

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 08 Nov 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading Wis 6:12-16
A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.
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.
The Word of the Lord
R. 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.
2.2. 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.
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.

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

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

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.
The Word of the Lord
R. 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

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

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.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: ‘When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?’ Jesus’ warning is to the attendants of the bride: ‘Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.’ *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time. For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching. We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: ‘Come, Lord Jesus!’
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We cannot all do great things,
but we can do small things with
great love.”
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 3: 5.30 Mass
Wed 4: 9am Mass
Thurs 5: 9am Mass
Fri 6 9.15am Mass
Sat 7: 9am Rosary/Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 8: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

ROSTERS 7/8 NOVEMBER

Church Cleaning
B Coffey & M Paine (9-13)
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am C Connell
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm M O'Neill
Readers:
6pm J Mackay
9am A Skinner
5pm K O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am K Corbin
5pm L Favetta
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm J O'Sullivan

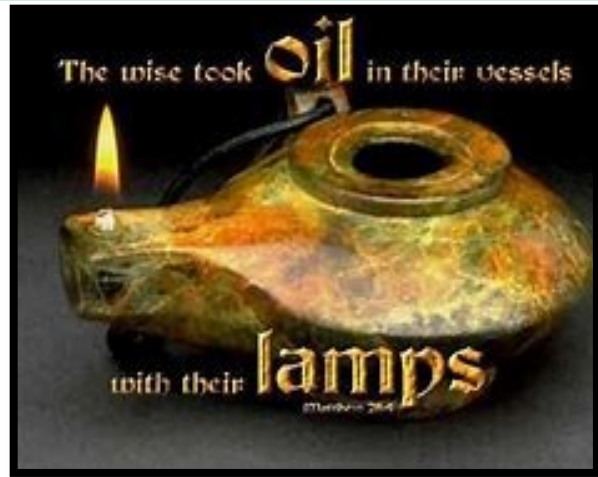
REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm N Beatty

ROSTERS 14/15 NOVEMBER

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (16-20)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am L Page
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Brown
5pm S Ebejer
Readers:
6pm M Bridges
9am A Horsfall
5pm K O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm J Wain
9am C Schor
5pm Y Oerder
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm J Wain/J McCarthy
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm M de Smet

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-A



Wisdom is available to all who seek her and is eager to meet her pursuer more than halfway. (*Wisdom is often referred to as feminine!*) Wisdom is such a gift.. it is there for our taking. Wisdom helps us to go deeper to see as God sees. The First Reading gives us the desire to seek it .. for comfort, strength and consolation! It is there to help us in our troubles and anxieties.

How often someone comes into our minds whom we perceive as being a wise person. What draws us to them? There seems to be a serenity that surrounds them. They may not be the most educated, wealthy nor popular person but there is something that attracts. They make wise decisions! How often have we prayed the Psalm .. ‘my body pines for you’, perhaps not in those specific words but wanting the comfort of ‘resting’ in the shadow of Gods wings.

St Paul is trying to tell the Thessalonians that the righteous will always be with the Lord and not to worry or fear death. We must be patient, keeping the flame of faith alive in our hearts. The promise of the Resurrection is their consolation.

The five foolish virgins in the Gospel let slip their preparation for the bridegroom’s return and hence were locked out of the banquet. Jesus told these parables to help us understand that it is wise to be prepared for God calling us home at a time we know not!

At the end of Eucharist we are told to ‘*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*’ By taking these words to heart we have with us always the ‘oil’ required for salvation.

So the need to ask for and receive the gift of Wisdom is the way to always calmly walk in the Presence of God and to being open to the small miracles that await us each day. The alternative is that we find ourselves overly stressed and worried thereby missing the daily opportunities for grace.

God bless

Sr. Marie

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrap With Love—Tues 10 Nov 1-3pm
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30 am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am-12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am
Adoration—Friday 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30 am
Singalong Mondays 1pm in the Church + Zoom
BBECET prayer meeting Monday 9th November at 5 pm in the Anglican Church Hall



We Remember

As we light our candles and remember and treasure our photos – we reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us. Some thoughts of others:

'We never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love'.

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
love leaves a memory
no one can steal'.*

*November 11
– Lest we Forget*

*They shall not grow old, as we that
are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.*



NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISIT/ROSARY

**Every Sunday of the
Month at 12 midday**

- 1/11 BATEMANS BAY CEMETERY
- 8/11 MOGO CEMETERY JERAMADRA
- 15/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS
- 22/11 OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY, Bent Street, Batemans Bay
- 29/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY

Rosary will be held rain or sunshine, bring umbrellas and a chair

MEMORIAL MASSES OF THE WEEK

- **Mandela Aloga**
Thurs. 9am Mass
- **Evert Ordelman**
Sat. 9am

There will be opportunity to offer memorial mass for our deceased loved ones this November. Kindly contact the Parish Office for further details.

This weekend at all Masses we invite you to write the names of those you have lost since last November, we will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.

Also memorial masses will be offered for our lost loved ones during this month of November.

“Care of the Soul” - Advent Morning Retreat”

Will be held Tuesday November 17 in the Church Meeting Room.
9am registration for 9.30am start—12.30pm. Cost \$5
Facilitated by Sr Marie McAlister rsj and Marie Weatherall.
Morning Tea will be provided.

To register please phone Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057
Participants must register before the retreat by Tuesday November 10 as numbers are limited

Pastoral Care Team Meeting and Reconnecting.

Tuesday November 10th
9.30-11.30am in the Church Meeting Room.
All Welcome.

FREE DONATED BLANKETS: The Parish has kindly been gifted knitted and crocheted blankets, scarves and beanies by the Pins & Needles Knitting Group from St John's Church in Dee Why. These are available in the church foyer for all.

Feasts of the Week

10 November St Leo the Great Patron Saint of popes and confessors
11 November St Martin of Tours Patron Saint of France, soldiers
12 November St Josaphat Patron Saint of reunion between Orthodox and Catholics

PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.

Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanson, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Ray Goodridge, Brian Jose
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Maureen Kinross, Nora Trompp, Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Dennis Mayer, Evert Ordelman, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Mato Katic, Hilda Muldoon, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Philip Lewis, P. Bernasconi

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk

Sessions 11am—2 pm

All residents are invited to come down for a cup and chat.

Bushfire support services will be available

*Malua Bay Surf Club Tues 10th November

*Mogo Mall Tues 17th November

*Nelligen Foreshore Tues 24th November

Are you a Carer needing a break?

OPAL Aged Care, Denhams Beach, offers one day Respite Care for your loved one allowing you time out for yourself. Other options of Respite Care are also available. If you are interested, call into the Parish Office for information brochures Tues—Fri 10-1pm

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