

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 NOVEMBER 2023

KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING. We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as
the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the
Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to
eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the
sins of the world, / receive our prayer; /
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are
the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, /
Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in
the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, graciously
keep from us all adversity, so that,
unhindered in mind and body alike, we may
pursue in freedom of heart the things that
are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever
and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14

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

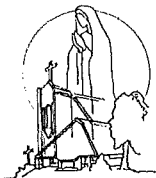
P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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



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Thirty Second Sunday in ordinary Time / A 12th November 2023

<u>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u> OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday 8.00am	<u>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</u> <u>REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW</u> NO Monday Mass Tuesday: 8.00am or 9.15am (School Mass) Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday: 8.00am Friday: 9.00am	Volunteers are needed for Mass linen washing, Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please see Fr. Mathew November Mass envelopes are available for Mass intentions.
<u>RECONCILIATION</u> OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	<u>CELEBRATIONS</u> Baptisms: Contact Parish Office Weddings: Contact Father	<u>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</u> 17/11 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

PARISH EVENTS:

Morning Tea to Welcome our New Parish Priest. All parishioners are invited to welcome Fr. Mathew at a morning tea after 9.30 Mass this Sunday 12th November. Please bring a plate to share.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat 11	6.00pm	Patrick Coyle
Sun 12	8.00am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Giuseppe Scafidi (2nd Ann) Joseph McStravick (Ann)
Tue 14	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 15	8.00am	Holy Souls
Thu 16	8.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 17	9.00am	Holy Souls
<p>Prayer for Vocations</p> <p>Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.</p>		
<p>PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD</p> <p>God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust to you the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and all peoples who suffer from injustice. Protect them all in this time of peril. Let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all. We are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary Our Mother, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.</p>		

Planned Giving
<p>The Planned Giving program is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. In order to keep the Parish viable we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week. Last week's giving was 78% of target.</p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>
PROFESSION OF FAITH
<p>I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.</p> <p>Amen.</p>

SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Background on the Gospel Reading In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens - friends and family members of the bride to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel. In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (Source: Loyola Press)

Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers to a Mass to celebrate its 20th anniversary on Wed 22 Nov at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. Mass will be followed by morning tea. **Enquiries:** email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator, perth@mothersprayers.org For more info see notice board.

Archbishop's Christmas appeal for LifeLink will be held this weekend 11/12 November 2023. Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal letter this weekend if you haven't done so already, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies. You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for special collection which will be held at Mass this weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card: www.lifelink.com.au

Columban Calendars 2024 are still available for sale for \$10. Proceeds in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

Safeguarding Induction for Church workers. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend safeguarding induction. Next available dates 17th November at 10am and 6th December at 10 am. Register online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Attention Proclaimers (Existing and Aspiring Proclaimers) Formation sessions for Proclaimers of the Word are now available on 27th November at Infant Jesus Parish, Morley from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK : Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Ann Elliott, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Olive Ferguson, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Marc Fernandes, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCutcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Amparo Ortiz, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Fiona Ball, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Lucy Barranca, June McGinnity, Katie Searle, Tom Ryan, Len Brajkovich, Bruno Toffoli, Annemarie Domican, Michael Gillum, Ron Byrnes, Josephine Rondena, Cecilia Norris, Fr. Paul Raj, Fr. Vittorio Ricciardi, Delta & Eris Toop, Patrick M., Blair Richards, Fr. Wayne Davies, Theo Oorschot, Jenny Conti, Mary R., Fevziye R., and those battling with illness *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Patrick Coyle, Giuseppe Scafidi, Joseph McStravick and all Holy Souls. *Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

NOVEMBER	18	19	19		25	26	26
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM		6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Christine	Leon	Aida		Bambi	Chris D.	Melanie
ACOLYTE	Terry	Lou	George		Dermot	Terry	Richard
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie		S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER	Steph B.				Maggie D.		
MORNING TEA							

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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

BEING ON THE ALERT

Some thirty years of Christian life and experience separate the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians and the writing of Matthew's Gospel. When Paul wrote in the late Forties and early Fifties there was a keen sense and expectation that the Lord was going to return at any moment. These earliest Christians were so convinced that this was the case that they were unprepared and ill-equipped to deal with the death of other Christians before the Lord's return. It is not as though Paul himself had foreseen this difficulty and, as is often the case in his letters, we see how a concrete problem prompts him to further reflection. It is important not to press Paul's description of the return of the Lord too far. This is theology in the making and Paul himself will continue to develop his thought on these matters (see 1 Corinthians 15).

If Paul's Christians faced the problem caused by assuming the Lord would return soon, Matthew's community had to confront another set of circumstances. The fact that by the early to mid-Eighties the Lord had not returned placed another dilemma before them. For Matthew, the problem was that of a community becoming apathetic and seeing its initial enthusiasm and commitment wane. The parable of Jesus about the bridesmaids who fell asleep and missed their opportunity was the perfect means to stress the need for Christians to be prepared as they waited for the Lord's return.

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