

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings concern the right attitude to adopt towards the future. Matthew's Gospel devotes a long section to this theme, culminating in the three parables that make up chapter 25. Today's Gospel (Matt 25:1-13) is the first of these parables. Key phrases are 'be prepared' and 'stay alert'.

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is a story which is in some ways obscure as it is unclear what all the marriage customs of the time were. For example: it is unlikely that unaccompanied young women would head out trying to buy oil at midnight. Anyway, as part of the wedding ceremonies there is a night procession from the bride's house to the banquet at the groom's house. As part of this the bridesmaids carry torches. But some of them have not provided enough oil for their torches and so can't fulfil their role. Both the wise and the foolish bridesmaids fall asleep. The difference is that the wise have made sure to have sufficient oil to rekindle their lamps when they are roused, while the foolish have not thought to be prepared. Their absence means they can't participate when the tardy bridegroom appears.

For Matthew, this parable is an allegory for life in the Church during the time of waiting for the return of the Lord (the 'Bridegroom'). The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids represent members of the Church who are of mixed quality. The oil represents the kind of good deeds that Jesus commends – 'justice, mercy and faith' (23:23) – which will be illustrated in the parable of the Great Judgment (25:31-46).

The foolish bridesmaids are the kind of believers who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' but have no good works to accompany their confession of faith (7:21-27). The wise may 'sleep' (in death) before the coming of the Lord but when he does come, they will go out to meet him with the 'lamps' of their good works shining (cf. 5:16). This could remind us of the dismissal at the end of mass: 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord' which is actually a program for living the twin commandments of love of God and love of neighbour (Matt: 22:37-40).

RCIA

This Sunday at the 9.30 mass we joyfully welcome Elise Anderson, April Sripochsomboon and Minna Park into the Catechumenate in preparation for their Baptisms. Our RCIA candidates have joined with those of Bedford Parish for this important programme. This morning I also welcome Chris deSilva who is the coordinator of the Bedford RCIA and express my gratitude and appreciation for the cooperation between our parishes.

—*Blessings, Greg*

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

A special retiring collection to be held next weekend 14/15 November

Please collect your copy of Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass this weekend, read his message during the week and give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies. You can mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided, or return your envelope and donation for a special retiring collection which will be held at Mass next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au



"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32)

AN INVITATION TO YOU PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are now open. Nomination forms are available in the foyer. If you have qualities which you feel would enable you to take a leadership role in the parish, then please seriously consider nominating yourself. If you wish to nominate, please complete the form and return to the parish office.

If you know of somebody you think would make an excellent parish councillor, then please approach him/her to consider nominating. Nominations close on Monday 16th of November.



Annual Community Meeting Monday 23rd November at 7pm At parish hall

You are all invited to come and join your parish community for the annual community meeting. The reports from our Parish Priest, Fr Greg, school principal, Paul Hille, Finance Committee chairperson, Bob Burns and Parish Pastoral Council chairperson, Nevellene Linqvist will be presented and the floor opened for questions. Please come and take an interest in what has happened during the year and see how our parish has been going. After the meeting, you are invited to stay for light refreshments.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION
Monday 9th November and 12th November

Please arrive early and register your child's attendance at the parish centre. The Family Retreat and Reconciliation are for all the candidates and their immediate families. Godparents are also very welcome

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for new altar servers (junior) will begin soon. The altar server ministry is looking for dedicated children who have received their First Communion and would like to take part in the celebration of the Mass. Parents who wish to have their children trained, please call parish office on 9276 8500 to register your interest by **this Wednesday 11th November**.



Adore—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

In the day-to-day reality of our lives, especially during the busyness of end-of-year activities, it is easy to lose sight of what we are truly preparing for during Advent and celebrating at Christmas—the Incarnation. The magnitude of this event was not lost on the shepherds and the Magi who came to adore the Child who is truly Emmanuel: God-with-us. Inspired by the Shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, Adore, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son. Adore is available from piety stall after Masses and from parish office for \$4 a copy. Christmas cards and 2021 Columban calendar are also available.



Acceptance Perth invites Catholic LGBT+, their family, and friends to attend Mass and Dinner on Saturday 28th November at 5PM. Further details can be found by emailing us at acceptanceperth@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/>

Garden FUNraiser

We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a Mother's Day Garden Fair, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.



Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at gardenfunraiser@gmail.com or phone the parish office on 92768500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.



Thanks to Chris Lambert for offering to co-ordinate the Garden Cafe and Carol Smith who is co-ordinating the raffles.

We would love someone to offer to co-ordinate the Children's activities and the craft section. If you think you could help in these areas, please email us on the address above. Thanks—and let's get planting!

Feast of Christ the King—Celebration and Procession Sunday 22nd November at 2.30pm

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King starting with a procession at 2.30pm from St Lawrence Church. The procession through the streets of Balcatta will be followed by a Homily and Benediction. This is a great way to demonstrate our faith in public by walking with the Blessed Sacrament, praying and singing together.

24:7 Morley Youth Goup

For all youth in Years 6-12, bring along a gold coin donation, and friends! Every Friday, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Infant Jesus Primary School hall. Coming up: (13th Nov – Wonder Woman and truthfulness). Call Steph on 0499 547 066 or Joe on 0499 038 223 for more information. Find us on Instagram @247morley or @youthministry247

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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NEXT WEEKEND — 15 November 2020— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Paul Wachtel	Eamon Delaney	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia and Royce	Cyril and Marcus	Allan and Akash	Oliver; Conan and Ruben
Proclaimers	Mellisa and Marian	Liz and Brian	PERSONAL ADVOCACY	Rita and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T and Tracy	Brian and Debbie	Errol and Patrick	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Ann and Janice	Barb and Veronica	Annette and Lucy	Rennet and Tessie
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 14 November @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Raffaele Feleppa, Giovanna Condello and Toni Redden, Michael Byrne, Louis Cantem;

Deceased: The souls of the departed members of the Conier, Bouquet, Bru, Touris families,

Anniversaries: All the Holy Souls, Barbara Preston, Francesca Pintabona, Anne Appadoo, Hilda, Rod and Robert Thompson, Pietro Dagostino, Irene Bridget Owen, Conrad Misquitta, Corrado Cusma,

The Sick of the Parish: Chantal Adams and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord."

PILGRIM STATUE



This week in the home of Mrs Marlene Roze;
4/120 Alfreda Ave, Noranda. Ph: 0407 389 583

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

9 Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10 Nov: St Leo the Great, pope, doctor

11 Nov: St Martin of Tours, bishop

FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

As per government COVID-19 regulations, collections are not able to be taken up during Mass. Any Planned Giving and monetary offerings for the first and second collections may be placed in the box at the back of the church.



A reminder that the first collection is for our priests, the second collection is for the parish running expenses. During this time of uncertainty, we are most grateful to those who are able to continue their weekly financial support. If you would like to continue to support the parish financially, but are not in the planned giving program, then please contact Darren Parnell

**PLEASE STAY SAFE
COVID-19 SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY**

- ◆ If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu, stay at home.
- ◆ Upon entering, sterilize your hands using the hand sanitiser provided.
- ◆ Keep a safe 1.5m physical distance.
- ◆ Please follow directions of staff/volunteers.
- ◆ Be patience and be respectful to people around you.



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