

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The bridegroom is here! Go out to meet him

in God: help; protective wings; the power of God's right hand. The psalmist has turned to God for life and security, and God has responded with the requested protection.

The subject of Paul's instruction is the final coming of the Lord. It seems that some Christians believed that living the new life in Christ would exempt them from physical death. Therefore, they were troubled by the death of some of their members, questioned either the authenticity of the faith of the deceased or the trustworthiness of their new life. Paul argues that those joined to Christ share in his victory over death. He draws on elements from the apocalyptic tradition of Israel to describe the events that will take place at the end of time when all will be finally joined to Christ. Paul testifies to the truth of this on the strength of the word of the Lord.

Several features of the parable of the Ten Virgins mark its eschatological character. First, banquet is a symbol of eschatological fulfilment (see Is 25:6). Second is the idea of waiting in darkness for an event to occur without knowing exactly when it will come to pass. Finally, there is an ultimate separation that cannot be altered. Jesus may be recounting a parable that describes circumstances surrounding a wedding, but he is teaching a lesson about the endtime. The point of the parable is preparedness, the kind of preparedness that cannot be loaned or given by another. One must prepare oneself. Jesus concludes the parable with the admonition: Be alert! You do not know when the end will come!

In the tradition of Israel this wisdom (Wis 6:12-16) is personified as a woman. Wisdom in this feminine personification is not exactly a divine characteristic, but she is very close to it (see Wis 7:25-26). Wisdom is perceived by those who love her; she is found by those who search for her. Actually, the love of Wisdom and the search for Wisdom are evidence that one is already wise. Wisdom is always available to them, waiting for them, calling to them. Although she permeates all of reality, she resides at its deepest level, and so only those who venture into the deepest realms of experience will find her. Those who find Wisdom find peace and security, meaning and fulfilment.

The psalm of confidence begins with expressions of longing, followed by a short hymn of praise, concluding with words of confidence. The metaphor 'arid land' not only makes the psalmist's longing concrete, but it also suggests that an experience of God is as essential for a human being as water is essential for natural life itself. The arid life without God is contrasted with the sumptuous life with God. The psalmist insists that the covenant bond of lovingkindness is more precious than life itself. Several concepts or images characterise the psalmist's trust

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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

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	Sun 7.30am	J Miles	J Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Maria Fernandes
Counters		Volunteers	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 13	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 19	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday (Chinese Mass 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church



Seniors Gathering


Melbourne Cup was a great success with everyone who attended enjoying the 3 course meal thoroughly. First thanks to all the unnamed helpers and Social Committee members for their untiring efforts.

Our entrée was provided by J Bento, our Bulletin Sponsors, Mark & Julianna Amin.

The main course Pork was donated by Peter Stocker and cooked by Fr Pat. Mashed Potatoes & Coleslaws prepared by Mignonne Goes.

Main Sweets, Apple Strudels made by Parishioners, Freddie & his wife Babiana, the owners of Freddie Strudels. Thanks to Hellen Tay for her special Jelly and Jenny for the fruit platters.

Thanks also to Philip Goes and helpers who organised the Sweeps.



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 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 and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Advent Retreat

**Guided by Fr Joe Parkinson
For Single Catholic Women
Aged 18 - 35**

Friday 1 December 6 pm - Sunday 3 December 3 pm

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Getaway Weekend

**Young Hearts,
Strong Faith!**

Join us for an exciting weekend with other young adults from around Perth. There will be lots of social activities, talks and discussion, music, and prayer, as we come together to explore what it means to live a strong faith filled life.

1st to 3rd of December 2023
Advent Park, 345 Kalamunda Rd
Maida Vale WA / Cost: \$100 per person
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Visitation of our Lady's Statue

We would like to commence the visitation of our Lady's Statue in Parishioners' homes. The statue will be dropped off in your home on a Saturday and picked up the following Saturday.

If you would like to have the statue in your home, please call Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

Is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend

If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave the Church today or use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews today.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community.

Please mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the Parish at any time over the coming weeks.



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

Ps 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

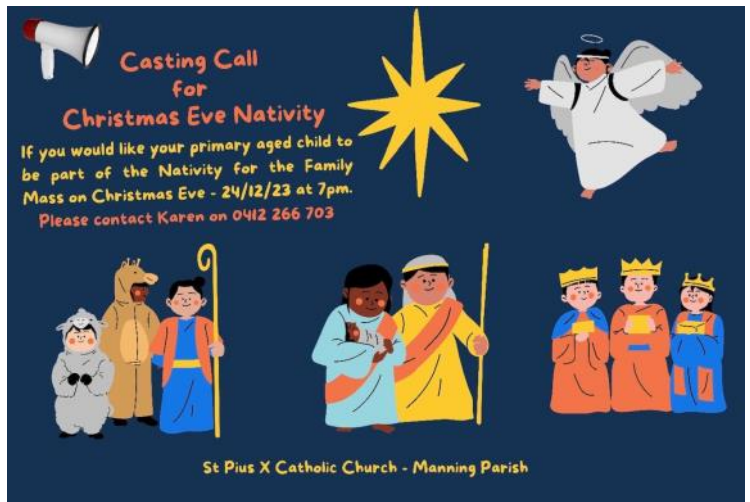
Weekend 18/19 November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



CHILDREN'S CORNER

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!

