

**The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Remembrance Sunday
7/8th November 2020**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters
Here is a reflection from
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According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry. We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.

Every blessing

November is the Month that we remember especially our departed loved ones. This year, we are creating a particular 'shrine' as a point of focus for

our prayers, in both churches. As part of this you are all invited to offer a candle for your own departed loved-ones. For a donation of £7 you will be able to have a lamp which will burn constantly for seven days in memory of a person or group of people close to your heart, and as an act of prayer for them. There are forms you can fill in if you would like to honour and pray for your departed loved ones in this way.

Here we go again! The celebration of public masses is once again suspended during this second lockdown.

The parliament voted on Wednesday 4th with the government to implement this second lockdown. The bill was presented in a way that MPs were not allowed to table amendments to any part of it. They had to vote for it or against it as a whole. Thus the section of the bill that requires the ceasing of all public worship is now enacted. This despite the bishops asking for the evidence to support this decision. No evidence has been forthcoming because there isn't any. Celebrating mass has not been proven to in any way to be a means of spreading the virus.

Thankfully places of worship are allowed to be open for private prayer. Therefore we will open at the usual time for private prayer and adoration of the blessed sacrament. Your priests will of course continue to privately offer the mass daily in our churches and hear the confessions of the faithful.

Mon 9.30am - 11am

adoration

Tues

Wed 9.30am - 11am

Adoration St Joachim's

Thur 6pm - 7.30pm

Adoration

Fri 12noon - 5pm

Adoration

Sat CTK 9-11am adoration

Sun, CTK 11.30am - 1pm

Adoration

Sun, St Jo's 9.00am - 10.30am

Adoration

Sun St Agnes 3.30pm - 5pm

Adoration

We will be blessing the remains in the Garden of Remembrance at 10am and the graves at Langney Cemetery at 12 noon Saturday 7th November. Individuals will be asked to stand by their loved one's graves and I will bless each individually to maintain social distancing.

Prayer is to the spirit what breathing is to the body - The Friday Zoom Parish Prayer meeting will resume on the 4th September at 7pm. Then the prayer will continue every first and last Friday of the month.
Meeting ID 343 302 3105
Password 340767 you can join by phone by ring 0203 051 2874

As we pray for the departed during the month of November, this week lamps burn in memory of:

**The Duggan & Newman families
Mr Kuruvilla, Mary Kuruvilla, Ouseph Joseph
Tom & Rose Dowd
Martins & Short families
Heinz Möhl, Chrissoula & Jack Nickels
Christine & Eddie Roberts
Mason family
Peter Williams
Margaret James
Martin Parsons, Weglarz, Stanczak, Hollands, & Hardwick families
Katie McDonagh
Galecki family
Paszkowski family
Cupial family**

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

If your lamp is not burning this week, it will be lit during one of the other weeks in November.

If you would like to request a lamp in memory of a loved one, please complete the forms at the back of church and pass to one of the clergy, or put it through the letterbox of the presbytery.

Sister Mary Rose has produced some resources for children to help reflect on the Sunday Readings. Here is the link for 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time.
<https://youtu.be/0j3Ji7VFats>

Church Newspapers

There are newspapers at the back of each church. They are already paid for.

Please do take one home with you and make a donation to the cost if you cannot afford the full price.

CELEBRATIONS OF PUBLIC MASSES IS NOW PERMISSIBLE

There are strict regulations around how we celebrate and receive while keeping people as safe as possible. There is little or no singing, we are able to receive in one kind only, those who receive on the tongue please wait till others have come forward. There is no offertory but a retiring collection. Below are the mass times.

Classical Piano lessons @CTK

Tuition for those just beginning on their musical journey, or the improvers looking to hone their skills, rusty fingers welcome too! First session is free. Fully insured and DBS checked.

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Your priests will privately offer mass each day. Mass Intentions for this week:

Either Lloyd's 90th birthday

Beverley Gates

Sheeba

Glenn

Holy Souls

Private Intention

Jacinto Neves RIP

Glenn

Cecilia & Rasto RIP

Holy Souls

Glenn

Michael Brady RIP

Deceased member of the Bergin Family

Holy Souls

PANTOMIME TIME! : Trinity Players - The Movie! We have nearly finished the videoing and we will be shortly producing a DVD for the parish.

Retiring collection

Please remember your offering as you leave the church. Those who give my standing order or planned giving, than you. It is always a good thing to review our giving to the church. Our giving now enables the church community to be present in years to come. Thank you.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Everything is different this year and we will not be able to put forward our plans for the next year until after the half term break. Please bear with us as we seek

the best way forward and complete the disrupted programme for this years FHC candidates. For those wishing to embark on the journey of faith through FHC and Confirmation should make attendance at mass a priority which reveals a true desire to follow the Lord.

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We pray for: Peter Champion, Pam Chatfield, John Walters, Chris Gimmons, Don Wilkins, Mary Bateman, Thelma Kemp, Stuart McCarthy, Helena Sagnelia, Pauline Sollis, Frankie Farrell, Daisy Kelly, Sue & Mick O'Driscoll, Eddie Burke, Rene Cook, Gill Cooke, Jan Blake, Sandra McMeekin, David Dwyer, Eileen Kehoe, Diana Smith, Pat Raper, Colleen Stock, Sr Mary Keiley, Charles El Mawas, Jane Hollands, Kirina Blaty, & Moira Morrison.

For the deceased -who have died recently: Tommy Tomlin, Jacinto Neves, Miriam Baby, Don Hinchin, and for all our deceased relatives & friends.

Anti- Modern Slavery: "18th October was Anti-Slavery Sunday. The diocese has been steadily building up its campaign against modern slavery, and in conjunction with this we have issued the first of what we hope to be regular updates on the current progress. The newsletter is on the new diocesan website and can be found here - https://assets.website-files.com/5ecba8204966c2777264a947/5f89626454d227195af8b974_Modern%20Slavery%20Issue%201%20v2.pdf

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

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

Psalm 62(63):2-8

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, 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.

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my
God.*

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.

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my
God.*

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.

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my
God.*

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.

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my
God.*

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

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

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

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 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.'

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he
came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion
of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon. Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where
he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your
mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has
entered.
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