Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **8 November 2026**

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

Prayers for the Deceased

From All Souls Day (the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, (2 November) to the end of the month of November, the Church has Masses, Prayers and memorial Cards for the deceased. The practice goes back centuries. Saint John Chrysostom (ca 347-407) said: "It would be better to help the deceased, as much as possible, not with tears, but with prayers, supplications and offerings. These are not works of purely imaginary effect. It is not by mere chance that we make mention of the dead in the divine mysteries, and that we pray for them, by addressing our prayers to the Lamb offered on the altar, and who took away the sins of the world; we do so for them to obtain some comfort."

St Monica offers a development on those words by asking her son, a priest, to remember her at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.

Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the book of Wisdom shows the author a poet, a spiritual master and skilled in meditation and reflective on many personal experiences. Today the reading personifies wisdom, an attribute of God, as a woman that both seeks the faithful disciples and whom the faithful disciple seeks wisdom in turn.

There is a tenuous but thought-provoking link with the Gospel. As Lady Wisdom waits at the gates, the ten bridesmaids wait at the bridal door. Wisdom wants to enter the house and share her wealth of wisdom. The bridesmaids want to enter the house to share in the celebration of the wedding feast. Both house and feast are images of the kingdom now and yet to come.

The parable's message also contains an element of the unknown. We do not know the time of the final coming of the Lord, yet we must be vigilant and ready by our constant preparedness. The centre and goal of the parable is Christ who is, who was and is coming again. He invites us. We come to him at our first awareness, now in our present time and at our final calling.

Quote for the Day

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously. *St Francis of Assisi*

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts Wisdom sitting at the gates (Wis 6:14) ready to be invited into a disciple's house. *Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago*

Prayer for the month of November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Fourth Book of Esdras 2:34-35 (Entrance Antiphon, 2 November)

On the Lighter Side

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle. *Abraham Lincoln*

The opposite of talking isn't listening. The opposite of talking is waiting. *Fran Lebowitz!*

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 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	**For those who have died and those who are grieving**	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan, Fr Les Ring, Luke de Lai
	Our sick and their carers	Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Kim Mann, Mary Vraca, Russell Parsons, Sue McDonald, Margaret Bannan

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 14th November 6:00pm

Commentator:	Anne Hutchison
Reader:	Sheila Gregg
Gospel Procession:	Joyce Caiafa
Gifts:	Jan & Barry Lowe
Eucharistic Minister:	Not required
Screen Operator:	Carol Coulston
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Sunday 15th November 10:30am

Commentator:	Anne Marie Nihill
Reader:	Dean Filgate
Gospel Procession:	Angela Lombardozzi
Gifts:	D Thomson & D Phelan
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Turvey
Screen Operator:	Debbie Worm
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Sunday 22nd November 10:30am

School Led Mass - Confirmation & First Eucharist for a student

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

Please note there will be no Saturday Masses during October while Fr Uday is away.

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass



Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 11th November

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 11th November	9:15am
Friday 13th November	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 14th November	6:00pm
Sunday 15th November	10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 18th November	9:15am
Friday 20th November	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 22nd November	10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass *every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am*

Italian Rosary *every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church*

Reconciliation *every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)*

Shared lunch: *4th Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall*

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be this ***Wednesday 4th November.***

PARISH NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on this Wednesday 25th November at 6:00pm in St Mary's Hall. This will begin our weekly Advent Program of reflections on the Sunday Gospels through to the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: The final meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm**. Please contact the parish Office if you would like to attend.

Plate Collection and Envelopes



The collection for last week was $ 934.00

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All welcome. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be this Friday 4th December.**



The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Noah Albert Borzillo, child of Adrian and Charlotte who will be Baptised after the Mass today.

We welcome him into our parish and faith community.

May God bless you and keep You safe always Noah.



- **Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**
  The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

- **NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS**
  Thank you to all who attended the Mass for the holy souls at the Cemetery on Saturday

- **Advance Notice:** On **Sunday 6th December**, the old Byrneside Catholic Church (which is now a private home) will be open for parishioners to have a look following Mass. There will also be an Open House on Christmas Eve. Further details to follow.



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stay Awake and Ready

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us to stay alert and live with faith. The readings speak about wisdom, hope, and being prepared for what is to come. They teach us that following God means paying attention and being ready to meet Him at any moment.

In the first reading, Wisdom is described as bright and near to those who seek her. God's wisdom helps us make good choices and live with peace. The psalm tells of a deep thirst for God, showing how we find joy when we stay close to Him.

Saint Paul speaks of hope for those who have died. He tells us that Jesus will return, and we will be together with Him. The Gospel story of the ten virgins warns that we must be ready, like the wise ones who had oil for their lamps.

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to live wisely and watchfully. We do not know when the Lord will come, but if we keep our faith strong, we will be ready to welcome Him with joy.

