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12 November 2023 - 32nd Sunday (Year A)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

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Facebook: [credo.stpats](https://www.facebook.com/credo.stpats)
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Seek Wisdom. Stay Awake!

AS ADVENT DRAWS NEARER, the Liturgy of the Word begins to focus on the end times, the fulfilment of our salvation. Today's readings tell us to seek wisdom and to 'stay awake'. We can get trapped into thinking that just doing the externals of our faith – following the rules – is sufficient. Yet, today's readings call us into the deeper places in our heart. They call us to seek true wisdom, the wisdom that enlivens our hearts to God's presence in the deepest parts of our being.



"O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting."

We yearn for God. We yearn to be deeply known and to be deeply loved. Yearning is a strong desire. The presence of God's spirit in our soul creates a yearning for us to return to the arms of our creator, to real communion with our God. We are not called to simply 'practise' our faith; we are called to become it, to live it, to know God intimately. This then calls us to love and service. That is the essence of wisdom.

In our first reading we are told that wisdom is readily available to those who seek her and those who love her. In fact, "she herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her." Wisdom seeks us; God seeks us. Yet wisdom is gracious – she does not impose herself on us. We must invite her in. St Paul urges us not to be "like the other people who have no hope" – death is not the end. We must hold dearly to hope, not be discouraged when we struggle to find wisdom, or when we don't feel God's closeness to us. Trust that God yearns for us ever more deeply than we yearn for God.

Today's Gospel gives us a story about wisdom and foolishness. Ten bridesmaids were waiting for the bridegroom. Jesus is teaching us about waiting for his coming at the end of time. Some of the bridesmaids were wise. They were prepared by taking sufficient oil to keep their lamps burning, and thus were ready and waiting when the bridegroom arrived. Others were foolish. They lacked the wisdom to prepare, and missed the arrival of the bridegroom because they had to rush off at the last minute to buy more oil. When they arrived late and sought entry to the wedding feast, the bridegroom said, "I do not know you." Those who were wise greeted the bridegroom and entered the feast.

The Gospel exhorts us to "Stay Awake!" The first reading exhorts us to "be on the alert for" wisdom. How full is my lamp? Am I following the call of Wisdom? Am I pursuing my yearning for God, not simply in my external practice, but in the deep, silent place of my heart?

Today is the last day of my pastoral placement at St Pat's. It has been my privilege to serve you over the past nine months. I will continue to pray for you and hold you in my heart. I ask that you pray for me as I continue my journey towards priesthood.

Wishing you the richest of God's blessings for your life,

Jeff Hood (Seminarist)



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LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession When the King shall come again



1. When the King shall come a - gain, all his pow'r re -
2. In the de - sert trees take root, fresh from God's cre -
3. Strength - en fee - ble hands and knees, faint - ing hearts be
4. There God's high - way shall be seen where no roar - ing



1. veal - ing; splen - dour shall an - nounce his reign,
2. a - tion; plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit
3. cheer - ful! God, who comes for such as these
4. li - on, noth - ing e - vil or un - clean



1. life and joy and heal - ing: earth no
2. join the ce - le - bra - tion, ri - vers
3. seeks and saves the fear - ful. Deaf ears
4. walks the road to Zi - on: ran - somed



1. long - er in de - cay, hope no more frus -
2. spring up from the earth, bar - ren lands a -
3. hear, the si - lent tongues sing a - way their
4. peo - ple home - ward bound all your prais - es



1. trat - ed; this is God's re - demp - tion day
2. dorn - ing. Val - leys, this is your new birth;
3. weep - ing; blind eyes, see the life - less ones
4. voic - ing, see your Lord with glo - ry crowned,



1. long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.
2. moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
3. walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing!
4. share in his re - joic - ing!

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This version from Johann Leisentritt's *Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum*, 1584

PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast, three times)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Focusing the Word

*"...the
foolish ones
did take
their lamps,
but they
brought no
oil."*



Key words and phrases

- The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
- The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.
- Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.
- So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.
- My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.
- We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.

to the point

In the parable there is no doubt that the bridegroom will come. What is unexpected is his long delay which reveals the wisdom of those virgins who were prepared. For us the delay is not a time for sleeping but a crucial time that requires the wisdom to know both that Christ will do his part in seeking us and that we must do our part in seeking God with hope and urgency.

