



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

1st Sunday of Advent 26-27 November 2022



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**Matt 24:37-44**

## ***'PREPARING WITH JOY FOR CHRIST'S COMING'***

### ***First Sunday of Advent***

Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and it always has a theme of looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times. One of the prayers of the early Church which is linked with the season of waiting and longing, was the Aramaic word 'MARANATHA', which means 'Come Lord'. Use this prayer often this week as one way to begin preparation for Christmas.



Another way to bring Christ's coming into the family home is the custom of the Advent Wreath.

The Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet, and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it is blessed by a parent. The word 'Maranatha' could be used as part of the blessing. The lighting of the candles may fittingly be included as a part of the evening meal.

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**Be alert and watchful for the needs of others this week, and be ready to respond to their needs.**



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**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

**Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)**

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Hogan (Funeral Tuesday 29th November at 11.00 am at Holy Spirit Church, John's family request no cards or flowers. Please send donations to the Cancer Council.) Marie Cridland

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Archi Ronald Bishop (14th November), Rosa Audini, Fiore D'Assisi, Rose Barnao, Josephine Gangi, Susan Neylon, Damien Hill, Sally Conway, Norman Kirwan, Ray Kyatt and Carmel Brennan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Eve Foreman, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Denise Carl,

**Readings this week: Isaiah 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:37-44**

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

## **Holy Spirit Parish Vision**

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



**Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.**

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—28th November—4th December 2022**

<b>MONDAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.15am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	11.00 am Anointing Mass followed by light lunch (bookings essential) PLEASE NOTE NO 9.15 am Mass in the Chapel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9.00 am Reconciliation, Holy Spirit Chapel 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (First Saturday of the month only) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

**HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd-4th December 2022**  
**Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)**

<b><u>Mass Coordinators:</u></b>		
<b>6.00 pm:</b> Dominic North-Coombes	<b>9.00 am:</b> Bernadette Loughron	<b>5.00 pm:</b> Volunteer
<b><u>Lectors:</u></b>		
<b>6.00 pm:</b> Ambrose Cornelio	<b>9.00 am:</b> Paul Dwyer	<b>5.00 pm:</b> Volunteer
<b><u>Welcomers:</u></b>		
<b>6.00 pm:</b> Robin Walsh and Jean Smith	<b>9.00 am:</b> Don Schroder and Tina Toomey	
<b><u>Tea and Coffee:</u></b>		
<b>9.00 am:</b> Nola Ryan and Norma Brown		

During the month of November, the Remembrance book with names of those who have died, will be placed on the altar and all will be remembered in our prayers. If you would like to register the names of your loved ones who have passed into God's loving care to be included in the Remembrance Book for the month of November, please email or ring the Parish Office [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 70369395. November Remembrance offering envelopes are available from the word table.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Rosa & Secondo Bettiol, Iolanda & Giovanni De Vincenti, Anna Cholewa, Michael Cholewa, John Chart, Marina Chart, Dolek Chart, Kozek Chart, Marisha Chart, Antonio Del Sureto, Vincenzo Del Sureto, John Patrick Mooney, Gertrude May Mooney, Paul Thomas Mooney, John Bede Mooney, Christine Knights, Marlene Cabral, Ray & Lilian Pathe, Con Canty, Colleen & Leo Grasby, Family & Friends of the Quinlan Family, Family & Friends of the Westwood Family, Bridie Canty, Rosemary, Ivan & Jeremy Scheffer, Erin, Percy & David Stewart, Relatives & Friends of the Nordio & Benedet families, Maria Koh, John & Betty Tay, Lucy Koh, Theresa Chong, Relatives & Friends of the Antonino Family, Bill Frangeskakis, Vladas, Elena & Kes Urmelis, Liam Collins, Lesley Linnell, Sydney Linell, Ange Spencer, Gwen & Bert Camm, Relatives & Friends of the Smith & O'Grady families, Fred & Christopher Heath, Barry Heath, Brian Hegarty, Family & Friends of the Ryan & Morrison families, Sue Neylon, Michael & Shirley Callaghan, Val Morphet, Wilfred, Yolanda & Reynaldo Osabel, Donna Carreon, Maria & Vittorio Cattaldo, Relatives & Friends of the D'Assissi Family, Relatives & Friends of the Scicluna Family, Relatives & Friends of the Camilleri Family, Boris Manuel Ruiz-Esteves, Alida Esteves-Duran, Cheryl Locastro Francisco Gama, Miguel Cortes, , Ciro Esposito Snr, Ciro Esposito Jnr, Anna Esposito, Toni Esposito, Vocttorio Esposito, Rosaria Esposito, Ameleto Bon, Adele Cinque, Ernesto Cinque, Maria Cinque, Laurie Cain & Family, Christopher Woolley, Karl & Jean Kost, Frank & Mabel Woolley, Karean, Karlie , Ros & George Nugent, Jeff Granger, Brian Hegarty, Simon Bonnici , Family & friends of the Bonnici Family, Jack & Margaret Dwyer, Frances & Jim Kain, Terri Woodbridge, Dominique Van Ravesteijn, Arthur & Viola de Silva, Louis, Ian & Allan de Silva, Ellen, James & Patrick English, Peter Hegarty, Anthony Dreimonas, Leslie, Eileen, Bernadette & Jayne Wright, Beth Chamberlin, Mick & Marjorie Neate, Joan & Fin Maher, Debbie Nilsen, Paquito & Mailto Valenzwela, Steven Rigo, Warren Trompf, mary & Win Blackburn,



