Fr Robert Nolan), Douglas Dias, Ranu Toscano, Heather Waite

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.

As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead,

strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection,

who lives and reigns with You in the Holy Spirit.

God for ever and ever. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 Nov 2022

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 Nov 2022

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.