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Today's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16 God's wisdom is not distant, but reveals herself to those who are alert to her presence.
1Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul offers a word of consolation and hope
Matthew 25:1-13 The wise are those who prepare for the day of the Lord's coming



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**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
7th/8th
November 2020**

In a nutshell

The parable of the wise and foolish virgins shows that to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must each do our part.

No one can make our response for us. Each of us must be found watching and waiting for his coming.

We must have our lamps filled and alight, meaning that our lives must show our persevering efforts to be faithful to what God asks.



Today's parable of the ten virgins gives us an opportunity to ponder the second coming of Christ and the time when we will meet the Lord of life at the end of our own lives. Its imagery also might remind us of how we began our lives as Christians with new life through the baptismal waters and by receiving the light of the Christ from the paschal candle.

If we were baptized as infants, our parents and godparents were told, "This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He is to walk always as a child of light. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart. When the Lord comes, may he go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom" (Rite of Baptism for Children 100).

As we grow, this responsibility to keep the flame of faith alive is transferred more and more to each of us. We are always to remember that we are children of the light and to nourish the flame received at baptism it will be burning brightly until the last breath we take.

In today's parable, the foolish virgins have not brought enough oil to keep their lamps lit, and when the bridegroom finally arrives they are not waiting joyfully to greet him. As we contemplate this parable we might wonder, what is this oil that keeps the light of Christ alive within us? We might also ponder, is this oil something that another can give to us, or is it something that we must find on our own? We have received the light of Christ in baptism; now our task is to keep it burning brightly until we meet the Lord.

The Living Word 2020

Entrance antiphon:

Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.

Response to the psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

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| Readers Saturday Vigil Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) November John Betros December Chelsea Albert Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator) November: George & Nick Attard Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator) November 8th Mark Woolford Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers. Money Counters—Parish Office November 8th: Group 3 November 15th Group 4 November 22nd: Group 1 November 29th: Group 2 | | Ministers of Communion Vigil 5pm Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) November Michael Zador & others Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator) November Gary Keating Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator) November: Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty. Sunday 6pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor. Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller | |
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| Mass Offerings: | <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i> |
| Recently Deceased: | Joyce Masson , Bernadette Anderson, Elizabeth Khoury, John Weber. |
| Anniversary: | Eufemia Benussi, Lavina Hanna |
| Other Deceased: | McGlinn Family , Toni Barry, John Vonwiller, Richard Healy, George & Ellen McKelleher, Scott Family. |
| Sick: | Rob Williams, Rita Koh, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell. |

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| Something to Think About <p>Jesus reminds his disciples to 'Be ready!' Some of the bridesmaids in today's story were extra prepared, but they did not share with those who had less. God gives each person gifts to use for their own benefit, but also to help others. God's kingdom calls us to be generous and compassionate, not to selfishly hold onto our surplus goods and gifts.</p> |
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| St Brigid's Parish Information | |
| Mass Times | Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm |
| Morning Tea | Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19) |
| Weekday Masses | Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am |
| Reconciliation | 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass |
| Sacrament of Anointing | During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month |
| Baptisms | By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i> |
| Marriages | By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance |
| Parish Office: | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731) |

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Congratulations to Di Cowan who was recently appointed Principal at St Brigid's, Di has been Acting Principal this year and we are thrilled that she has been appointed the role. We wish Di every success and happiness in this position. The parish and school are proud of our strong relationship.

Please pick up a copy of the Summer Edition **Australian Catholic** Magazine, with some interesting reads for the family. *(in the Church Foyer)*

November Masses It is a strong Catholic tradition to pray for all our deceased family and friends during the month of November; and Masses are offered each day for your intentions. Please write names in the Memorial Book in the Church Foyer.

November Mass envelopes are also provided, and any donations received in these envelopes are sent to assist overseas MSC missionaries, who also offer Masses for your Intentions.



HSC - As students complete their exams, we continue to pray for them as they develop their future lives.

Thank you,

Fr Phil

Please download the Service NSW app on your phone to sign in for all Masses .



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

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