Connecting the Gospel

- **to the first reading and responsorial psalm**
Read in a Christian perspective, the wisdom about which the first reading speaks is Christ who seeks us. The responsorial psalm underscores our seeking (thirsting for) God.
- **to Christian living**
We rarely, if ever, view our daily Christian living in light of the final coming of Christ. But his final coming is, in fact, the context which gives meaning to our daily behaviour and our ongoing hope.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Cantor *All*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor *All*

Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Cantor *All* *rall.*

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Kyrie 11:00am

Kurz FestMesse

F. Reimann

Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good - will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo-ry. Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Gloria 11am

Missa "Orbis factor"

Chant Mass XI

The Gloria is sung alternating between Cantors and Assembly

Cel.

GLo-ry to God in the high-est.

Cantors *All*

And on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you.

We bless you. We a - dore you. We glo - ri - fy you.

We give you thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God hea-ven-ly
King. O God al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ
On-ly be - got - ten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
You take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.
For you a - lone are the ho - ly one. You a - lone are the Lord.
You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ.
With the ho - ly spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

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

A reading from the book of Wisdom

(6:12-16)

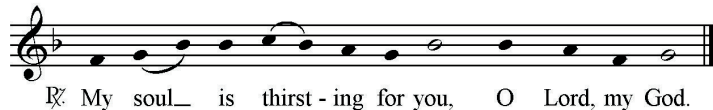
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:1-13)

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Profession of Faith

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,
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',
all bow.*

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.

Amen.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

At this time, gifts of offering are brought
to the altar and collection plates are
passed along the pews.

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Offertory Motet 11:00am

Here, O my Lord

P. Whitlock

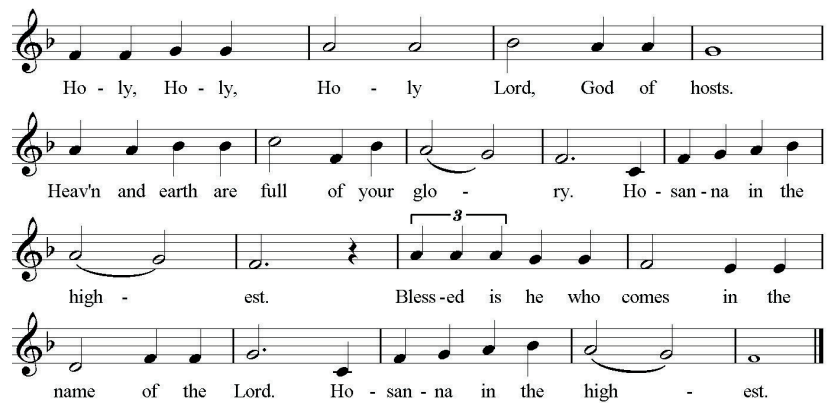
1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would we touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



Mystery of Faith

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



Amen

Mass of St. Francis

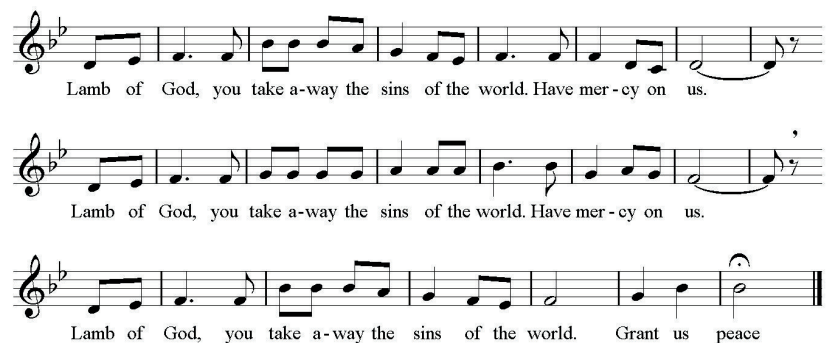
P. Taylor



Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor



Agnus Dei 11:00am

Kurz FestMesse

F. Reimann

Communion Antiphon

Quinque prudentes virgines

(Mt 25:4-6)

