

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurua People

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

12th November 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Knit & Natter

Thursday
November 23rd
10am – 12noon

Praise & Worship Night

Wednesday 15th Nov
6.30-9pm

Blokes Luncheon

Friday, 17th Nov at
12.15pm at the HENLEY
HOTEL

Memorial Mass

Monday 27th November
8.00 pm

Advent Retreat

Saturday 16th December
9:15am - 3:30pm

Readings

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Wis 6: 12-16

Ps 62: 2-8

1 Thess 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

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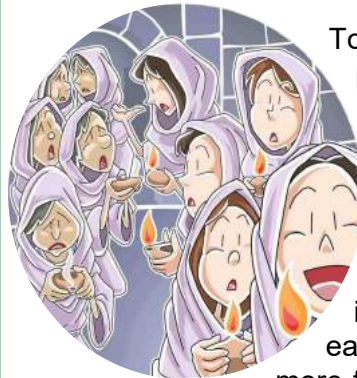
Prov 31 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Ps 127: 1-5

1 Thess 5: 1-6

Mt 25: 14-30

Stay Ready; Don't Get Ready



Today's Gospel text is the first of three eschatological parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, which we will hear on these final three Sundays of this Liturgical Year. They are situated in the context of St. Matthew's discourse on the end times and the second coming of Christ, in Chapter 25. They are each famous for their ways of focusing our attention on how to live life in this world while preparing for life in the next world, in God's kingdom. In fact, they are not about giving up earthly life, but rather, about how to engage this life ever

more fully, responsibly, and thoughtfully! 'The parable of the

ten bridesmaids' at a wedding which we hear in the Gospel Reading of today is a homely tale climaxing in the crunch line, "Therefore, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." Jesus tells this parable to impress his followers of the supreme need of vigilance and watchfulness. The image Jesus gave of marriage regarding the Kingdom of Heaven was easily understood by his hearers. The reference here is primarily to the Second Coming of Christ as he comes in glory to judge all mankind.

This parable is found only in the Gospel of Matthew and it is partially an allegory told in the context of the culture and custom of a Jewish wedding of the time, which is different from ours. In this parable, Matthew is telling the Christian community that the return of the Lord may be delayed beyond their expectation and that they should, therefore, prepare for the long wait by providing enough oil for their lamps. Many details of the parable make good sense when seen against the framework of this principal theme. The bridegroom is Christ, the Lord. The bride is the Church. The ten virgins represent the totality of the members of the Church, as they await the Lord's coming. On the basis of what happens later on, five are described as wise or sensible and five as foolish. Their wisdom here consists in their taking prudent steps to do what they need to do in order to come face to face with their Lord. The lamps, which all the virgins had, could represent faith which all Christians have. The oil, which some of them had and others did not, would then represent good works. A lamp without oil is like faith without good works - dead and useless. The parable warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute: a) a good relationship with God, b) good character, c) merits from good deeds of sharing and forgiving love.

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The parable also warns us of certain elements in Christian life that cannot be borrowed: a) relationship with God, b) ideal character, c) Faith.

Wise Christians live each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find Him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living: in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves. They carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by kindness and forgiveness. There is absolutely no better way to prepare for the final call than to learn to spend each day in the company of Jesus, remembering his assurance, "I am with you always." When we eventually hear the final call, "Get up! The Master is coming!" we will not be worried, but happy and more than ready to meet Him.

Spiritual readiness, preparation and growth do not just happen. They come as a result of intentional habits built into one's life. We cannot depend on a Sunday morning service to provide all our spiritual needs. We cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide us with spiritual development. They come when we habitually take time for prayer and being alone with God. They come through reading God's Word; living a sacramental life; performing acts of service to others; being morally faithful; obeying God with love, and spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer, study and encouragement. These are the things which, along with the normal difficulties of life, enable a person to grow in Christ and to be prepared for Christ's coming. We need to develop these things which encourage our spiritual growth into holy habits in our lives which take precedence over other interests and claims on our time and attention. As these habits become entrenched, they cease to be a struggle for us and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make our lives powerful against the onslaught of the world. Our spiritual life on earth is always in process, never a finished product. Like love and friendship it grows in our lives. It is exciting that Jesus is never gone from us: risen from the dead he is always alive, always new. Our reading of the Gospel, our sharing at Mass and the sacraments and our personal prayer keep this relationship always alive, always new. Yes, dear brothers and sisters we are called to be "Christian", that too 24 X 7

Let us then, bring ourselves before God with this beautiful prayer: "Lord, grant that all my thoughts, intentions, actions and responses may be directed solely to Your love and service this day." "Help me, Lord, to seek, to find, and to respond to You in every single experience this day."

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A big thank you to all who worked hard, to those who took the leadership role and those who volunteered to help out for organizing **Our Connecting Stories Brunch**. You worked hard and made it a beautiful day. Thank you and God bless you.

Stewardship Reflections

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating.

