# BEING AWAKE AND PREPARED

In biblical times, people wed at a young age with marriages arranged by the fathers of the couple. The betrothal took place in early youth and was a legal marriage, although the woman remained in her father's house.

The wedding took place at a later stage when the bridegroom would come at a pre-arranged time to the parental home of the bride, and the betrothed woman, accompanied by a colourful procession went to the house of the groom where a feast would be held for all.

Jesus uses this scenario in a parable about the kingdom which he both proclaimed and inaugurated in word and deed. The ten bridesmaids awaiting the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. The kingdom is among us but what is our approach to the second coming of Christ? Are we enthusiastically living a life of faith and bearing witness to our belief by incarnating the values of Jesus.

Do we, like some in the Thessalonian community, passively await the coming of the fullness of God's kingdom. Mindful of the brokenness evident in our world do we merely cling to the hope that things can change for the better?

All the bridesmaids in the parable fall asleep, but wake at the coming of the bridal party. However, there is a degree of consternation as only half have thought to provide themselves with extra oil. The oil symbolises our willingness to invest daily in deepening our relationship with the Lord and serving the community.

We cannot expect to drift gently into eternal salvation. We must realise the necessity and urgency of witnessing and living the gospel, and of being spiritually and morally awake all the days of our lives.

Like the bridesmaids, it is time for each of to take stock of our personal situation as well as the situation of our community and our society. Perhaps there is a need to undertake a renewal of our lives. How do we do this? Perhaps it is through a renewed commitment to prayer. Perhaps it is by taking steps to enhance out biblical and theological literacy. Perhaps it is through a commitment to become more engaged in the life of our parish community. Perhaps it is by an undertaking to grow our relational skills in the service of our family. Perhaps it is by choosing to join a group who work with those on the margins of our society providing them with food, shelter, and the necessities of life.

There are many ways of growing our commitment to make a difference in the

lives of those we love, to contribute more to our community and to renew our spiritual life. This commitment requires us to take stock of our lives, to reflect on the vision of the 'kingdom of God', and to actively and strategically plan how we will change so that the door to the heavenly banquet will be open for us.



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## 12th November, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Green Today's Readings Wisdom 6:12-16 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

#### 19th November, 2023

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Year A Green Next Sunday's Readings Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30



Parish Liturgies						
Weekend Mass	turday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am					
Weekday Mass	1onday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) uesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) /ednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass riday 9.00am Mass					
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment					
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month					
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month					
Rosary	After weekday Masses					
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm					
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.					
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement					
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc					
Parish Meetings						
Vinnies	Wednesday, 8th November Parish Centre at 7.30pm					
Parish Pastoral Counci	Tuesday, 14th November Parish Centre, 6.45pm					



### The Sign Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

2023

Coming soon!



All the very best to all who are sitting for year 12 and tertiary exams. You are in our prayers.



# **Praying For You**

**Recently Deceased** 

Kay Ford, Fua Ching Kiau, Chackochan Paracka

#### Death Anniversary

Javin Dcruz, Pathrose Kunnathaniyil, Fr O'Malley Jones CSsR, Heather Mack, Ria Murphy, Colleen Perez

Deceased

Dorothy Beachall, Sr Iruthaya Selvi Mary OSM, Sr Ladisca Mary OSM, Francesco Picchio, David Henry Port

#### **Our Sick**

Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Gerry Peters, Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,

Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,

Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Feast Days this Week							
Nov 13	Mon	St Francis Xavier Cabrini, St Machar					
14	Tue	St Joseph Pignatelli, St Dyfrig, St Laurence O'Toole					
16	Thu	St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, St Edmund of Abigdon, Our Lady of the Great Dawn					
17	Fri	St Elizabeth of Hungry, St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Dionysius of Alexandria					
18	Sat	The Dedication of the Bisilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, St Rose Philippine Duchesne					

Rosters for 11/12 November, 2023									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Sandra Wren	Ayden Ratnasekera	Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus Melanie Beacher, Teron Bouzin			
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jack Roach	Inoka Ratnasekera	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Tom Antu, Aydriel Ratnasekera Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan			
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz	Leslie Dcruz	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Carolina Hayward Angela Bushby	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James			
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin					
Rosters for 18/19 November, 2023									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Bridget Soh Miriam Villan	Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Joshua Manda			
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Sr Savarie	Ronan Roach	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins			
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Ciara Jacob	Cecilia Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Alex Liyanage Helen Magness	Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hick			



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### **Columbarium Memorial Mass**

9.30am Mass this weekend will be dedicated to the memory of all those interred in our Parish Columbarium and of those honoured on our Wall of Remembrance. We welcome all families concerned to attend the Blessing of the Columbarium after Mass and light refreshments that will follow in the Parish Centre.



