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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

8th November, 2020

This Sunday the Lord invites us to reflect on wisdom. Wisdom is not just an intellectual knowledge or understanding of something. Wisdom is a knowledge that helps us to live well; it is a practical knowledge of what to do in situations so that life comes out right and well.

The Book of Wisdom tells us that we must love and seek wisdom if we are ever going to live in wisdom. It seems that we must take a step back in our lives from time to time and reflect on how we and others actually live. Only as we reflect can we come to understand clearly that some ways of living bring peace and happiness and a deep awareness of God.

One of the aspects of wisdom is that we should learn from our mistakes. If the same person is making the same mistake over and over and over, something really is not right. Wisdom does not imply that we will never make mistakes but it does insist that we learn from our mistakes as well as from the things that have a positive outcome.

The First Letter to the Thessalonians tells us about the end time that is coming. There is so much written on the rapture at the end of time, so much written about what will happen when the world ends - we should not be surprised. This topic is fascinating for lots of people. For us who follow the Lord Jesus, however, we should simply follow the example of Saint Paul and that of our Lord Himself: we don't know the day or the hour and we do not know how it will all happen. We should not get caught up in trying to find the day and the hour, but should live now in Christ with total confidence that we will be with Him forever. Being with the Lord forever is the consolation and the incredible gift of life eternal.

Saint Matthew's Gospel today has the story of the wise and the foolish. The wise come prepared and the foolish don't think ahead. We are invited to reflect on this story and gain wisdom from it. At least part of the wisdom to be gained is that we can die at any moment and we should be ready to meet the Lord right now if this is when He calls us. Probably it is not going to happen right now, but it could. This Gospel is not trying to scare us, but simply reminding us that this life is not all that there is. There is another life and it is for that life that we live this life. God wants us freely to choose Him and that is why He has created us. We can choose against Him. Or we can just choose to ignore Him, which is probably more common today. The choice is yours.

With God's Blessings, Fr Joson

Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

READINGS FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Response: 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.
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.
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.
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.

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

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.'

Parish Diary

Wednesday, November 11th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Friday, November 13th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, November 14th

Mass of Remembrance 10:00am
St Joachim's

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 14th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, November 15th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Baptism 10:30am
St Agnes'

1st Communion Mass 10:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN



MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Traditionally in this parish we write the names of our deceased loved ones in the book beside the sanctuary and in doing so we ask our community to remember them in prayer during November.

There will also be envelopes provided on the tables in the churches, you can write the names of your loved one and nominate a weekday mass if you would like Fr Joson to offer a mass in their memory.

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Pauline O'Connor and Edna Hale. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Palmer and Warrie families and the Jorgensen family as they celebrate the baptism of Shylah and Evie in the parish this weekend.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

There will be NO 9:00am mass this Thursday as Fr Joson will be attending an Archdiocesan in-service.

PARISH CENSUS

We would like to thank all those parishioners who have completed and returned the census forms. Those who have not yet done so we ask that you consider this request and take 5 minutes to complete it. There are forms in the churches or if you would like one emailed out again please contact the office. The information we gather is for parish office use only.

COUNTERS

Alison's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 11th at 3:30pm.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards and Calendars are now on sale at all the masses. At the 7:30am mass they will only be available beforehand.

Columban Calendars - \$9.00

Christmas Cards, Pack 8 - \$5

DATE CLAIMER - COFFEE AND CHAT

Mark your calendars for Coffee and Chat recommencing on December 7th. Further details will be published closer to the date.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>



NEW FAITH STUDY SERIES

Hello all! Abundance Youth is offering a 6-week Faith Study series, digging deeper into our personal faith, inviting us deeper in the call Jesus offers us as Disciples. It is open to High Schoolers, Young Adults and any interested Parents. The faith study series will run from the 5th November till the 10th December, running each Thursday night from 6:00-7:30pm at the Parish Centre, corner Tudor Street and Logan Road, Mt Gravatt. To RSVP or get more information, please email hello@abundanceyouth.com or call 0400 898 381. Thanks!

POSITION VACANT – SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Applications are open for the above position in the Office for Safeguarding Services located at the St Stephen's Cathedral precinct. The position is a full-time 37.5 hour role.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

HELD IN GOD'S LOVING HANDS – A QUIET WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). Full details are on the noticeboards.

IGNITE SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Finally, there is some good news. Ignite Summer Camp is going ahead in 2021 and we are inviting all high schoolers to come and join us for four unforgettable days this Summer. The camp will be held at Mapleton from 14th-17th January. Earlybird Registration is now open and available till Dec 1, so don't delay. Family discounts are available for two or more siblings. Head to our website for more details - https://igniteyouth.com/summercamp?mc_cid=de4d3c7942&mc_eid=c937505a4d

SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection at: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

Please remember social distancing at all times.



HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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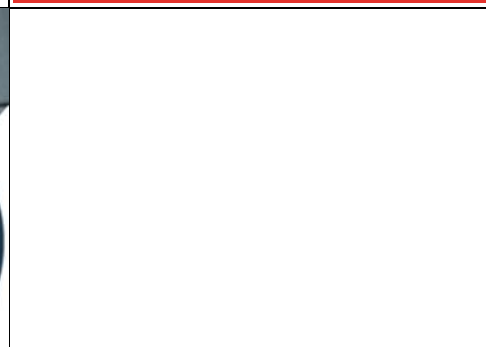
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