

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 November 2020



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



Liturgical Jottings

Communion Antiphon

“The purpose of the Communion Chant or Antiphon is to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘commun-itarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful. However, if there is to be a hymn after Communion, the Communion Chant should be ended in a timely manner.

Communion Antiphon or some other suitable liturgical chant approved by the Conference of Bishops. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or a cantor with the people.”

General Instruction to the Roman Missal 2010, no.86-87

Looking at the Readings

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is among the most of his humorous ones. Jesus’ listeners, who were hearing it for the first time, must have been wondering where this most improbable story is leading. At each turn, the parable was getting funnier. The twist is in the tail. Five maids are inside and five are left out in the cold and dark. For the first few decades after Christ’s Ascension, his followers believed he would return soon, at least in their lifetime. The Good News was spreading, Gentiles were becoming believers, there were times of persecution and peace, and new generations of Christians were replacing the first generation. Perhaps he is not coming soon. This parable and a few others about the Master leaving and returning give similar messages: We do not know the time; be ready always.

With the context of the first reading, we find that we are not only invited to the wedding feast: eternal life, but also invited to be sharers of wisdom: to be the sensible ones. God’s wisdom is actively searching for us, and we are searching for it: “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God, ... for you have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy” Ps 63:1,7 (Responsorial Psalm)

Prayer for the Week

Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom’s return and to enter the wedding feast. (from 1998 ICEL Missal)

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship

“Fratelli Tutti” (Brothers and Sisters All) With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother “as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him”. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. (Introduction)

On the Lighter Side

“Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong.

No matter how fast light travels, it finds darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it.” Terry Pratchett

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	John Harford
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan, Fr Les Ring, Doreen Storry
	Our sick and their carers	Teresa Muto

Mass Timetable Week commencing 9th November

At the time of going to press we are limited to 20 at Mass

Weekday Mass

Monday 9 th November	No Mass
Tuesday 10 th November	No Mass
Wednesday 11 th November	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 12 th November	No Mass
Friday 13 th November	9:15 am Mass

No bookings required – but we are limited to only 20 people.

Weekend Mass

Saturday 14 th November	5:30 pm
Sunday 15 th November	9:30 am

Bookings are essential - please call Mary on 0484 332 397 to reserve your place.

Please be respectful and if you have not booked in - because if more than 20 people are in attendance and the police check everyone in the church will be fined and the church will receive a very substantial fine.

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls for November are available please ask Trish or Mary for an envelope.

“It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.” 11 Machabees 12:46

Cemetery Mass

This year our Cemetery Mass will be held on **Saturday, 21st November** at **9.00 am** at the Tatura Cemetery. Please bring a chair.

PLANNED GIVING

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for Sacred Heart Parish Tatura planned giving program.

There is a letter for everyone who is on our Planned Giving Program which can be collected from the Parish office on Wednesday and Fridays.

Anyone who is not part of our Planned Giving Program, but would like to be, please fill in the slip in the bulletin and drop it into the Parish office.

As you know the running of the Parish is depended on the support we received from planning giving, our weekly collection and donations. As at June 30th our annual income was similar to the previous year of \$112,157, partly due to receiving grants from the ATO for JobKeeper and Stipend Relief from the Chancery. Our expenses remained very similar to previous years at \$114,965 giving us a loss of \$2,800 for financial year ending 30 June 2020.

The renovation costs to the Convent are not included in the expenditure as we have used \$150,000 of our reserves and borrowed \$450,000 from the Diocesan Development Fund. The loan is over 15 years and once our tenant has moved into the Convent and starts paying rent we will be in a position to start saving some money to undertake some much needed maintenance to the Parish house and St Mary's Hall.

If you have any questions about the planned giving program please do not hesitate to contact Mary Connelly-Gale on 0484 332 397 or email at tatura@cdos.org.au.

Fr John Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Assist a Student program.

Assisting the very poor overseas students receive an education, the AAS program is valued and has real impact. Money donated is used to assist very poor students in countries to our north to attend school, who may otherwise without the assistance, not be able to afford to attend.

Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds himself/herself in, and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out".

If you are interested in receiving any further information, please contact Paul McCarthy on 0432 585 580.

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

During November the Diocese will be reflecting on the first of six thematic papers for the Plenary Council, "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" We invite everyone to pray and reflect on this theme and what it means for our Parishes, our Diocese and the Church in Australia.

The People of Sandhurst are invited to take part in an online reflection session using Zoom at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th November. This online reflection will allow those attending to participate in some prayerful communal discernment around the thematic question of the month. For further information and to Register for the Zoom link, please email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For more Plenary Council information see: sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council. Updates and further resources for the theme will be posted regularly on the Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook Page.

From Diagnosis to OAM Autism Webinar – A Personal Autism Journey (Saturday 14 November)

A presentation on Autism from the lived self-advocate and parent perspective by Daniel Giles OAM (St Therese's Kennington parishioner, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate) and Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') will be presenting an online webinar on Daniel's Autism journey. With discussion on Daniel's journey from childhood, his school journey and his journey to independent adulthood and approaches that have helped Daniel to lead a fulfilling life.

Date and time - Saturday 14 November (10am-12pm, plus question time)

Ticket prices (including 50c Trybooking fee): Professional = \$40.50 (includes certificate for professional development purposes)

Individuals on the Autism Spectrum, family members and other = \$20.50

Link to purchase tickets:

www.trybooking.com/BMFXS

Webinar presented on Zoom. Zoom details provided 24 hours before webinar.

Enquiries: admin@speakinginsights.com.au

Professional tickets include a PD certificate, details for VIT Maintenance as follows:

VIT MAINTENANCE - Victorian Teachers can claim 2.5 hours of Professional Development. Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2.

Are you a member of CWL or would like to join CWL?

Catholic Women's League membership is due by 30 November.

Membership is \$35 or

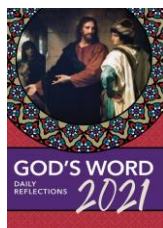
Membership plus the Horizon Magazine including postage is \$75 or

If you would only like the Horizon Magazine \$45

The membership fee includes your affiliation to Catholic Women's League Australia and members are entitled to discounted accommodation at Mary Glowrey House.

For more information contact Trish Warnett on 0410 094 323

For Sale



We have the following items for Sale, please see Trish or Mary to make a purchase

Christmas Cards \$10

2021 Columbian Calendars \$9

God's Word 2021 \$19.95

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

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 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.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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The parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids addresses the situation of the Church as it awaits the return of its Lord (the 'Bridegroom'). The time of waiting has become very long indeed but the Church still proclaims: 'Christ will come again', and lives in that hope and in the sense of accountability that accompanies it. The key thing is to use the time of waiting profitably, so as not to be caught out when the Bridegroom arrives, whether that be at the moment of death or end of time.

The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids depict two possibilities for believers. The oil needed for their lamps represents the good deeds that Jesus commends in this gospel, especially the works of mercy that feature so prominently in the parable of the Great Judgement (Matthew 25:41-56). The five wise bridesmaids will meet the Bridegroom with their lamps blazing with this 'oil'. The five foolish ones, on the other hand, represent the kind of believers who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' but have no good works to accompany their confession of faith (see Matthew 7:21).

The parable—and the Gospel as a whole—remind us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life', are no perfunctory conclusion to the rite but a programme for living the twin commandments of love of God and love of neighbour. Those who take them to heart have always with them the 'oil' required for salvation; they can 'sleep' without anxiety about being caught short by the sudden arrival of the Lord.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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.

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 Thess 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.

Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14