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**7TH & 8TH NOVEMBER,
2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100



1.5M

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Please keep in your prayers the children in our
Parish Community preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

Confirmation Home Groups...

A reminder that Session 1 of the Confirmation Home Groups will commence this week. If you are unable to attend your regular group session please contact the Parish Office to arrange attending another group.

Confirmation Dates...

All those children who received First Eucharist last year will be preparing for Confirmation this year. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 8th December, Wednesday 9th December & Thursday 10th December.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARISH MASSES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

Christmas Masses

As Masses continue to be celebrated under Covid-19 restrictions we are still only allowed a maximum of 100 people in the church at each Mass.

In order to prepare for the Christmas Masses can you please indicate what Mass you would like to attend by **writing your name and that of all family members who will be attending with you and place it in the relevant box in the foyer. Please include your surname, contact phone number and address.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE:
Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8.30pm.
Midnight Mass.
Christmas Morning at 9.30am

Ministry Roster for Christmas

The lists for the ministry rosters for Christmas are now in the foyer. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Special Minister, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the relevant list. Thank you!



November Book of Remembrance...

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance. November Offering envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of the church.

Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed.

Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is an anniversary of loss.

Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am–3.30pm (and on other days when necessary). If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there and leave a message if we don't answer. You can also email. In the case of an emergency contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

The Living Word

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November, 2020

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

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

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.)

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.)

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.)

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 Thes 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

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 of them 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.'

Living the Gospel – Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also

they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why would Jesus have used a story about bridesmaids waiting for a groom?
- * Why wouldn't the wise bridesmaids give their spare oil to the others?
- * How do you think the bride might have reacted to the events of the story?
- * In what ways is this story a parable of the Kingdom of God?
- * What message comes out of this gospel for a modern audience?

Questions for Adults

- * In what ways is this story a parable of the Kingdom of God?
- * If this story were to be put in a contemporary setting, what is a modern metaphor for preparedness that might be used?
- * How can we properly prepare for the coming of the Kingdom?
- * In what ways are some Christians today like the foolish bridesmaids?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Who has ever had to wait for someone in the dark?
- * What was it like?
- * How could you make waiting in the dark easier? (e.g. by being prepared with a torch, coat, umbrella, phone, another person etc)
- * How were some foolish?
- * How were the others wise?
- * Jesus says that we are to be ready and alert and watch for him.
- * How can we be alert and ready to meet Jesus among us?



Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a _____ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra ____.

Five were _____. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _____ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _____ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the _____!", but they were not allowed inside.

What words would you use to describe the wise girls and the foolish girls?

The wise girls



The foolish girls

Parramatta Diocesan News

IFM Bringing the Advent Gospels Alive:

The Institute for Mission invites you online to enjoy letting scripture presenter Dr Michele Connolly rsj energise your Advent on **Tuesday 10th November at 7pm**. Register via www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight. Please feel free to speak to any of the IFM Team on (02) 9296 6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to connect@ifm.org.au.

Br Michael Dredge cfc Presents

Short Formation Course for Readers

Focusing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass

Thursday 12 Nov, 7 - 9pm St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith

Thursday 19 Nov, 7 - 9pm Institute for Mission

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FROM 10AM – 1PM

**OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH HALL,
EMU PLAINS**

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Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils **via Zoom on 11th, 18th and 25th November from 7.30pm**.

Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples".

To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12th December from 10am - 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Bethany Centre World Day of the Poor Food Drive: 9 – 13 November

To commemorate World Day of the Poor, you are invited to contribute to the Chancery Office's food drive. Your generous donations will support families doing it tough put food on the table. Items are to be dropped off at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church St, Parramatta between 9 and 13 November. To arrange a time to drop off items, and for an items list, contact Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

The final weekend marriage preparation course run by the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office will be held on 27 and 29 November with limited places available. Dates for the 2021 in-person weekend courses are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.




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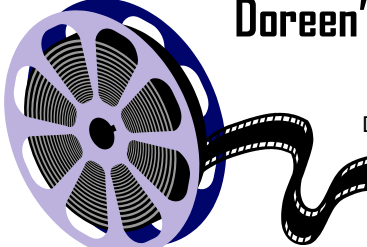
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Solutions

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a **wedding** and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra **oil**.

Five were **wise**. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The **groom** was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the **foolish** girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the **doors**!", but they were not allowed inside.