All parishioners are invited to a Mass of Anointing, followed by light lunch with some community carol singing on Friday 2nd December at 11am in the Church. Please note: 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day. For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Wednesday 30th November.

*LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2*



**Charismatic Prayer Group** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

**Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.

**CENTERING PRAYER MEDITATION:** Held fortnightly on a Thursday night at 5.45 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for 30 minutes. Please contact Kathy on 0425 852 208 for any further information. All are welcome for a very relaxing, peaceful and short meditation.

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during school holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):**

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

**Men's Chat Group Christmas Lunch.**

The men's Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday December 8th at The Coach in Ringwood at 12.00 pm. All are welcome.

If you wish to attend please rsvp to [terrytaffe1951@gmail.com](mailto:terrytaffe1951@gmail.com) by Tuesday 29th of November so we can firm up numbers for the booking.

**DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023**

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)  
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.

The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

**Incarnate—Advent and Christmas Reflections 2022 now available.**

**Incarnate**, produced by the Archdiocese of Wollongong, is an 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November 2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023).

Copies are available from the word table or from the Parish Office. A donation for the booklet would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in joining a ZOOM discussion Group on a Thursday morning from 10-11am, please contact the Parish Office. 70369395.



**Parish Database Update** Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395  
Thank you.

## **Christmas Volunteers needed!**

We need volunteers for all Christmas Masses, setting up the Nativity etc. If you can help please add your name to the sign up sheets at the back of the Church, or contact the Parish Office 70369395 or Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au As the old saying goes "many hands make light work". We are always looking for new people to join the Liturgy committee, so this may be a good time to consider how you can help!

**2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are available for purchase from the table at the back of the Church at \$10.00 each. As always, these are beautiful calendars and would make a lovely Christmas present. Proceeds go to support the wonderful work of St Columban's Mission Society.



## **CHRISTMAS 2022 HAMPERS & CHILDRENS GIFT WISH TREE**

Please select a family from the lists on the table at the back of the church, include your name and contact no. and then take the family no. pack from the trays.

If you wish to provide gifts specifically for children, age & gender tags can be found on the Gift Wish Tree at the back of the church.

Please bring your hamper to the Parish House on Friday 9 before 3:00 pm OR drop it into the Church on Friday 9 December between 4.00 PM - 6.00PM.

If you are unable attend Mass and still wish to provide a hamper, please contact Sue Egan on 0434224483 or Kevin O'Callaghan on 0411280775 and we will allocate a family to you.



## **Christmas Calendar**

Sunday 27 November	1st Sunday of Advent
Friday 2 December	11am Mass of Anointing & lunch, Holy Spirit Church
Sunday 4 December	2nd Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 6 December	Vinnies Christmas Mass & Supper
Wednesday 7 December	PPC Final Meeting 2022 & Christmas Supper
Thursday 8 December	12pm Men's Chat Group Lunch "The Coach"
Friday 9 December	Vinnies Hamper drop off
Saturday 10 December	Vinnies Hamper collection & distribution
Sunday 11 December	3rd Sunday of Advent, Nativity setup after 9am Mass
Monday 12 December	6pm Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 14 December	7pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass
Thursday 15 December	12pm School End of Year Mass
Sunday 18 December	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 20 December	7pm Combined parish Reconciliation Service
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm; 7:30pm; 10:30pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day Mass 9am



**COMBINED PARISHES PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
& INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**  
**7pm Tuesday 20th December, Holy Spirit Church**  
**ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO COME!**



**On the Journey this week:**

Fr Chima Ofor's Gospel reflection for Advent week 1 – Stay Awake Keep Watch! Mother Hilda wonders who consoles God when he has his heart broken. Extra Advent reflections from Fr Sean Cullen and Darren McDowell, Doug Black from Men Alive on men's spirituality, isolation, floods and the Refuel strategy, and more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.  
Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- Internship Program - Expressions of Interest
- Front-End Developer

**Catholic Development Fund**

- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

**Parish Positions**

- Pastoral Worker – St Luke's, Lalor
- Parish Secretary - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern
- Pastoral Worker – St Bernard's Parish, Belmont
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South
- Administrative Officer – St Bernard's Parish, Belmont
- Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

**Other Positions**

- Engagement & Projects Lead – Catholic Social Services (CSSV)
- Retail Shop Assistant – Central Catholic Bookshop expression of interest
- MAMI Officer – Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Account/Data Entry Clerk – Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at St Francis' Church (cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 5.30pm. All Welcome.**



# Change Makers in Maroondah



**Celebrating International Day of People with Disability 2022**

**Thursday  
1 December  
2pm to 4pm**

Join us to celebrate International Day of People with Disability and hear from three local advocates who are leading the way in advocacy and generating positive change across the sector.

