



The Parish Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Entrance Antiphon:

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

1st Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 62:2-8

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

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

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*

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

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.

When you come back Jesus...



Find us faithfully waiting...

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 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

by Father James McCarthy

Be Prepared as the Best is yet to come!

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had a few months to live. She contacted the local priest and had him come to her house to discuss her final wishes, to pray with her and anoint her. She told him which songs she wanted at the funeral Mass, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and as the priest was preparing to leave, the young woman suddenly remembered something very important. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" asked the priest. "I want my body to be buried with a fork in my hand."



The priest stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the priest. The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from then on I have always done so. I have, also, always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending church and community luncheons and celebrations, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork!'"

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Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank! A warm welcome to all to attend our church! May you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We hope that you will also share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence, your talents and skills are most welcome.

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4th Saturday - Aneela Pereira

Sunday Masses:

1st & 3rd SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

1st SUN 10am - Mary Towers

2nd SUN 8am - Muntia Goww

2nd SUN 10am - TBA

3rd SUN 10am - David Foong

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Or Mary Towers

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Reflection

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It was my favourite part of the meal because I knew that something better was coming, like chocolate cake or apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!' So, I want people to see me at the funeral with a fork in my hand and I want them to ask, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork because the best is yet to come." Our readings during the month of November, the month when we remember the faithful departed, prepare us for the coming of the Son of Man at the end of time and help us to be prepared for eternal life. Today's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching and evolving heart is essential for a lively and dynamic faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we are to prepare for them.

Literally, our Gospel answers the question, "What shall we do while we wait?" with the answer "Make sure you have enough oil for your lamps." The parable warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute: a) good relationship with God, b) a good character, c) merits from good deeds of sharing and giving love and humble service to others. The parable also warns us of certain elements in Christian life that cannot be borrowed from someone else. These are similar: a) a relationship with God, b) good character, c) faith. Let us not delay desiring eternal life or rely on the efforts of others but let each of us rather be joyful and prepared - for the best is yet to come.

Welcoming Fr James



A Big thank you to the Catechist team, especially Gemma, Hannah and Joan for preparing and hosting last Sunday's gathering after 10 am Mass to welcome Fr James. Thank you also to their families and all who attended who helped make the morning tea so welcoming and memorable. Thanks also to the Parish Office staff for all their assistance. Well done everyone.

CFW Pastoral November 2017 Appeal.

Still ongoing until the end of the month. All proceeds will go to the following 6 Agencies that CFW supports:

1. Catholic Care: strengthening families and empowering individuals to create better lives for themselves through better opportunities.
2. The Ephpheta Centre: promoting inclusion and dialogue between the hearing and deaf and hard of hearing communities through equal access.
3. The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry: creating a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and promote reconciliation.
4. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD): educates children in state schools.
5. Chaplains: providing hope and spirituality in our hospitals, universities and aged care facilities.
6. Seminaries: educating our future pastors.

Thank you for your generous support and may the Lord continue to look after you in all your worthwhile endeavours. Envelopes are in the pews and tables next to all entrances of the church. Donations will be accepted till the end of November.

FINANCIAL HELP. The parish has expenses – electricity, insurance, maintenance and commitments to the Archdioceses. Please help and take a box of contribution envelopes.

The Piety Stall is open on the 1st & 3rd week-ends of the month. Our next opening will be on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November.

Become a Catechist Now.

Bored, sitting at home wondering what to do? Something worthwhile and rewarding is to become a Catechist. Share your faith with some bright young children. You may say, "How do I become a Catechist?" Very easily! Ring Stephen Topple on 0422374989 and you are nearly there. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided with all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist. Make that phone call now!



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour.

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, November 15, 2017- the last tour of the year. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

CATHOLICCARE..... Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive. CatholicCare are marking Responsible Gambling Awareness Week. If you are concerned about yours or someone else's gambling, contact our team on 02 9509 1148 .

Catholic Weekly 12-November

Quality time for fathers and sons
Super Mario Bros meets the Catechism
Christmas stamps feature Cathedral Lights
Selling palliative care short: Monash psychiatrist speaks
ACYF news
Putin: Villain or hero?
Fun with Faith – Kids page – P26

Save the date - Parish Volunteers Luncheon.

