

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 November 2020



Readings for
this week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46



Liturgical Jottings

The Liturgical Year I

Next week, 34th week in Ordinary Time we commonly call the end of the “Liturgical Year”. On the first Sunday of Advent we begin cycle B of the Sunday Readings and we call the day the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. Yet these customs and practices are not expressed in the official liturgical texts: The General Instruction to the Roman Missal, the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, the General Norms of the Liturgical Year and Calendar and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All refrain from using the terms: “end” or “start” of a Liturgical Year. The Australian Ordo, however, give the subtitle to Advent: “The New Liturgical Year begins (Ordo 2020 pg 14)

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Looking at the Readings

We all wait. There are rooms given the accurate title: “Waiting Room” though in post-modern times building designers euphemistically name them transit lounges, patient lounges, reception areas, etc. But we still wait. Sometimes we sit in the chair with apprehension, impatience or boredom. I take a book, a crossword, a sudoku, once I took exam papers to mark. We can be creative. The Gospel parable today is about creative or enterprising waiting for the Master’s return. The Master wanted his servants to be enterprising in his absence. Though the parable ends in a sad note for the unenterprising servant, the moral is definitely about actively waiting without knowing the day or time.

As we approach the end of the Season of Ordered Sundays the readings and our attention are drawn to the final coming of the Lord. Then Advent begins with a different type of waiting. Yet we are urged to wait actively: a time for change of heart, time to use the gifts God had given us, time to seize the opportunities in Christian life and a time to “come and join in our master’s happiness.” (Matt 25:21 and 23)

Paul adds another insight into waiting for the coming of the Lord: “You are all children of light and children of the day ...” (1 Thess 5:5) so stay awake to greet the Lord.

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Fraternity and Friendship

Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, St Francis of Assisi went to meet the Sultan Malik-el-Kamil in Egypt with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves “among the Saracens and other nonbelievers”, without renouncing their own identity they were not to “engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God’s sake”. In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. St Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal “subjection” be shown to those who did not share his faith. (No 3)

Quotes of the Week

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’. *Erma Bombeck*

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.

Albert Einstein

On the Lighter Side

Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. *John Wooden*



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Domenico Gugliotti, Eileen Ryan, Sr Bridget Maloney RSM
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Cory Vraca, Helen McNamara
	Our sick and their carers	Teresa Muto

Mass Timetable Week commencing 16th 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

Sat 21 Nov Cemetery	9:00 am
Saturday 21 st November	5:30 pm
Sunday 22 nd 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.

Discerning the way to the Plenary Council - 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.

Special Masses to be Dedicated to Those Who Have Died

At Mass on November 28th and 29th we will pray for all those who have died especially those who have died during the past 12 months, and also our family and friends who have died.

Slips of paper will be available at the church entrance on which to write the names of the deceased.

These will then be put in a basket for the Offertory Procession.

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.