The five wise virgins took oil in flasks with their lamps;
at midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom is here;
come out to meet Christ the Lord."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

O Jesus Christ remember



1. O Je - sus Christ re - mem - ber, when thou shalt come a -
2. Re - mem - ber then, O Sa - viour, I sup - pli - cate of
3. Ac - cept, di - vine Re - deem - er the ho - mage of my



1. gain, up - on the clouds of hea - ven, des -
2. thee, that here I pray'd be - fore thee up -
3. praise; be thou the light and ho - nour and



1. cend and o'er us reign; when ev - 'ry eye shall
2. on my bend - ed knee; that here I loved thy
3. glo - ry of my days. Be thou my con - so -



1. see thee in de - i - ty re - veal'd, who
2. pre - sence, and did not thee de - ny, and
3. la - tion when death is draw - ing nigh; be



1. now up - on this al - tar in si - lence are con - cealed.
2. glo - ri - fied thy great - ness though hid from hu - man eye.
3. thou my on - ly trea - sure through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: E. Caswall, 1814-1878
Tune: AURELIA 76.76 D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876

Communion Hymn 11am: Come, Lord Jesus

Refrain
Largo ♩ = circa 56

Come, Lord Je - sus, the Spi - rit and the Bride say,

Come. All crea - tures sigh and long for

you: the Spi - rit and the Bride say, Come. *Fine*

The verses are sung by the choir

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Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8

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.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: Give her a share in what she
has worked for.

Ps 127:1-5: R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thess 5:1-6: The day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night.

Mt 25:14-30: Because you have been faithful over a few
things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

THE BULLETIN

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatcscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

Continuing our Congratulations...

In the current of celebration that has swept through our parish this week, we have one more vital stream of gratitude to channel, one that flows deep and has enriched our community for nearly half a century.

Honouring a Pillar of Faith and Dedication

It is with profound respect and a joyous heart that we extend our congratulations to Ray Love for his remarkable 45 years of service as a Special Religious Educator to our parish and Diocese. Recognised at last week's SRE recognition Mass, Ray has been a steadfast presence, a guiding light, and an example of the love and commitment that embodies the spirit of our faith.

We deeply regret the omission in our last week's bulletin and wish to express our sincerest apologies to Ray and to all who appreciate his invaluable contribution. It is truly individuals like Ray who shape the fabric of our church's history with their unwavering dedication and service.

Thank you, Ray, for the years of wisdom you have imparted and for the countless seeds of faith you have sown in the hearts of our parish's youth. May your journey continue to be blessed, as you have been a blessing to us all.

We are indeed surrounded by extraordinary individuals whose lives and actions make our parish a tapestry of faith in action. Let us carry the spirit of this celebratory week forward, honouring the love and commitment that bind us as a community and uplift us as individuals in service to the Lord.



Seniors' Ministry Thank you...



We wish to express our sincerest gratitude to the students from Catherine McAuley High School who graciously served at our Senior's Ministry Melbourne Cup Day last Tuesday. Your enthusiasm, respect, and willingness to assist wherever needed brought great joy and a sense of community to this cherished event.

A special thanks also goes to the wider Catherine McAuley community for their continuing support of the Cathedral parish.

May you all be blessed as you have blessed us with your generosity.

PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Seminarian Jeff Hood

Many of you would be aware from past experience that seminarians tend to pass through the cathedral quite regularly. I'm sad to report that Jeff Hood, who has been with us since early this year, will have his last days with us this weekend. We wish Jeff every blessing as he continues to follow his vocation to the priesthood. *Fr Robert*

125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ

Sunday 12 November at 3:00pm

If you haven't already bought a ticket to today's concert, these will be available at the door.



Meeting of all Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers are asked to attend a special meeting under the guidance of our new Coordinator for Liturgy, Fr Tom. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all of us to get acquainted with him and understand his vision for the Cathedral's liturgical practices.

Date: Sunday 19 November at 3:30pm

This meeting is vital for the smooth functioning and continued sanctity of our Cathedral services. Your presence and insights will greatly aid in ensuring that we all work cohesively under Fr Tom's guidance.