The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one



Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Pamela Wolf, Jim Argue, Dragan Pribanic, Kathleen Mary Kuchel, Stanley Blackford, Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Bernado Forgione, Margaret Billing Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington.

Anniversaries

James Carey, James Vasileff, Helen Sutton, George Papillo.

Sick Parishioners

Josie O'Leary, Amelia D'Aloia, Des Fahey, Terry Cashin, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks,

Advent Giving Tree



As you can see, the trees are loaded with cards ready for you to collect. Take a card to the value you feel comfortable giving. Buy the gifts, wrap them, and securely attach the card to the outside of the gift. Please return all gifts by Sunday December 3 to allow for sorting and distribution the following week.

There is again a need to request that no used or second-hand gifts be included in this appeal, as this has been a problem in some parishes in the past. Thank you for your generosity and help in this worthy Christmas tradition in our parish.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you. O Lord my God.

"Do you love me?" (John 21:15)

VOCATIONS PRAYER VIGIL

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
Friday November 24



PROGRAM

5:15pm Evening Prayer in the Cathedral
5:45pm Mass – main celebrant, Fr Dean Marin
Vicar General and concelebrating priests
6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:15pm Benediction

Supper provided in the Cathedral Hall at 8.30pm

All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at anytime during the evening to celebrate and discern God's Call.



CATHOLIC VOCATIONS CENTRE

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November - The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Mary & George Rokicinski, Jasmine Linke, Madeline, Tina & Rosanna, Bobbie Raffery, J. Trimboli, Carol Cheetham and M Fameli.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelope in your planned giving pack and place it in the second collection basket at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

November Mass envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who do **not** have a planned giving pack.

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

We have already reintroduced Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish, an opportunity for them to gather, connect and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

Advent Books

Advent Books now available for collection from the Office for those who ordered them.
Cost is \$6.00. There are no spare copies available.

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to

adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Special invitation to attend our
Annual Memorial Mass.
We gather together as a Community to
especially remember our nearest and
dearest, who have
passed away this year.

*Annual
Memorial
Mass*

**Monday 27th Nov
8pm Candlelit Mass**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Henley Parish



Guest Speaker:
Fr Dean Marin

Live Music

Prayer Teams

Reconciliation

Praise and Worship

Wednesday 15 Nov | 6:30 - 9pm

Finger Food

[Register Here](#)

420 Seaview Road
Henley Beach Parish (OLSH)

All Welcome



Come to our Praise and Worship Night, here at Henley and join with other Catholics from around Adelaide to worship our Lord. The evening begins with finger food in the Parish Hall from 6:30pm to allow for a time of gathering and connection. Then into the church from 7-9pm where live music will support us as we sing to Praise and Worship. Our guest speaker Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General, will share with us a personal reflection, "What are you waiting for?" Prayer teams and the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please use the QR link to register.

Blokes Luncheon

The next Blokes Luncheon is arranged for Friday, 17th November 2023 at 12.15pm at the HENLEY HOTEL, Esplanade, Henley Beach. Please enter your NAME on the ATTENDANCE SHEET which is located on the table at the back of the church.

Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church

Topic: "Don't Be Afraid, Mary;
The Day will Include:
Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS
Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry
Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.
Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240
by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Helping Us Grow in Our Christian Lives


There will be an Advent program for 2023 led by Cheryle Douglas, one of our parishioners.

The program will be at our church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road. Henley Beach.


Wednesdays: (22/11/2023, 29/11/2023, 6/12/2023, 13/12/2023, 20/12,2023)

Time: 7- 8.30 pm.
Followed by light supper.

Enquiries Cheryle Douglas, Ph 0423480440.
Cost by donation. Please register at back of church



The Living Waters Charismatic Prayer Group



Invites you to join them Thursday nights 7pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Enter via hall door, for evenings of singing hymns of praise and worship, two Scripture readings and commentary by Fr Michael Fallon, reflection time, shared refection, prayer, intercessory prayer, and prayer ministry.

Tea/Coffee and fellowship. All welcome. If you need prayer message your prayer requests, the phone number is 0435 899 572.

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Louis Christopher, Neve, Patrick James, Rania, Rocco Lawrence being baptised this weekend. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Gingerbread Houses



Ginger Bread Houses only \$35 each. Orders will be taken from next weekend 18/19 November and they will be delivered at Masses on the 9th and 10th of December.

Gingerbread House Building day

On the 9th of December for those that would like to join in this fun filled, community day, please mark in your diaries. We would love to have you and your friends join us for a couple of hours! Coffee/tea/lunch and snacks all provided! Contact Cheryl Wedding 0427 351 008



Advent Reflection Group Meetings

A group of parishioners that have been preparing for Advent for a few years will meet for four morning sessions beginning at 10 am on Friday 1 December at the parish meeting room and subsequently every Friday of Advent till Christmas. We will be using the NSW Advent Book. Anyone wanting to join please contact Yvette on 0400 252 902.