

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th / 12th November 2017

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

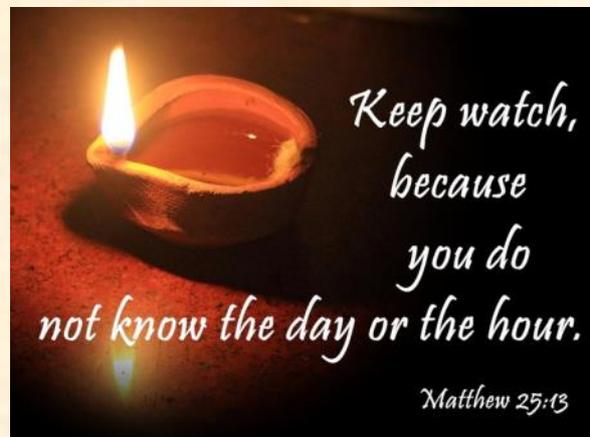
Monday– Saturday (Church)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



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!' (Fr Michael Tate)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andy Carter, Gloria Trampusic, Angela Codiato

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Elizabeth Couch rsj, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Josiah Thomas, Gill Baxter, Fred Howard, James Turley, Nance Barnett, Josie Konacik, Paul Halpin, Bob Thompson, George Godde, Frank Wyatt, Mary Star, William Plunkett, Anna Schmidt, John Gaudry, Wolly Lawrowicz, Vera Peric, Jim McMahon, Bill Phillips & Anne Mulquiney.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 11th / 12th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Kathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Jeneice Harding	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Pat Hopkins	Trish Parkinson Dianne & Peter Treacy
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Carmel & Brian Butts		Cleaning Group: Group 6

Sat /Sun 18th / 19th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Volunteer please	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Anthony Foley	Wendy McFerran
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Michael Stephenson
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Fran Kernaghan
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Mary Hunt	Anne McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Jane Togher & Desmond Lum		Cleaning Group: Group 7

Prayer Remembrance Day

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.'

Parish News

Memorial Garden

We are placing an order for Memorial plaques in the next few weeks. If you are interested in having a plaque put up in the Memorial Garden for deceased family members please phone the parish office. Plaques are \$250 each.

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 9.30am.

Caritas Kitchen—St Michaels Parish Centre Wagga

Please join us at our Caritas Kitchen event to help do something to end poverty. Wednesday 22 November at 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Guest speaker Lulu Mitshabu will speak at 12.30pm. Lulu as just returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and will tell first-hand how your donation will work. Refreshments provided.

RSVP: Michelle 0428 212 711 or Ruth 0413 454 215

Altar Servers

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact Parish Office on 6025 1516 or St Anne's School on 6025 1281.

Heartbeat

We wish to thank Kathy Robison for all her work on our Parish newsletter 'Heartbeat'. If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking this role over please contact a Parish Council Member or the Parish Office.

DVD of Fr Kevin Flanagan's Retirement Mass

A DVD is available at a cost of \$15 of Fr Kevin's Mass. These can be bought at (Photo Supplies) Camera House. Ask for Justin Dallinger.

Together

Our Diocesan newspaper has arrived. Please take a copy from entrances to Church.

Feast Days

Wednesday 15th November—St Albert

Thursday 16th November— St Margaret of Scotland

Friday 17th November—St Elizabeth of Hungary

Saturday 18th November— Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the Church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside the front of the Book.

November Mass envelopes will also be available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members and friends.

Camino DVD's by Peter Kearney

Peter Kearney has walked two 700+km sections of the Camino de Santiago. First in Spain and later in France. The DVD's combine music with Peter's photographs and narration. Useful information on Camino practicalities. Beautiful landscapes, ancient villages and town, interesting pilgrims. \$28 (1 DVD) or \$56 (2DVDs) or \$83 (3 DVDs) Phone Peter Kearney 0425 328 185 for enquiries and purchases.

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love,

Source of all hope and good things;

You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

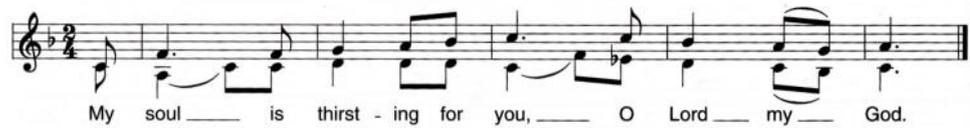


Liturgy of the Word

32nd Sunday of the Year —Year A

Readings: Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thess 4: 13-18; Matt 25: 1-13

Responsorial Psalm



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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Reading

This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation! (Greg Sunter)

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