

CONFIRMATION 2020:

Congratulations to the 14 students in Year 6 from St Mary's School who were Confirmed on Friday 6 November.

Those confirmed were:

Claudia Bettridge.

Laylah Bettridge.

Isaac Buttsworth.

Annabelle Paull.

Zack Whitby.

Leila Salter.

Tarlaya TeKowhai.

Leana Browne.

Mia Cottington.

Millicent Harpley.

Seth Hodgetts.

Piper Schuchmann.

Darcy Thornton.

Chelsea Wood.

CONFIRMATION

Recipients were presented with a bookmark from the parish in recognition of this special occasion in their lives. Special thanks to the parents and teachers who prepared the students for the reception of this Sacrament.

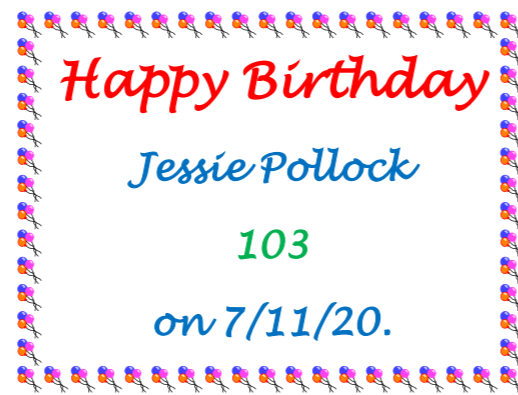
SUFFERING FOR THE LOVE FOR GOD.

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. Psalm 7:17.

“What exactly is the purification of souls in purgatory? It is a momentary separation from God, or more exactly, a delay in the union with God face to face. Why do we not suffer from this lack of union on earth? We are not, here on earth, in a state where it would be possible whereas death must bring this vision to us. “What is the characteristic of the suffering in purgatory? It is a suffering of love. The time has come, and through the fault of the soul, the union is delayed. It is a fire of love which inspires the soul to hurl itself towards God, but it cannot. Its selfishness still enchains it, and it must rid itself of this selfishness before going to God. The soul must reach maturity in purgatory, which is like the cellar in which the fruit, harvested too soon, is left to ripen. It is an incubator of hope and love, where the embryo souls may develop, provided that their liberty succeeds—by even the slightest exertion—in hollowing out for itself this hole of light in which Man is placed beyond time and death” - Father Maurice Zundel, Swiss mystic, philosopher, author.

Reflection: What are the areas of selfishness in your life that distance you from God?

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 10am—3pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Turoos Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary after mass. First Friday Adoration & Benediction. 9.45—10.45 am



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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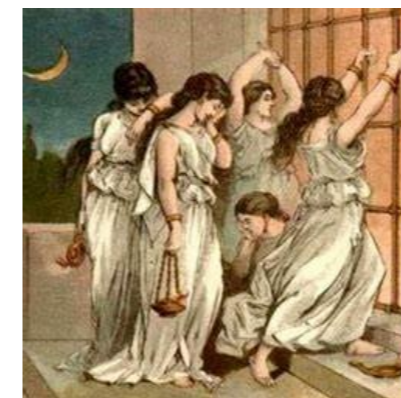
November 7 & 8 2020

PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching and evolving heart is essential for a lively, dynamic faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we prepare for them.

Since Jesus' parable in today's gospel has five well prepared, wise women, the first reading personifies wisdom as a woman. The author advises Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom



of the pagan philosophers, because the Jews have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, a wisdom which regulates not only this life but the next also. Hence they must live their lives in strict conformity with the divine wisdom given them so generously by God. In the second reading Paul assures those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their life time that the death and resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before the *second coming* of Jesus. But they are to be alert, well prepared and vigilant. In the gospel parable of the ten virgins (bridesmaids), the foolish virgins represent the “Chosen People of God” who were waiting for the Messiah, but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. The parable teaches us that like the five wise virgins we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late. Fr George Azhakath

WORKPLACE

HEALTH

Dead palm fronds have been dropping down in the presbytery yard, a danger to anyone who walked by at the wrong time. Tree doctors (Arborists) were called in to remove the dead branches safely and check the health of the trees.

AND

SAFETY

We are all required to notify Fr George or the Office if you see something that could be dangerous and needs repair or attention.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th November. Also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day, is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries to remember the member of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty since World War 1. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the official end of World War 1 on that date in 1918; hostilities formally ended “at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave
you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.
This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it

will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son
of Man is coming.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week.....

1. Be wise enough to remain ever prepared: wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living—in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves and carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by seeing Jesus in every one and by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness to people around them.

2. Let us be sure that our Lamps are ready for the End of our Lives: Scriptural readiness, preparation and growth are the result of intentional habits built into one's life. You cannot depend on a Sunday Mass or morning service to provide all your spiritual needs. You cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide you with spiritual development. It comes through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines—making sure you have enough oil or spiritual fuel: oil of compassion and mercy, oil of patience and sympathy and forgiveness. It comes by taking time for prayer talking to God and listening to Him by reading the Bible, sacramental life, acts of service to others; moral faithfulness and loving obedience. It comes through spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer study and encouragement. As these habits become developed, they cease to be a struggle and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make your life powerful against the onslaught of the world.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Graham Beer, Gail Fenton, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Jean Marrion, Monique Driver, Ester and Peter Morgan, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Pete Podgorczyk and Pauline Morgan. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery. Please advise the Office if you would like to be added to or taken off the list for prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."

CARROLL COLLEGE YEAR TWELVE STUDENTS: There are currently 43 students sitting their exams. Please keep them in your prayers especially during this extra stressful time of their lives. To remind them of our prayers a Bookmark was made for each of them.

NEW COVID PROTOCOLS: Effective 23/10/2020.

Mass No: Apply one person per 4 square metre rule. Maximum No: of people at Mass, in or outside, is 300. Weddings: 150 or one person per 4 square mtr. Whichever is the lesser. Children count re capacity in churches. Funerals: 100 people, or one person per 4 sq. mtr. Whichever is the lesser. Children count re capacity.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven". *Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo 2016.*

November Mass envelopes are available in the foyer for you to offer masses for your dear ones.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS.

PARISH RETREAT: Discussion in the Parish Pastoral Council has led to providing a Parish Retreat in preparation for Advent 2020. Accordingly we will have Preaching and Reflection on consecutive Fridays 27/11/20 5.30pm—7.00pm and Friday 4/12/20 5.30pm—7.00pm. In the church.

ADVENT PROGRAM: Advent commences 29th November. The parish has purchased the Wollongong Diocese's Advent program "Adore" which has daily reflections. The cost per book is \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a book to use in your own home please indicate on the form in the foyer.

ADVENT GROUP PREPARATION: If you would like to attend the Advent Group Program which will be held Tuesday evenings after the 5.30pm Mass, please indicate on the form in the foyer. Books \$5.00.

