

Parish News

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve Solemnity:

* Fr. John cordially invites 30 boys and girls to play the 2017 Nativity of Jesus at 6.00 pm, Sunday 24 Dec 2017.

* Please, contact Fr. John (042 7777 500) or Josephine (0424 354 925) or Joelle (0422 183 050) or Tatiana (0434 605 909) or Lynne (0406 794 343) Brad (0418 791 790) as soon as possible to have your name recorded. The first birds will be in!

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, from the 4th century, taught the candidates for baptism:

"You should make a throne of your hands, **laving the right upon the left** to form a throne for the King, forming at the same time a cross." (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI, *God is Near Us*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2003, p. 70)



Weekly Diary : 13th - 18th November 2017

Monday 13 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 14 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed Eucharistic Adoration. :10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Hope Island
Wednesday 15 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 16 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary and Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group
Friday 17 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 18 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 18 th	: 5.30 pm. : 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 19 th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of December will be on the 03rd at 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Advent Year B.

Mass Duty Roster : 18th/19th November 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Monique Labutte Pierrette Serra	Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton, Julie Dakin Helen Topham, Dot Baker	Ryan Hurley
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Danielle Carter John Carter	Rose Hessen, Bernadette Swindley, Michael Nicholson Colleen McCormack, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Jane Howard Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Pam Nelson Denise Moar, Marie Roberts	Matthew Cook

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (20/11/17)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Pietv Shop	St Anthony's
\$1388.65	\$2035.85	\$120.00	\$110.35

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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So Be Ready! (Mt 25:1-13)

As we are toward the end of the liturgical year, the Church turns our eyes to the final things of life and the world. Our pilgrimage on earth will come to an end in the hour of death, and the mankind's one as a whole in the Final Judgment Day. Not to prepare yourself for this, to be unprepared, is unwise, foolish. The parable of the bridesmaids deals with that.

The bridesmaids awaited the coming of the groom with the bride. To be able to keep their lamps burning long enough, they had to make provisions with foresight and wise planning. If the bridegroom suddenly came late in the night, it was too late to get supplies. Those who neither plan, think ahead, nor are prudent can expect bitter surprises in an emergency.

In the mind of Jesus obviously it is about more than just the requisite prudence in the affairs of the world. The image of the wedding banquet is talking about the kingdom of God, the world to come, and it talks about the things we must do and the things that we must refrain from doing to keep from losing the eternal life of heaven.

Our life on this earth is a time of preparation. Someday, we do not know when, "*The bridegroom is coming! Go out to meet him!*" For in the hour of death, as we believe, the moment has come for going out to meet God. But then it will be too late to get another supply of oil quickly for our lamp. We must be ready and have made provisions already.

Only before our final hour can we do something about it—after that, it is too late. Jesus says this in order to make us aware of how precious the time is, how we must make good use of it to be "*ready at all times.*"

This also explains a section in this parable that shocks many people. When the foolish "bridesmaids" ask the wise ones: "*Give us some of your oil!*", they receive a curt reply: "*Then there will not be enough for us and for you.*" What has happened to sharing; where has brotherly love gone?

Jesus seems to want to say exactly this here: The time for sharing and brotherly love is now, here and today! Anyone who constantly puts it off, who does not provide for it daily, will in the hour of death find it too late to obtain the oil of good deeds quickly.

This is therefore the ultimate point of this parable: Be alert, for you know neither the day nor the hour. So, live in such a way that you are always ready to die, to go before the face of God.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 *R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Matthew 24:42, 44 Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you do not know when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 *Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.*

When talking about his coming in glory, Jesus spoke this parable to the 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 wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. "Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



COMMUNION ANTIPHON 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Otago, Doris Mary Hill, Joseph Karl Rabaud, Mabel Alice Mahon, Pasqualina Di Benedetto, Nunziato (Nick) Pagano, Nancy Jean Carlaw

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Dwyer, Desmond Albert Harth, Guillermo Stafforini, Paula Stafforini, Ivan Ho Kew, Jenny Christina Ho, Ian Andrew Birkbeck

SICK LIST: Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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