



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 8th November 2020

Be vigilant, be alert, be ready....

Our liturgical Year A is quickly drawing to a close. The Gospel this weekend is the story of the wise and foolish virgins. And our readings today remind us of our need to be awake. Vigilance is the underlying message in the parable of the ten virgins. This is not about good and evil. It is about being ready. Being alert. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins may be interpreted on many levels. The parables relate the different kinds of accountability required of Christians as we prepare for our encounter with Christ. It points us towards the end things, our final destination – to be with God when Christ comes again.

The Gospel invites us to have oil for our lamps, that is, to be always ready for the coming of the Lord. He appears in moments and ways we do not expect and at all times throughout our day. The foolish virgins failed to prepare for when and how the Lord would come to them, and so they were not ready. Often too we get caught up in incidentals and unimportant worries, and we can miss what is essential. Perhaps we miss the presence of Christ in the people around us, in the circumstances in which we are living, or fail to recognize Him in it, and miss the grace of the moment. We need to strengthen our faith and see how the Lord is active and present in our lives. Saint Augustine said, "Beware of the grace of God that passes and does not return." We need to experience God's presence in the little things of each day and never let the opportunity to love and serve Him pass us by. Our faith must be ready and watching for Him. If we take Him for granted, or presume that we are already saved, we can miss our chance to be with Him.

The lamp is Christian faith, while the oil represents our good works that we do in our life. This is why the wise virgins could not share their oil. I cannot borrow your relationship with God. The lamps are our hearts, while the oil for our lamps is the good values and good deeds that Jesus Christ teaches us to do. The ten virgins are all of us who are active in this world. The wise virgins are those of us who have heard, understood and practiced the teachings of Christ while the foolish virgins are those who may have become distracted from the teachings of Christ or understood but did not practice them.

What can help us in being vigilant and prepares for our own life now, is taking time to pray; taking time to talk with God. We need not make an appointment, God is always right here and right now. Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16 – *Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Psalm Response: O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18 – *Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matt 25:1-13 – *Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:
Life is all about MOVING ON, accepting changes and looking forward to what makes you stronger and more COMPLETE.

Next week's Readings		First: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31		Second: 1 Thess 5:1-6		Gospel: Matt 25:14-30	
Roster 14 th & 15 th November	6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd) Mary S (POF) Mary S	8:00am	(1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Matthew K (POF) Matthew K	6:15pm Gp 1 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M	8:00am Gp 3 8:00am Clinton T		

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

Reconciliation: By appointment only

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, yClara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Sam Catavittello, Catharina Mollee, Gloria Thorley.

Anniversaries & Remembrances November: Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill & Martha Kluck, Anastacia Weiland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak, Sr. Joe Maria. C.M.C (sister of Father Dantus).

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

When you arrive at Mass you must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

Christmas Mass Times: NOTE the number of attendees at each Mass will be in accordance with the Government requirements at the time. On-line bookings for Masses are required for ALL ATTENDEES.

Christmas Eve Mass Times

7:00pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale
11:30pm St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale

Christmas Day Mass Times

8:00am St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale

Month of Remembering November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Life will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed in the collection box or returned to the Parish Office.

The following children will celebrate their 1st Communion this week.

Max Houghton, Mekhi Hunter, Charlie Power, Darragh Torrens, Kingston Ulugia-faalua, Isobel Suddaby, Sienna Larking, Sarah Donahue, Georgia Mowat, Felix Vickers, Freya Huston, Hudson Armstrong, Hannah Featherstonhaugh, Amelia Cahill, Jaleah Ferrer, Adrian Ledesma, Emma Puljic, Jacob Puljic, Eve O'Connell, Tyler Wright, Jack Hammond, Chloe Smith, Dylan Harriss, Amelia Rodgers, Seonaid Harkins

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Diary:

Monday 9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 10th November

St Leo the Great

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 11th November

St Martin of Tours

7:30am HeartFIT

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 12th November

St Josaphat

6:00pm Mass

Friday 13th November

9:30am Mass

Saturday 14th November

4:00pm 1st Communion

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 15th November

8:00am Mass

10:00am 1st Communion

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'