### Archbishop's Christmas Appeal For Lifelink 2023

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal For Lifelink is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal LifeLink. 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. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card via www.lifelink.com.au

#### **November Masses for Deceased**

November is the month where we especially pray for our loved ones who have died. Please enter in the Book of Remembrance the names of your loved ones for whom you wish us to pray. You may also write their names on the envelopes provided. These will be placed at the altar at all Masses during the month of November.

Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes - New Roster available now Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Please arrange your own swaps from the list if unable to attend. Thank you to all who continue to serve the parish through these ministries. May God bless your generosity.

#### 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 Wednesday 22nd of November 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. For all enquiries please email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator at perth@mothersprayers.org

#### Marycare Volunteers Thank You

Fr Philip and the Marycare coordinators greatly appreciate the many Volunteers that we have on our list and invite all current volunteers to a Thank You gathering in the Parish Centre on either Thursday, 30th November 7.00 -8.30pm or a Morning Tea on Friday, 1st December from 9.30 - 11.00am. If you have not been asked to help, it is still so important that we have people to call on, if and when a need does arise. Other interested parishioners are also most welcome to attend. Please RSVP by 26th November to coordinators.

The current social environment has forced us to reduce the services we have available. We are now limited to Transport (to Sunday Mass, to local Medical Appointments or Shops); to Visiting (sick, lonely or house hound) and Baking (occasional gatherings). We also need new coordinators and/or more coordinators' support. Marycare Commitment forms are in the fover and can be left in the Parish Inbox or at the Parish Office. Please call one of the coordinators for more information. Maureen Labouchardiere 9398 7375, Anne Brink 9490 3377 or Maureen Byrne 0411 691 959.



### Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au

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### **Golden Age Club**

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 13th November with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.

# Youth Night

There will be a Youth Event on the 17th of November from 7pm to 9pm. Those in high school are invited! Feel free to bring your friends along! You can register in the Church foyer or through email and text. As always, we will have a great time with fun activities, faith discussions, and delicious food.

### Young Adults Dinner

For anyone in Year 12 onwards, join us on the 18th November at 6pm for another dinner! Bring questions along with you for discussion and be sure to register in the foyer.

### WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8th -12th January 2024

Are you between 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> -15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 (less than \$54 a day). Contact Fr Philip, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more information. Early Bird pricing closes Friday, 17th November. Register now at: www.wayoungsalesians.com



# Christmas Choirs

Please join us on Mondays at 7pm in the church if you would like to sing with the Christmas Choirs. Don't wait until the last moment.

Starting this Monday 13th November! It puts us in the 'mood' for Christmas, and we give to each other, and to the Lord, by sharing time together for the benefit of others. We would love some more male voices. Children are welcome to join in as well, with their parents. Enquiries Brenda 0414 098 705 or Dan 0409 849 049.

### Flowers for Christmas

We once again are asking parishioners to help with the purchase of flowers for our Christmas decorations. There is a container in the foyer to take your donation. May God bless you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



BJ Hickey Scholarship in The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again calling for applications to the BJ Hickey Scholarship! To access application details and Application Form, please visit https://cfe.org.au/scholarships/ Please note that applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 17th November 2023. For all related inquiries, please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9278 0261

### Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to Safeguarding attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role - paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

#### To register please visit:

https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction or phone 9221 7762. Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.

# On The Bulletin Board

Various employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth. Advent Events For Families, Women And Girls At The Schoenstatt Shrine

17th November to 17th December. Little Sisters of the Poor from Glendalough are hosting a weekend Advent Retreat for young women, 1st to 3rd December.

Young Hearts Strong Faith getaway weekend 1st to 3rd December. Garden of Eden, Young Catholics Ball, 17th February 2024.

Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.





former parishioners and their families. Brochures are available in the foyer.