**Event details:**

Thursday 1 December  
2pm to 4pm

Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East

Light afternoon tea provided.  
Auslan interpreters will be in attendance.

**How to book**

Book online at: [www.trybooking.com/CDDVI](http://www.trybooking.com/CDDVI) or scan the QR code.

For further information, please contact Jack Mulholland,  
Community Access and Inclusion Facilitator, on 1300 88 22 33,  
03 9298 4598 or email [jack.mulholland@maroondah.vic.gov.au](mailto:jack.mulholland@maroondah.vic.gov.au)



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## Volunteers Needed

**Winter Shelter Community Meals Program** is an ongoing program which is offered throughout the year. It began in 2020 when Covid stopped us providing the "usual" Winter Shelter overnight accommodation program. We began to provide "take away" meals to those in lockdown whether in homes, motels or those without accommodation. After Covid restrictions were lifted the take away meals program has been expanded to a sit down 3 course meal to those in the community who are needing support because of financial or social disadvantage.

These meals are provided twice a week, Wednesdays from St John the Divine in Croydon and Fridays from Urban Life in Ringwood.

Our volunteers support the program in an area they feel comfortable

- off site - cooking in teams (or individually) to provide the meals
- driving - collecting and delivering meals to venues
- available during the week to collect or deliver donations, etc
- at a venue - setting up/cleaning up
- in the kitchen
- serving meals
- organising tea, coffee, etc
- interacting and chatting with the guests

We need volunteers who can help from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Please let me know if you, or anyone you know of, would be interested in volunteering.

Thanks again

Beth and Gitta

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<https://www.facebook.com/maroondahwintershelter>

[www.wintershelter.org.au](http://www.wintershelter.org.au)

**Gitta Clayton**

**Community Engagement Manager**

**Croydon Hills Community Care**

**Maroondah Winter Shelter Program Coordinator**

**M: 0451 744 453**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

CELEBRANT:

*In anticipation of the promised coming of God's Kingdom of justice, peace and love, we open our hearts and minds to the grace of God, bringing to the altar our prayers for our needs and the needs of the whole world.*

We pray that we may be attentive to the many signs of God's loving presence and be a sign of hope and a beacon of light to those around us searching for meaning and purpose in their lives.

Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

May we not be discouraged by the many difficulties and challenges of life, but prepare with anticipation and expectation for the coming of the new life and light of Christ's love into our hearts and into our world.

Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and their peoples; may they hear the Word of the Lord calling them to turn their weapons of war into plowshares and their defence spending into works for human development, justice and peace.

Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people living with a disability or illness, their families and support workers; that they will experience God's tender love expressed through the welcoming acceptance of the whole community.

Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

In this month of November, we remember those we love who have died. May they and those who have no one to remember them, find the completion of all their good desires in heaven with the Lord.

Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Archie Ronald Bishop, Rosa Audini, Fiore D'Assisi, Rose Barnao, Josephine Gangi, Susan Neylon, Damien Hill, Sally Conway, Norman Kirwan, Ray Kyatt and Carmel Brennan.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT:

*Lord, we trust that our prayers both spoken and unspoken will be heard with grace and love. May your blessings descend upon us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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## FIRST READING

Isaiah 2.1-5

*The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace  
of the kingdom of God.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
- 3 Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122.1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R.1)

**R.** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- 2 Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
- 4 To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. **R.**
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." **R.**
- 8 For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-14

*Salvation is nearer to us now.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters,

- 11 you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
- 12 the night is far gone, the day is near.  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;
- 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.
- 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 24.37-44**

*Keep awake, therefore, you also must be ready.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

**37** “As the days of Noah were,  
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

**38** For as in those days before the flood  
they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage,  
until the day Noah entered the ark,

**39** and they knew nothing  
until the flood came and swept them all away,  
so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

**40** Then two will be in the field;  
one will be taken and one will be left.

**41** Two women will be grinding meal together;  
one will be taken and one will be left.

**42** “Keep awake, therefore,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**43** But understand this:  
if the owner of the house had known  
in what part of the night the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and would not have let his house be broken into.

**44** Therefore you also must be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