- **Seeking Wisdom**: Wisdom is always there for those who look for it. The first reading shows that wisdom brings peace and helps people make good choices.
- **Being Watchful**: The wise virgins in the Gospel are ready when the bridegroom arrives. This reminds people to stay prepared for God's coming.
- **Hope in Resurrection**: The second reading tells believers not to grieve like those with no hope. Jesus' resurrection shows that the dead will rise again.
- **Personal Responsibility**: The foolish virgins do not bring enough oil and miss the feast. This shows that each person must take care of their own faith life.
- **Unexpected Timing**: The bridegroom arrives at a surprising hour. This teaches that people do not know when God will come, so they must always be ready.
- **Faith in Action**: Wisdom, hope, and preparation require action. The readings show that faith is not just about belief but about making good choices.

The message of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is clear. Be wise, be prepared, and trust in God's promises.

Lord, help me seek wisdom and live with understanding. Guide me to make choices that bring peace and prepare me for what is ahead. Strengthen my faith so I may trust in Your promises. Teach me to be ready for Your coming and to walk in Your ways each day. Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org

Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal

Caritas Australia have opened an appeal to support their on ground network in Nepal to deliver humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please follow the following link: https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/





Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there.

An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture & the importance of relationships in sustainable development.

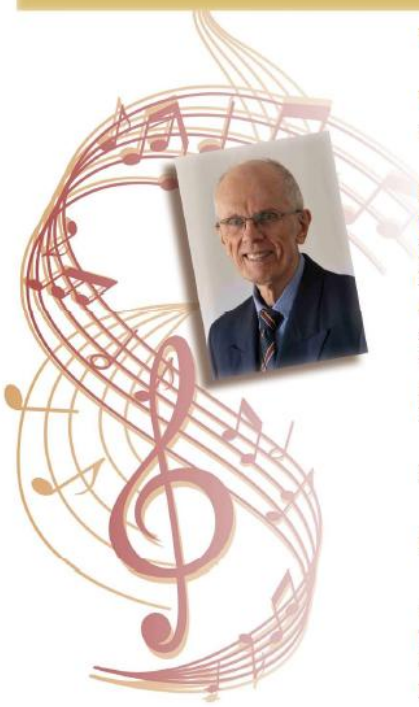
In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. More info here.

BR MICHAEL HERRY FMS
MARIST BROTHER/LITURGICAL MUSICIAN
presents

A Beautiful Evening of Fine Liturgical Music and Prayer



When: Wednesday, Nov 18th
7 – 9 pm
Where: St Brendan's Parish Centre,121 Knight St Shepparton

Featuring:
The beautiful liturgical music of Br Michael Herry, his fine body of Responsorial Psalms, seasonal hymns, and liturgical chants, plus special music for young people. Don't miss this lovely night of Advent prayer and song, as we prepare to welcome the Lord Jesus into our lives at Christmas.

Entrance: Free

Contact & Information

St Brendan's Parish Office
Tel. (03) 5821 2633
Office Hours:
Mon-Fri: 9am to 2pm

This will be a very special time of joyful prayer, music and song.



Regional Matters Forum – Shepparton

Ahead of the November 2026 Victorian Election, Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting a Regional Matters Forum in Shepparton. We invite you to join us to hear from candidates and local community service providers about the needs, challenges, experiences and priorities of the Shepparton region, with an opportunity to engage directly on how we might best respond.

Date: Thursday, 12 November
Time: 5.00pm arrival and refreshments
5.30-7.00pm forum
Venue: CatholicCare Victoria Family Relationship Centre, 307-331 Wyndham Street, Shepparton VIC 3630

Free event - please register using link below for attendance and catering purposes

https://www.trybooking.com/DQKTE

For further information contact:
Lillian.Brasch@css.org.au

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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Breaking Open the Word

STAY AWAKE!

As we move towards the final Sundays of our liturgical year, the Evangelist turns our attention to watchfulness and alertness. While this teaching is essentially about God's coming at the end of time—the 'Parousia,' or God's final coming—it also invites us to remain alert to Christ's coming whenever and however that occurs in our lives.

Matthew sets his parable within the familiar setting of a Middle Eastern wedding. At night, ten bridesmaids await the arrival of the bridegroom, carrying oil lamps to welcome him to the celebrations. Five are prepared and have enough oil; the others are not. When the bridegroom's arrival is delayed, the unprepared bridesmaids ask the others to share their oil. They refuse, telling them instead to go and buy what they need. By the time they return, the wedding celebration has begun and the door is shut. The Gospel concludes with the familiar injunction: 'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The message seems clear: we are to remain ready for God's coming, whenever that may be.

But is that the whole message? Another question deserves consideration: *Why do those who have enough oil refuse to share with those who do not?* Their refusal contributes to their sisters' exclusion from the wedding feast. Could the Gospel be asking us to 'stay awake' not simply for God's coming, but to recognise those in need around us—so that everyone might share in the divine wedding banquet?

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

MATTHEW

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 8 NOVEMBER 2026

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