Please make it a priority to attend. Your commitment to the ministry and to the Cathedral community is deeply valued.

"St Pat's Matters"

All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

If you wish to write an article for the magazine email submissions to M Polizzi — balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat's Matters*. Deadline for submissions is the **end of November**.

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation & Eucharist - 2023/2024

Please mark in your diary the following (compulsory) sessions:

- Penance 3 Session - **25 November** - 4:30pm - Parents & Children session.
- Reception of the Sacrament of Penance - **28 November** - 7:00pm - Parents & Children



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Advent: Season of Hope

Advent begins on Sunday 03 December. As the year winds down and the festive spirit start to envelop us, we invite you to partake in a series of meaningful events designed to enrich this special time of year.

• Awaiting the Light: A Festival of Advent Carols

Join us for a luminous evening of song and spirituality at our "Awaiting the Light: A Festival of Advent Carols." As the days shorten and we edge closer to the celebration of Christmas, this festival offers a moment of communal reflection, joy, and anticipation through the power of music.

Date: Friday 01 December

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Cathedral, followed by festivity in the cloister



Our cherished Advent Carol Festival is a beloved tradition, bringing together voices from across our parish community in a harmonious countdown to Christmas.

This year's program will feature a selection of classic Advent carols and contemporary hymns, interwoven with readings and meditations that echo the themes of waiting, hope, and the coming of the Light of the World.

We encourage families, friends, and individuals of all ages to come together for this special event. Let us raise our voices in celebration and "Await the Light" as one parish family.

Advent Giving Tree: We kindly ask those who are able to bring along non-perishable food items to support the JRS food appeal.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful Advent tradition with you.

• Bishop's Christmas Appeal - Sunday 26 November

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal will take place on Sunday 26 November at all Masses. This will be a separate collection to the usual collection for the parish.

The appeal focuses on supporting CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth, which provides pregnancy support services to vulnerable families, ensuring their children have a positive beginning. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please give generously.

• Weekly Advent Reflection Group

To deepen the understanding of Advent and to foster a communal spirit through weekly guided discussions focused on the themes of the season.

The group will meet weekly:

- Tuesdays at 9:30am, beginning 28 November
- Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning 29 November

Please register with the Cathedral office to ensure that we have sufficient resources.

Preserving Night - 16 November @ 5:00pm

Once again, the **cathedral presbytery** will be hosting a preserving night, cooking up some lovely jams to assist with the food bank for the Jesuit Refugee Service. All welcome, including beginners! Thursday, 16 November at 5:00pm.

Prayer Intentions

November Masses

November is the month in which we traditionally focus on praying in a particularly special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for you to make an offering for deceased loved ones are available. All names will be published in the special Book of Remembrance on display in the Chapel throughout November. Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

We also pray for...

Sick: Nasr Nasr, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, Terry O'Brien, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, Debra Thomas, Ashley Brown, Martina Soh Tin Thio, Michael D'Penha, Serg M., Habib Nohra, Mary Rose Perez, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr., Betty Tobin, Sandrella Toubia, Vincent Rowan, John Lowe, Stephen Senjak, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Harry Perrottet, Dra Julie Lee, Nima, Jorge & Lyn Vargas Patacsil, Franz Tito, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Terry Joseph, Michael Perez, Tian, Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, Patrick & Stephen, Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro, Atty M Allena, Prince William, Carmelita Perez, Monica Ybarer-Wijf, Zayne Bumactao

A Special Thanks and a Warm Reminder to Our Valued Volunteers...



As the lifeblood of our community, your dedication and selfless acts of service are what empower our parish to thrive. We extend our heartfelt thanks for the time, talent, and treasure you continually offer.

As a small token of our immense gratitude, we are excited to host the upcoming Thank You Dinner in your honour. This event is for you — a celebration of your generosity of spirit.

Details for the dinner are as follows:

Date: 17 November 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Cloister Function room

Please remember to RSVP (to the Cathedral office) for the dinner by this coming **Monday 13 November**. Your timely confirmation will greatly assist us in making the evening as wonderful and well-organised as the work you do all year round.

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

Arabella Dauwalder

Nora Ahokava

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple who were recently married here...

