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#### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**12 November 2023** 

#### REFLECTION

The Word of God this Sunday calls us to 'stay awake' and be ready. It then explains that to 'stay awake' does not mean merely having our eyes open and waiting; rather it means being well prepared to meet the Lord either at death or during His second coming.

How then do we prepare well to meet our God on the last day? The five virgins were called "foolish" not because they fell asleep. In fact, even the wise virgins also fell asleep. Rather, the point here is about the supply of oil. When the Lord returns will we have oil in our lamps or will our lamps run empty?

The parable highlights the vital importance of time in our life. Many of us today waste the time God gave us in a 'foolish' way. When reminded to live our lives according to God's law and to include God in our lives; attend a religious activity like Mass, or other religious practices, the most common response is, "I have no time. 'I am too busy.' In the meantime, we are losing golden opportunities to generate the precious "oil" of salvation. In that way we are like the foolish virgins in the parable.

Jesus wants us to be like the wise virgins who were prepared for the Lord's coming by witnessing and living the gospel, and of being spiritually and morally awake all the days of our lives.

#### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



We traditionally pray for all our departed loved ones during the month of November. If you would like a Mass offered for departed family or loved one, please fill out a November Mass Offering Envelope available in Church. Masses will be offered during November and ongoing. If you would like Mass offered on a particular day, please see Father Henry.

We will also remember our loved ones who have died in our Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the Church during November. We invite you to take a moment to add the names of your loved ones to our Parish Book of Remembrance. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



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SERVICE TIMES						
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am			
		Tue	7pm followed by Holy Hour			
		Sat	5pm Vigil			
		Sun	9am and 5pm			
	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am			
	Reconciliation	Sat	9am - 10am			

SERVICE TIMES				
Holy Trinity	Mass	Wed	6pm	
	Mass	Sun	8am	

If you have any information, news or messages that you would like us to consider for the parish bulletin, please contact the Parish office.

## What's On In Our Parish

• 11 November Remembrance Day

Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto

• 12 November Sacrament of Confirmation - 10.30am & 12pm

• 15 November Year 1 and Year 3 attending 9am Mass

• 18 November Church Cleaning - Team "B"

• 22 November Year 5 and Year 4 attending 9am Mass

• 25 November Léstro Armonico String Orchestra Concert - 6.30pm

• 29 November Kindergarten and Year 6 attending 9am Mass

• 2 December Church Cleaning - Team "A"

6 December
8 December
Parish Christmas Carols - 6,30pm

• 13 December Holy Family School End of Year Mass (whole school) - 12noon

• 15 December Last day of Term 4

• 16 December Church Cleaning - Team "B"

Aboriginal Mass - 10am, Holy Trinity Church, Minto

## **Liturgical Dates**

• 16 November St Margaret of Scotland and Saint Gertrude, Virgin

• 17 November St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

• 18 November The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**We pray** ... For peace in the world and especially for people suffering because of war and violence.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Peter Anthony Jacobs Snr, Father David Catterall, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, Sybra Hunt, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud; Our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them. May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.

For our recently dearly departed: Elian Pascal, Noal Bornstein, Dewi Suyati, Ron Perry, Ferdie Melder, Richard Gallaty, Paul Collins; Margaret Mary Clifford, Victor Jack Parkins, Lionel Dunkley, Mary Brown, Yolande Herisson, Patiariki Joseph, Val Morris, Margaret McNamara, Eugenia Villarosa, Kevin Sequeira, Dawn O'Donohue, Jolanta Swierk, Mary King, Joaquim Iopes, Anthony (Tony) Heginbotham, Lally Sabater, Lesley McFarlane, Ezio Epifania. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Members of the Hay family, Josephine Ooi, Agnes Pinto, Lena Sequeira, Maureen Healy, Anna Vo Thi Uy, Victoria Macariola, Felix Gonzales, Felicito Ganaba, Aaron Dudman, Auria Dudman, Felisa Dudman. Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions: Arthur and Doreen Smith.

Prayers are entered after the Mass is celebrated and will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.



# With joyful hearts, during October, we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:

Marqus Vince Argao, Luca De Santis, Evan Daniel Brarvo, Ivan Joseph Shiju and Ashton Jones

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**



Please keep the Candidates, their Parents and Sponsors in your prayers as they prepare to make The Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 12 November 2023.

GOD, OF LOVE,

GUIDE ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AS THEY BEGIN THEIR FINAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON ALL CANDIDATES TO BE THEIR HELPER AND GUIDE. GIVE THEM THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF RIGHT JUDGMENT AND COURAGE, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND REVERENCE.

FILL THEM WITH THE SPIRIT OF WONDER AND AWE IN YOUR PRESENCE.

STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR BAPTISMAL PROMISES, BUILD THEM INTO THE KINGDOM OF YOUR SON, AND SEAL THEM WITH THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

**<u>Bible Sharing</u>** Please join us in the Parish Meeting Room on Friday evenings from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour) for bible sharing, where we will focus on the coming Sunday readings. Text will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own bible.

The <u>Piety Stall</u> is open after every Mass. All proceeds go to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

<u>Visiting the Sick and Homebound</u>. If you, or someone you know is unwell and would like a home visit please contact the Parish Office to organise for Communion or Anointing.

**2023 Mass Attendance Count - 4 November to 26 November:** The annual Diocesan wide mass attendance count will take place during the month of November, from 4 November to 26 November 2023. This year's count is a very simple head count at each Mass.

## The Sign - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023

The Sign is a captivating 80-page book 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). *This book will be available for purchase in our Parish shortly.* 



#### 2024 Columban Catholic Art Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2024 Columban Catholic Art Calendar's can be purchased from the Piety Stall for \$10.00 each (RRP).

**HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?** As a parish, we need to continue to build the various ministry teams: those who support the community at Sunday Masses and those who extend the mission of the parish in the wider community. We thank those who continue to support the parish in the various ministries. However, we need more people to become active members of our community.

If you feel you would be interested in participating in the various Parish Ministries (eg. Acolyte, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music or Catechist) or if you feel you would like to assist with the various jobs around the Church (eg. gardening or cleaning, please contact Fr Henry.