

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's **Gospel** (Matt 25:1-13) features the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids. It is not that easy to interpret as we don't know with certainty the wedding customs of the time but it seems improbable that it is OK for young women to go out to buy oil at midnight. It is helpful to see the parable as an allegory of life in the Church during the time of waiting for the return of its 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) – and which will be so graphically illustrated in the concluding parable of the Great Judgment (25:31-46). The five foolish bridesmaids represent those who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' but have no good works to accompany this 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). The moral is 'Be prepared'.

The wise young women are prepared for the long haul. They have a clear priority to be there and ready whenever the bridegroom comes. Their wisdom is not from studying obscure knowledge but is grounded in a relationship of love. It is not something we possess but something that comes to us. Wisdom is another name for God. We don't seek God as much as, out of love, God seeks us. We need to be open, to "allow ourselves to be loved" (St Elisabeth of the Trinity). Wisdom and love grow together.

Understood this way the parable reminds us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'. We need to train so that we will be fit to enter the kingdom of God by exercising generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, with their fruits of steadfast love, justice, and righteousness. Those who live with love of God and neighbour have the 'oil' required for salvation; so, they can 'sleep' peacefully without being anxious about the Lord's arrival.—***Blessings, Greg***



ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING 2023 Monday 20th November at 7pm

This year the meeting will follow a synodal model of listening and discernment in order for everyone to have a say in the future direction of the parish. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are now open. The parish council consists of the parish priest together with parishioners elected by the parish community and those co-opted by the parish priest. The role of the council is to promote the Church's mission, to live and communicate the love, values and teaching of Christ in the world. The council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Here in Morley parish, the people who make up our community have come from many, many different countries. To truly represent who we are, the parish pastoral council should reflect this diversity. You are invited to consider nominating yourself or someone who will be able to contribute to the work of promoting the church's mission here in Morley. The nomination forms are available in the foyer. Nominations close on **Wednesday 15th November.**



LIFELINK APPEAL

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.



PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023**—containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). The booklets are available now from the piety stall and parish office for \$5 a copy.



2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR
Now available at the Piety Stall
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY!
NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS
For Saturday 18 November
'Christmas Fair'-Only a week to go
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTERS NOW**

- ◆ On the day of the Fair Saturday 18 November from 9am to 3pm—the lists are in the church foyer for you to put your name down on the stall you would like to help with.

We also need help:

Do you love decorating for Christmas? Then please come along on **Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November 9.30am—2.00pm** and help us add a bit of Christmas flair to our Christmas fair! Just drop in to the parish centre and we will assign a task for you. From decorating, unpacking, sorting the donations received and setting up the stalls. If you can come for an hour or two or more on any of these days, we would love to see you! Morning tea will be provided. Thank you so much, everyone.

COLLECTION POINT

Any donations and home-made goodies for the Christmas Fair will need to be dropped off to the parish centre by Wednesday 15 November. Pot plants can be delivered by Thursday and Friday mornings (16 and 17 November). Any enquiries please contact Billie or Angela in the parish office on 9276 8500 or email secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au



Congratulations to our long-time parishioner, Mercia O'Brien on this amazing milestone—celebrating her 100th Birthday this week (9th November). We wish you all the joy your heart can hold on this special day and we pray for God's continued blessings upon you. Happy 100th Birthday, Mercia!



PILGRIM STATUE

Private devotion this week.
If you would like to have the Statue in your home, please place your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Lidier Aristizabal and Lilian Raphael;

Deceased: All the holy souls, Arthur Chemello, Norberto and Eduardo Sales, Matias and Renato Sales, Ceferino and Amalia Lee;

Anniversaries: Sheila Taylor, Conrad Henry Misquitta, Peter D'Agostino and Dawn Tame;

The Sick of the Parish: Sebster Peters McColliss and all who are in need of our prayers.

"My soul find rest in God, my hope comes from Him."



New Carpet Update

Our new carpet looks wonderful but there is still a little bit more to do. Due to a few hurdles discovered only when the old carpet was lifted, the planned six-day job expanded to 9 days required. As Advent will soon be upon us, it was decided that the remaining work will be completed in January. And if you can still see some seams between the tiles, don't worry as these will gradually become unnoticeable.

AN ADVENT EVENT ON MODERN SLAVERY



Almost 50 million people are experiencing modern slavery in our world today. Did you know Modern Slavery can be hidden in parish & school supply chains as forced labour? We can mitigate the risk of contributing to forced labour by adopting ethical purchasing behaviours. To find out more about this and participate in the Parish Modern Slavery Initiative contact wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au.

In partnership with Catholic Mission, the WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office and the University of Notre Dame Australia, the Redemptorist Monastery is hosting the Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery in Word and Music at 7pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023. Please save the date for your family, friends & colleagues to experience this premier sacred music Advent concert in the Perth Archdiocese. For more info contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon - Fri: 7am & 9am, Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5 - 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 - 9276 8500 | enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

Supporting Our Parish Financially

First Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Carmelite
BSB: 066 132 **Account Number:** 0080 0015
Reference: Your name

Second Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Infant Jesus Parish Morley
BSB: 086 006 **Account Number:** 66860 6029
Reference: PG-Your name

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Mothers Prayers Australia 20th Anniversary Mass

Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers to a Mass to celebrate its 20th

anniversary on Wed 22 Nov at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.

Please come early to place the names of your children and grandchildren in the basket which will be brought up to the altar at the start of Mass, signifying our surrender of these children into Jesus' care.

Mass will be followed by morning tea, during which those new to Mothers Prayers will be introduced to the worldwide Mothers Prayers ministry where mothers come together to pray for their children and all children throughout the world.

Enquiries: email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator, perth@mothersprayers.org

Nov/Dec 2023 ADVENT EVENTS FOR FAMILIES, WOMEN AND GIRLS @ THE SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

Join like-minded people at one of the following events preparing your hearts for the Incarnation of Lord this Christmas:

- 18 November, 10.30am-2.30pm Advent Women Retreat for women university students, professionals, and those young of heart incl. input, prayer, silent reflection and sharing, as well as lunch and tea breaks;
- 3 December, 2-4pm Advent Afternoon for Families, incl. family activities, couple's session, youth and children's program, as well as prayer and afternoon tea;
- 17 December, 1.30pm-4.30pm Advent Get-together for Girls aged 8-11, incl. faith and fun activities.

Venue: Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. Please bring along a plate to share for afternoon tea. Cost: \$5 per participant (children under seven are free). RSVP by the Monday in the week prior to the event date. To register or for inquiries please contact Sr M Luka at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843; or Philomena at pd@theseira.family or 0417 936 757.

THIS WEEKEND — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—12 November 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Wray	David Pham	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Royce and Savio	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Tang and Valerie	Sally and Marie	Josephine and Chris A	Alishia and Eloise
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris A and Sejin	Jose and Carl	Joan and Patrick	Maureen and Ivor
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Mavis and Sally	Marion and Patrick	Maureen and Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 17 November, 2023 @ 10.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—19 November 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Marion Wayne	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Mathan	Aaron and Frank	Crissanto and Cesar	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Marian F and Donna-Marie	Shirley and Clare	Barbara and Sr Chitra	Anna and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Teresa and John T	Kerryn and Kathleen	Josephine and Evelyn	Tristan and Thuy
Hospitality	Roopa and Desmond	Quinn and Francisca	Haydee and Barbara & Christie	Marina and Megan
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 25 November 2023 @ 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.

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