Adelin Bayeh & Marc Ishac

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for November



For the Pope

"We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 07 November*

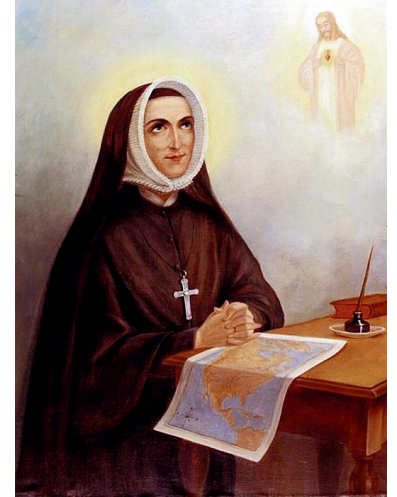
"You need not be famous, rich or powerful to be happy. Only love slakes our hearts' thirst, only love heals our wounds, only love brings us true joy. This is the way that Jesus taught us and opened up before us."

Saint of the Week

18 November - St Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852), Religious

She was born to a noble family at Grenoble in France. She joined the Visitation nuns at the age of 18 but the community was abolished by the French Revolution. After several attempts to re-establish it, Philippine with some of her companions joined the recently-founded Religious of the Sacred Heart. She had always dreamt of being a missionary and in 1818 she sailed for the New World. She landed at New Orleans and she and her companions settled at St Charles, Missouri. They founded an orphanage: other foundations followed, and she is credited with saving the Jesuit mission to Missouri from failure, helping them in any way she could and sharing her community's few resources with them.

Philippine longed to spread the gospel among the Indian tribes. At the age of 72 she went with three companions to start a school for Indian girls at Sugar Creek, Kansas. She only stayed there a year, but although she was unable to learn the language her habit of constant prayer was a lasting inspiration to the pupils. She spent the last 10 years of her life back at St Charles, in constant prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Information: Universallis

"Quote of the Week"



"I have the feeling that what is asked of us is to live in the whirlwind, without keeping back any of our substance, without keeping back anything for ourselves, neither rest nor friendships nor health nor leisure - to pray incessantly...in fact to let ourselves pitch and toss in the waves of the divine will till the day when it will say: 'That's enough.'"

Raissa Maritain
(1883-1960)

French poet and philosopher
Private journals

Did You Know...?

...Saturday is Remembrance Day?

We are given an opportunity this weekend to bring before God in prayer those who have died in the various wars of the past, both the better known and "bigger" wars such as World Wars One and Two, as well as the lesser known and often forgotten wars such as Vietnam and Korea. As well as remembering and praying for the war dead, let us pray that as Christians we can be agents of peace.



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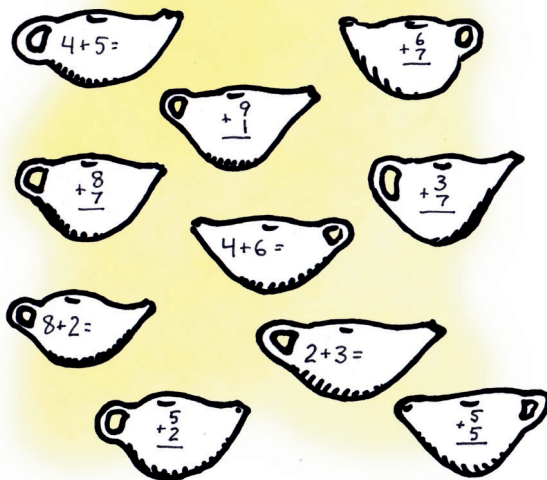
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The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12th, 2023



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

Always be Ready

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.



My soul thirsts for Thee.
Answer to front puzzle: 5 had extra oil. Answer to Word-Find:

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Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



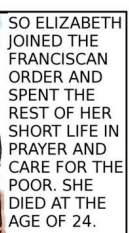
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O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary November 17



SAINT ELIZABETH DID NOT LET BEING RICH AND IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING GOD AND OTHERS. SHE USED HER MONEY AND TIME TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK, AND WHEN SHE HAD NO MONEY SHE STILL CARED FOR THEM. CAN YOU PRAY FOR THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE TODAY?

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