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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

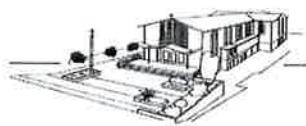
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Carmen Farrugia, Christine O'Meara. All those who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Throughout November we are praying for 'All the Faithful Departed' especially those listed on the November envelopes.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church

November Masses

November is the month of special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for deceased family and friends. Throughout November the envelopes with names will be placed near the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased loved ones.

No need to put your details on the envelope, just the names of the deceased.



Sacrament of Confirmation

We warmly welcome our **Confirmation** candidates for 2020 and their families as they prepare for this special Sacrament

which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

May they all know that we are praying with and for them at our masses.

Confirmation Dates: **21 Nov.** 7pm at Matraville & **28 Nov.** 6.30pm at Malabar.

Please let others know there's plenty of room.

Churches are now allowed to have more than 100 people attending each Mass as long as we keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form one line and keep to the centre of the aisle and go back along the side aisles.

Those who are unwell or at high risk are encouraged not attend.

We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Jean Vanier

Live Streaming Our Masses

Many parishes are live streaming their masses and so are reaching many people who are not with us in our church. If you have the "tech know how" and would like to help the parish to set up the live streaming, please contact Fr Laurie.

You would be doing a great service to our Catholic community.

SVDP would thank you to all the parishioners who signed the **Social Justice Housing Petition**.

All this helps a worthy cause. Here is a segment from the latest newsletter dated 20 Oct.2020:

"This morning, SVDP Society CEO, Jack de Groot, and Vice President Social Justice, Brooke Simmons, delivered our **Build Homes, Build Hope** petition of 11,733 signatures to NSW Parliament.

CWF Appeal will be held next weekend. Donations will be 100% tax deductible.

Pagewood and Matraville Masterplan

Sydney Catholic Schools and the principals of St Agnes, Our Lady of the Annunciation and Champagnat Catholic College invite you to join us for some important information about plans in place for the development and growth of our community. A session will be run online on

Thurs. 12 Nov. from 7.30pm -8.30pm. (see flyers for the web link)

There will be posters and information at the front of St Agnes church next Sunday 15 Nov. 11am

Funeral: for the late Carmen Farrugia - 11:30am, ~~Wed, 11th~~ Nov - Matraville

THURS. 12

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

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 not 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 Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

08 NOVEMBER 2020

BE PREPARED!

The parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids addresses the situation of the Church as it awaits the return of its Lord (the 'Bridegroom'). The time of waiting has become very long indeed but the Church still proclaims: 'Christ will come again', and lives in that hope and in the sense of accountability that accompanies it. The key thing is to use the time of waiting profitably, so as not to be caught out when the Bridegroom arrives, whether that be at the moment of death or end of time.

The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids depict two possibilities for believers. The oil needed for their lamps represents the good deeds that Jesus commends in this gospel, especially the works of mercy that feature so prominently in the parable of the Great Judgement (Matthew 25:41-56). The five wise bridesmaids will meet the Bridegroom with their lamps blazing with this 'oil'. The five foolish ones, on the other hand, represent the kind of believers who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' but have no good works to accompany their confession of faith (see Matthew 7:21).

The parable—and the Gospel as a whole—remind us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life', are no perfunctory conclusion to the rite but a programme for living the twin commandments of love of God and love of neighbour. Those who take them to heart have always with them the 'oil' required for salvation; they can 'sleep' without anxiety about being caught short by the sudden arrival of the Lord.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Wis 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62: 2-8. R. v. 2

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

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. 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. **R.**
4. 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. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Thess 4: 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14