



St Mary's Parish

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 November 2017

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

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.*

- 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.)
- 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.)*
- 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.)
- 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 Thes 4:13-18

*A reading from the first letter
of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

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

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 Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

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

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

by Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride
in Jewish scriptures. So, the question
was: 'When would the Bridegroom -
the Anointed One of God, the Christ
- appear?' Jesus' warning is to the
attendants of the bride: 'Be alert,
be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the
five foolish attendants) did miss the
moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of
Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic
Church which is the new Bride of Christ.
We are the attendants to the Bride and
the imperative applies to us also: Be
alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the
eruption, the intervention of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our
history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet
us in the modern movements which
demand to hold authority accountable,
or which press for just recognition of
women? We can foolishly remain in the
dark or we can wisely try to throw light
on these questions. Only then we will be
able to discern whether indeed it is the
Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready
when the Bridegroom responds to the
ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmara people.

Country Mass Schedule

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

St Joseph's Penshurst

◆ Cuppa after Mass today.

19th November 2017

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Terry Pezutti
Gifts	
Special Minister	Brendan Kelly
Leader	Margie Eales
Communion to Hospital	Terry Pezutti

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ NYC
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY)
Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$30,758

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) Given last Financial Year;
Sr Lorudes—Kenya Mission \$6,000
Children of Phoenix \$3,000

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	11 & 12 November Ministers of Communion	18 & 19 November Minister of Communion
6 pm	J Ryan, J Gustus & M Byrne	P&M Dunn & Karen Brewis.
10.30am	F Soulsby, D Dunn M Bell, P Fitzgerald & Volunteer.	U Murphy, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, Pryia & Nola Joseph.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
11/11	J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Michael McGrath	Ted Oliver	Chris Jansen	J&M Duyvestyn	Brian & Trish Shanahan	B & J Roache
12/11	Richard & Ursula O'Brien Family	Jo-Anne Bond	Ursula Murphy	Ursula Murphy	Val Lovell	Stanhope Family	T Irving G Mather	
18/11	S McCaskill J Schurmann	Chris Jansen	John Duyvestyn	T Groves	Annette Mason	T Tuppen & M Grinham	Helen & John Watt	M Cook J Watt M Stewart
19/11	I Donne A&D Slattery	Carolyn Stanhope	Maree Bell	R Beks	Jo-Anne Bond	P Blohm & A Aylmer	Volunteers	

*'A Sparkling Christmas Expo. -
Celebrating 25 Years!'*

*An invitation from St. Mary's Parish Primary
2nd December, 2017*

@ Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (P.A.C.) Brown Street.

*We would love you to be a part of our celebrations
and we welcome and encourage you to come along
and be involved.*

Pass on the invitation and spread the good news.

More Information on: 55519000 or
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**A Time To
Remember**

Our Loved Ones

Sunday, 26th Nov 7pm

St Mary's Church



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversary: William Kearney, Rita Taylor, Alexander McIntosh, Emma Mercadante Mayer, Leonard Presser, Jackie Handley.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Graeme Sewell, Andrea Andre, Carissa Watt, Mary Guy, Jan Merrett, Kate Kuiper, Peter McCluskey, Edna Scullion, Margaret Hardingham, Gladys Ryan.

**ANNOINTING MASS ST MARY'S
THURS. NOV. 16 @ 10am**



The Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, 26th Nov.

10:30am Mass

A Celebration of Diversity at St Mary's Church

On this weekend we celebrate all those who have come from other lands, and the richness you bring to St Mary's Parish.

We invite all those from another culture to share with us your stories, songs and food.

Also Celebrating

Fr John McKinnon's

60th Anniversary of Ordination

All parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share lunch.



**November Liturgies
in our Cemeteries**

Prayers for our deceased loved ones.

All Faiths Welcome

Hamilton Lawn Cemetery

Sat, 11th Nov 10am (Mass)

Glenthompson Cemetery

Sun, 12th Nov 8:30am (Mass)

Penshurst Cemetery

Sun, 12th Nov 2.30pm

Macarthur Cemetery

Sun, 19th Nov 2.30pm

Please bring a fold up chair.

PRAYER

Your Wisdom, O God, comes in search of all who will listen to her voice. Let us hear and heed the word that warns us to increase the store of oil for our lamps, that they may not flicker and go out while we await the Bridegroom's return, but that they may be burning brightly and we may be ready to run out to meet Christ and enter with him into the wedding feast. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Catholic Church Truth, Justice, Healing Council

Where to from here? Francis Sullivan - 19 October 2017

Over these past weeks I have been giving presentations on the work of the Council in various parish and professional settings. It is fair to say that there is intense interest in the 'where to from here' question.

The Royal Commission's final report is much anticipated. It is due to governments on 15 December this year. We can be confident that the Commission will meet that date.

Given the magnitude of this inquiry we can assume that the report will be long and comprehensive! Unsurprisingly, a significant slab of it will be about the Catholic Church.

In its last session concerning the Catholic Church the Commission tested the senior Church leadership over its willingness to adopt and implement the report's final recommendations. I am sure that the community will likewise be curious.

It seems to me that the Church leaders now need to make a definite commitment to implement the recommendations that fall within their power to do so.

The inquiry has laid bare the factors that led to the gross mishandling of abuse cases within the Church. It has demonstrated beyond challenge that the Church leadership did not do enough at the right time to safeguard children and prevent further abuse occurring.

This has led to a corrosion in confidence and trust about the institution of the Church and in turn, has demoralised its followers. Now only action from the leadership can begin the process of atonement.

The Royal Commission's final report will mark a point in time where public scrutiny will once again fall to the current Church leaders to demonstrate that the church will not resort to "business as usual" when dealing with abuse cases.

Many will know that much has already been done and more is being planned. But the wider community does not know this. And many within the Catholic community are unaware of where dioceses and religious orders have taken the processes of pastoral care of survivors.

The Church leaders will need to co-ordinate a nationally consistent implementation of the Royal Commission's findings.

They have already kick-started a new and more rigorous standards setting and monitoring agency. This is a great innovation and will place a level of transparency and scrutiny on church leaders never seen before.

To complement that accountability measure they need to organise an administrative response across the country that demonstrates real action for change and open channels for best practice in institutions for the care of children and vulnerable people.

An enthusiastic commitment from good people might be cause for optimism in the current climate, but enduring change will require solid action and amendments to legal and financial processes within the Church.

It's a difficult task that lies ahead that can't be left in the too hard basket.

