

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



## The bridegroom is here! Go out to meet him

The last section of Matthew's gospel, before the narrative of the passion and resurrection, is a collection of Jesus' teachings urging readiness for death and judgment. The gospel readings for the liturgies of today and next Sunday (the last Sundays of the year's cycle) are from this section. Today we hear the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. The stern tone of the parable should not obscure for us the festive background this story would have called to mind for the original audience. The wedding customs of Palestine – different from our own – have not changed much over the centuries. They come to a climax with the arrival of the bridegroom and his friends at the home of the bride. Upon his arrival, the friends of the bride, who have been waiting with her, go out to join the groom's party for a ceremonial entrance. Those who heard the parable would have recalled that in the Old Testament, Israel's God was called the bridegroom of Israel. The rabbis used the espousal imagery of the Song of Songs in recalling this theme. The members of Matthew's community would have recalled that Jesus referred to himself as 'the bridegroom' (cf. Mt 9:35). The whole emphasis of the parable story, it is clear, is readiness for the coming of the Bridegroom. The 'cry' that goes up when he arrives, capturing the festive joy of the occasion, tells us of the eagerness with which the first

Christians looked forward to the Lord's return. All the bride's friends are asleep – the Saviour's return, whether in the moment of death or at the end of the world's history - will come as a surprise to all. Though they are asleep, the wise bridesmaids are ready. Like the lover in the Song of Songs, they can say, 'I sleep, but my heart is awake'. We should not be distracted by their abrupt refusal to share their oil. Remember, in their original form the parables have one point to make. The foolish bridesmaids are removed from the scene to emphasize the point that only those who are ready will join in the festivities.

The first reading, from the book of Wisdom, is well chosen. In his story, Jesus calls the maidens who are ready 'wise'. Wisdom is greatly prized by the traditions of the world; it is a knowledge that helps us understand the things that really matter. Wisdom belongs to a set of Old Testament writings that give expression to a spirituality nourished by an outlook that comes from living one's life in harmony with the ways of God. As the parable invites us to ask ourselves whether we are ready to meet our Lord, and to review the loyalties and values that shape our lives, we may well ponder what is offered to us by God's Word in the first reading: the joy and peace that come from being in tune with God is there to be 'found by those who look'.

The first Christians looked forward eagerly to the Lord's return. With the passing of time, it became clear then to their period of waiting would be long. With the Saviour's resurrection, the last moment of God's plan has come; but as the second letter of Peter reminded those concerned about this delay, 'With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years' (3:8). These developments are echoed in the reading from 1Thessalonians. It seems that when they embraced the faith and rejoiced in the union with Christ brought by baptism this community thought that they would not see death before the Lord's return. Some have died, however, and Paul is instructing them to remove their confusion. With them we can look forward to festivities in store for us. 'The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! ... Come, Lord Jesus'

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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

#### Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

#### No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

#### Other Time

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	P Vincent	C Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	M Cota	Sr Margaret
	Sun 9.00am	T Pitchford	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	D & B Molony

## PARISH CALENDAR

Nov Sat 7	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
Sun 8	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
Mon 9	8.00am	Communion (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
Tue 10	8.00am	Mass (St Leo the Great) - Church
Wed 11	8.00am	Mass (St Martin of Tours) Church
Thu 12	8.00am	Mass (St Josaphat) Church
Fri 13	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
Sat 14	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 32) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church



### Come Celebrate Father Patrick's birthday

**Saturday, 14 November 2020**  
After the 6pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Please bring a plate to share.

### Columban Calendars

2021 Columban Calendars are available for sale at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each.

### Manning Parish AGM

Our AGM will take place on 21 November after the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

We hope that parishioners will come and support your parish in these difficult times with the pandemic.

It is important that we show an interest in what is going on in our parish and contribute in whatever way we can as we try to build our community.

We ask that the various ministries in the parish please submit your written report for the AGM as soon as possible.

We also need a couple of nominations to replace those who are stepping down from the Parish Pastoral Council. Please complete a Nomination Form if you would like to be a part of the Manning PCC.

### Readers / Morning Tea Rosters

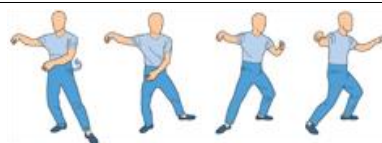
Volunteers are needed for the Readers Roster as well as Morning Tea Roster. If you can assist, please put your name down on the list provided in the foyer.



### Line Dancing Classes

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon  
\$5 per session  
All proceeds go to the Parish

This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
All are welcome; no age limits!



### Tai Chi Group

In Manning Parish Hall  
Every Monday except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm

All parishioners are most welcome.  
For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

### Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale this weekend after each Mass. Proceeds of the raffle are for the construction of the patio. Your support will be much appreciated. Social Committee.

### Columbarium Expression of Interest

For those who are interested in making reservation and pre-paid for a space, and have not already completed the form, please take the Columbarium booklet and fill in the form on the last page and return to the office.

You will be contacted once we have all the necessary documentations and policy ready so that we can let you know the cost.



### Christmas Seniors Gathering

on Thursday 3 December 2020  
from 12 to 2pm

\$20 a head for a 3 course meal  
Prawn Cocktail  
Turkey & Ham with roasted vegetables  
Christmas Pudding  
with custard & Ice cream

If you are interested please put your name and contact on the list provided in the foyer for your ticket - door prize.  
Thanks - Social Committee

## First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

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

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

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Matthew 24:42. 44

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

## Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



God is the source of all wisdom. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is what leads to success.

Think of a time in your life when you weren't very wise, and you found yourself in a 'no oil for the oil lamp' situation. What happened? How did you deal with the consequences?

Think of a time when you were wise – a time when you did think ahead and were prepared – and your preparation paid off because something unexpected popped up. What happened? How did you benefit?

Do you think that most of the young people you know tend to be on the wise side or on the foolish side? Why? Give some examples of how that affects your school, your church, your city or town, and the world.

How would Jesus describe success?

## Next Sunday Readings

33rd Sunday Year A – 15 November 2020

First Reading: Proverb 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Which two of these lamps are exactly the same?



Like the wise bridesmaids waiting for the groom to arrive, how can we be alert and ready to meet Jesus among us?

Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps you to be ready!