Sunday 3 December

From 12pm to 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.



All parishioners and their families who contribute their time, talent or treasure to the Parish are invited to a special lunch hosted by the parish to thank you for your service. This includes Catechists, Cleaners, Counters, Acolytes, Altar Society and Altar Servers, Singers and Musicians, Readers and Collectors, Sacramental and Children's liturgy helpers, Parish committee groups, St Vincent de Paul Society, and anyone who volunteers or contributes your time or your talent to make our parish what it is. Thank you for all that you do for Christ and the Church. A sign-up sheet and more details will be available next week.

HELP WITH THE CHURCH LAWN

MOWING. We have one more lawn mower, which will make mowing much easier. Come and test it out by joining the team. Contact Don Smith 0414 748 302



Altar Society. CHURCH CLEANING, LAUNDRY OF THE ALTAR LINEN, FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. Join the Altar Society and help keep our church fit for God. A gold coin or coins donation is greatly appreciated for the on going cleaning and flowers for the church. There is a box at the back and side doors of the church for those gold coins.



Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November 2017
Harrington Hall, Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Chatswood

8:30am-1:30pm.
Cost \$50 per person - Early bird by 6th November
\$60 per person - standard
Enquiries : Jerome Akbarally Phone 0450 037 303
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NEXT WEEKEND

Roster: 18 / 19 Nov. 2017

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00PM Vigil	Jim Lemcke	Colleen Maguire Faby Lobo	1 Brian Maher 2 Carol Maher 3 Joseph J K 4 Rita D'Mello 5 Liz Paricka 6 Mark Pereira
8:00AM	Dominic Bui	Gregory Chen Chris Twomey	Mel Talisayon Nora Gardner
10:00AM	John Fillion	Maria Sharmila Maureen Richardson	1 Joan D'souza 2 Maureen Richardson 3 Connie Buttigieg 4 Celeste Villarente 5 Michael Dunkin 6 Darryle Fernandes



Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

Request for Mass and Prayers

SICK: 1. Pray for the people who are suffering from stroke, the mentally ill and sick children

2. Madeline & Andre Van Roi

RECENTLY DECEASED: 1. Johny Mui Halim

2. Therese Lim 3. Maria Rita de Souza

4. Andrea Anne Domacena.

A funeral Mass will occur at 9:15am this Saturday morning for little baby Andrea.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: 1. Holy souls
2. Norman Cavanagh

All masses in November will be offered for the faithful departed mentioned in the parish book of remembrance.



Liturgy for this week (13 - 19 Nov. 2017)

Weekday Masses
9.15am - Monday *Communion Service only*
9.15am - Tuesday to Saturday

Weekend Masses
6.00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass 8.00AM and 10.00am - Sunday
Children's Scripture Class at 10am Mass on Sundays

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:30pm-5:50pm

Devotions: Prayer for Priests: 8:45am every 1st Saturday

Morning Prayer (Lauds) 7:40AM every Sunday

Rosary: 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)
Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:15am-9:15am every Friday

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Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Wednesdays after AM Mass

Mass Offerings: All Masses during November are for the Holy Souls. Names are in the Book of Remembrance at the foot of the altar. No additional Mass Offerings during November.

No Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass on 9 December.



All parishioners are invited to attend the **biggest Mass in Australia since World Youth Day 2008.** Mass for the conclusion of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held at **6:30pm at the Sydney Domain** on Saturday 9 December. The Archbishop has cancelled all

Saturday evening Masses in Sydney that day and encourages every Catholic in Sydney to attend, both the young and the young at heart. Mass will conclude with fireworks! Let our country know that Australians still love Christ and the Church.

Funeral: Therese Lim

Date: 10th November 2017, Friday

Place: St Michael's Church Meadowbank

Time: 1:00pm Cemetery: Field of Mars

Celebrant: Fr John Alt

Saints & Feasts of the Week

FRI 17 NOV St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

SAT 18 NOV Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, apostles

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!
Weekend date: 24th -26th November, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA.

For all the parishioners who are interested to attend Marie Fonseca's spiritual pilgrimage to India.

Marie Fonseca is organising her 6th spiritual pilgrimage to India "One Heart and One Soul" from February 19 – March 10, 2018. The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For further information, please contact:

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