

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 62)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

(Or)

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

TODAY'S READINGS Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

NEXT WEEK (33rd Sunday Year A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127, 1 Thess 5:1-6;

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8 November 2020 32nd Sunday Year A

One of the many things we've learnt this year is that people we often take for granted – firefighters, nurses, teachers, supermarket workers, amongst them – are significant people in our lives. We heard these significant others saying things like, "We just did what we had to do. We are not heroes." They say they're doing what they have to do and what they've learnt to do. But, as they know, unless you've done the preparation you'll be found wanting. You won't be ready and able to do what you have to do.

That's the situation the foolish bridesmaids find themselves in. They hadn't prepared for the 'what if he turns up late' situation and, when the bridegroom finally arrives, they make haste to find a shopkeeper who can supply them with oil. But, the oil they're after is made from the good works of their lives, so that, as one writer says: "The real decisive moment came along before the bridegroom arrived."

What then do we make of someone else saying, "this parable just doesn't feel like the gospel," excluding us arbitrarily from the marriage feast because we weren't prepared for the Lord's late arrival? We might be puzzled too, but the parable isn't meant to be a harsh judging of us. It urges one thing: the need to 'stay awake' for his coming, which is what Jesus says at the gospel's end; in other words, 'be prepared', or 'be vigilant'. All ten

bridesmaids fall asleep; what's at issue is the preparation.

Where do we learn this and go on learning this, because the preparation is going to be crucial when the decisive moment inevitably arrives, asking of us a response. When the stranger appears, when someone is hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, or imprisoned, what then? How will we respond? Because this will be the basis of a final judgment. Our 'deeds of faith, justice and mercy' will speak for us; they will tell whether we loved one another.

This is what the kingdom of heaven will be like, as Jesus says at the beginning of the gospel. And once again, where do we learn this? For most of us, it's in our families and in our parishes. In the parish, principally at Mass, but also through our other parish involvements, we learn how to be forgiven, to receive, to give thanks, so that gradually we're able to be this way with one another and with others.

Being vigilant, as the first reading suggests, is a keeping vigil, waiting on wisdom to appear. In the gospel, wisdom is being alert to the presence of Christ among us; and if we were to ask, when did we meet you Lord, he will tell us. Are we prepared to meet him? Will we be ready and able to do what we have to?

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CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN **Nov 8, 2020**
32ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

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Archbishop Mark's message for you...

It seems so long ago that we were together at Sunday Mass in the way that we knew. Since COVID-19 restrictions were put in place we've been restricted in the number of people we can have in church, though we've known total shutdown for only a short time. So we should count our blessings. But still it's been difficult, with the need to register, maintain distancing and sanitise churches after each Mass. This has brought live-streaming into play, and that's been a great help to many. It may not be the same as attending Mass in person with a community, but it's likely to remain part of our repertoire even after the pandemic is behind us. The Sunday obligation has been lifted for the time being, but people have still wanted to come to Mass – more than we can accommodate in fact. This shows the hunger of Catholic people for Eucharist & how spiritually strengthening it is to celebrate Mass with a community of faith. Governments have not considered acts of public worship essential services, but for many people that's what they are. Worship in any form is a crucial element in maintaining the spiritual / mental health of many people at this stressful time; and that means that what we do in church is a real service to the entire community. In this week's reflection, Vanessa invites us to be fully present in our everyday lives & suggests that in befriending & loving Jesus you will live a life of abundance.

[Read Vanessa's reflection here.](#)

REFLECTION : On 4.10.2020, Pope Francis' released his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*. We can access its wide-ranging eight chapters on the internet. Pope Francis addresses "dark clouds" that hang over our world & offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness.

We're all connected in ways we scarcely imagine.

We are called – both during & beyond COVID-19, to rethink our lifestyles & to help those in need. After COVID-19, we do not need to "plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation."

In Chpt 6 Pope Francis discusses "dialogue" as our process for approaching, listening... *Full reflection in insert.*

The 'New Norm'

1. Sanitise your hands
 2. Sign in
 3. Sit on stickered seats only
 4. Social Distancing enforced (1/4m²)
 5. Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
 - ◆ Stay home if unwell
 - ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
 - ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
 - ◆ Take newsletter home with you
 - ◆ No Hymn books used.



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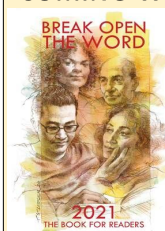
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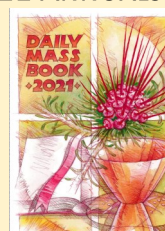


November being the month of All Saints & Souls, for those nearest & dearest & for those who have no-one to remember them, we pray... Joyce Byrne (rec dec.), Margaret Drony, Elizabeth Shannon, Families of: Francesco & Maria D'Allura, Mattiuzzo, McKenny & Sternfeldt.

ORDERS WILL BE PLACED THIS COMING WEEK FOR 2021 ANNUALS.



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PROCESSIONAL SONG @ Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN

V3 Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well and teach us to fashion, lives that are holy and hearts that are true.



OFFERTORY HYMN @ M Mangan

HOLY SPIRIT COME

Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit... Holy... Holy... Blow winds of change, breathe in our lives. Stir in our hearts, shine through our eyes. Come and pour out your gifts, Work through our hands And renew the face of this land.

COMMUNION HYMN @ M Mangan

THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE

V1 Christ be before me, always beside me. Christ be behind me each day. Christ be below me, always above me, Christ be within me I pray. Christ is the light of my life. Always the light of my life. V2 Christ at my right hand, touching my left hand. Christ all around me each day. Christ in my sleeping, here in my rising, Christ deep inside me I pray. Christ is the light of my life. Always the light of my life.

REFLECTION HYMN @ Tricia Watts I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU

V1 I am here with you by your side, Sheltering your heart from the night. Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you. V2 Let me love the world through your heart. Let me heal your wounds with my touch. Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you. *I will be your God, your comforter. I will hold you close in my heart.* V3 Let me see the world through your eyes. Let forgiveness shine through your smile. Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you.

RECESSIONAL @ C.Landry COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

V1 We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life and in the love we bear is the hope we share for *we believe in the love of our God. [Repeat *] V2 No longer strangers to each other. No longer strangers in God's house. We are fed and we are nourished *by the strength of those who care.. [Repeat *]