

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

First Reading *Wisdom 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. 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 Thessalonians 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
Matthew 24:42. 44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when
the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 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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**32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**



**Upcoming
Events**

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st
Saturday of the month @
9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
Tuesday 14th November
10-11am @ Nola and Bernie
Beatty’s home All welcome

Wrap With Love Tuesday
14th November B/Bay
Library
All are welcome

PPC Meeting Thursday 23rd
November @ 5pm CMR

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm No Adoration this week

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
(breaks for 2023 on 7/12)
All are welcome

...Keep your lamps burning...
(Matthew 25:1-13)



During the month of November our minds and hearts turn to those whom we have loved and who have died - the month of the Holy Souls. The Readings this weekend and the state of the world, especially at present, sharpen that focus.

In the Second Reading St Paul brings comfort to the people of Thessalonika which is part of Greece, and today to us. In the first paragraph St Paul tells us ‘about those who have died, make sure that you do not grieve about them like other people who have no hope’ – difficult words for us to understand apart from faith in God. At the end of the Reading St Paul reassures us ‘we shall stay with the Lord forever...with such thoughts as these you should comfort one another’.

This Reading speaks to me of the importance of family and community and the very essence of our shared humanity. It led me to remembering the reflection which one of my nieces wrote when my father, her Grandfather, died suddenly in 1998. My niece was only 18 at the time and I think her words are profound...

An old one has died.

The spirit who lived among us as the father of our beautiful McAlister clan no longer exists in a place where we can share a beer with him or a birthday dinner, watch the cricket.

Such are the confines of the human form. Grandfather, Frank moves through time and space in a different way to us now, And to reach him requires no more than a thought of his life as we relate to it. His life here on earth as Frank McAlister - this is how Grandfather expressed his essence –

his message and his unique spirit to us and that is how he survives for us. Once a person has left the plane we live on – the physical world – they leave their life for us when we need it.

In our memories we have access to Grandfather’s mortal expression – and in our futures we may share our adventures with him again, for we are forever linked through love and experience.

What a gift is death, to our growth and understanding. The sadness in departure comes only in the belief in endings – which in the circle of nature, the circle of life and the circle of Earth - never ends. Death is rebirth – a transition in living arrangements, as from the womb to the world.

This profound reflection of my niece still speaks to me today and perhaps more than ever – it brings to life our understanding of the ‘Communion of Saints’ – such a rich and core understanding of our faith. Our everyday loved ones who kept ‘their lamps burning’ and who in fidelity to the Dismissal Rite of each Eucharist ‘went in peace to love and serve the Lord’ are indeed members of the Communion of Saints.

Phil Billington



MASSSES THIS WEEK
Monday 13th November
Sunday 19th November
Monday 13th: No Mass
Tuesday 14th: Liturgy
NO ADORATION
Wednesday 15th: Liturgy
Thursday 16th: Liturgy
Friday 17th: Liturgy
Saturday 18th: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 19th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

11/12 NOVEMBER

Cleaning

13-17 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer C. Brownlie
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Minister
K Lovering
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor, K Corbin
Computer Screen T Priest
MORNING TEA:
N & L Page

18/19 NOVEMBER

Cleaning

20-24 D & L May

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: P Jobs
Commentator: M Bridges
Reader: J Quigley
Eucharistic Minister
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Pagel
Commentator: C Lowel
Reader: M Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
A Scicluna A Skinner
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty & M deSmet

PASTORAL CARE TEAM THANK YOU LITURGY FOR 2023

& Cuppa will take place on Tuesday November 28th
@ 10am
in the Church Meeting Room.

BYO Shared Morning Tea.

All are Welcome

WRAP WITH LOVE

Will have their end of year afternoon tea on
Wednesday 29th November
1-3pm in the Church Meeting Room

ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join
us for an ongoing
Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 1059
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &
Friday @ 4pm

Every night @ 8.30pm

Advent Program for 2023

The first session of the Advent
program will begin on
Wednesday 29th November and
will run for the following three
Wednesdays—6th, 13th, 20th
December.

9.30-11am in the Church
Meeting Room.
Facilitated by:
Marie Weatherall

For further information
Ph: 0405 028 057

Knox Public Lecture 2023

Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ
Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and
activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for
Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese
people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice
advocacy.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in
public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice
and peace.

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THE PARISH OFFICE ON 4472 4152.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

St Bernard's Parish is having a
Memorial Service to remember those
who have died in the past 18 months
2022 – 2023. This will take place on
Tuesday November 21 beginning at
10am in St Bernard's Church followed
by morning tea.

Parishioners may also wish to
remember a family member who has
died recently.

All are Welcome.

**We hope you can come and join us
at this special Memorial
Service.**

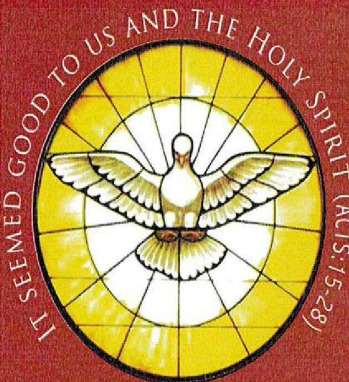
Enquiries: Marie Weatherall
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CLERGY RETREAT

Fr Loi will attend the Annual Clergy
Retreat from Tuesday 14th—Friday
17th November.

There will be NO MASSES held
instead there will be LITURGY of the
WORD for that week.

**MASS WILL RESUME ON
SATURDAY 18TH AT 6PM**



**YEAR OF THE
Holy Spirit**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

For The Pope

We pray for the Holy
Father; as he fulfills his
mission, may he continue
to accompany the flock
entrusted to him, with the
help of the Holy Spirit .

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