



Please pray for: Frank & Alice May Purcell (deceased)

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 8th November 2020 – Thirty-Second Sunday, Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 08 Nov	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 08 Nov	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 09 Nov	12.35 pm	Dedication, Lateran Basilica (Feast)
Tuesday, 10 Nov	12.35 pm	St Leo the Great, pope (Memorial)
Wednesday, 11 Nov	12.35 pm	St Martin of Tours, bishop (Memorial)
Thursday, 12 Nov	12.35 pm	St Josaphat bishop, martyr (Memorial)
Friday, 13 Nov	12.35 pm	Friday – Week 32, Ordinary Time
Saturday, 14 Nov	No Mass	Saturday – Week 32, Ordinary Time

Regular Confession Times in St Benedict's Church:

Monday to Friday: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm (before 12.35 pm Mass)

Sunday: 5.30 pm (before 6.00 pm Mass)



Mass at St James' Church,

Forest Lodge:

Saturday Vigil: 5.00 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 9.30 am & 11 am
Wednesday & Friday: 9.00am
Saturday (morning): 8.30am

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office



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A VOCATION VIEW: 'No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross.
No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.' *Saint Leo the Great*

November Masses for Holy Souls – please consider having Masses offered for your deceased loved ones this November. As an intercessory prayer, a Mass offered can help souls in purgatory to be purified and grow in sanctifying grace. November envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collections baskets – these envelopes will be faithfully given to Fr Dominic, or can also be directly handed to any of the priests celebrating any Mass you are attending.

Remembrance Book – for the month of Holy Souls – the Remembrance Book for the month of November is on the wooden stand at the front of the church, near the Sacred Heart altar – please feel free to come up and record the names of your deceased loved ones.

Photos of loved ones – for the month of Holy Souls – it has been tradition in recent years to bring photos of loved ones who have Departed, to place on the Sacred Heart altar in November, the month of Holy Souls. All are most welcome to continue this tradition and bring photos of loved ones.

Return of Break Open the Word Readers books for Year A (2020) & Request for Year B (2021) books

Could all readers who hold a Break Open the Word (Year A) book please return it to the sacristy by the feast of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd November (last day of the current liturgical year) – and for anyone who is wishing to receive a (Year B) Break Open the Word book for the new liturgical year, commencing on the 1st Sunday of Advent, Sunday 29th November, could you please be in touch with our Reader Co-ordinator, Liliana, by Sun 22nd Nov – and a book for the new liturgical year will be left in the sacristy for you. Many tks.

Entrance Antiphon:

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

Communion Antiphon:

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.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal – this Sunday 8th November – Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others. Appeal envelopes are at the back of the church. You can also make a donation and find out more at – www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – the Lateran Basilica, cathedral of the diocese of Rome, was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date (9th Nov) since the twelfth century. It honours the local church of Rome, as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Saint Leo the Great – elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy. Saint Leo the Great died in Rome in 461.

Saint Martin of Tours – born in 317, Martin was a Hungarian raised in Italy who became a Roman soldier and a Christian. He gave away his cloak to a poor man and later had a vision of Christ as that man. Martin went to Gaul and founded the first monastery in the West. He knew Saint Hilary and in 372, became a bishop of Tours. His great work was to convert the people living in the countryside. He died in 397.

Saint Josaphat – was born in 1580 and is a martyr and patron for the reunion of the Greek and Latin Churches. Born in the Ukraine as an Orthodox, he became a Catholic and then a monk and priest of the Order of Saint Basil. He became archimandrite and later Archbishop of Poloz. A zealous bishop and worker for Christian unity, Josaphat was assassinated by enemies in 1623. He was canonised in 1867.

Catholic Social Teaching and Climate Crisis: Religion and Global Ethics – Annual Event – Wednesday 11th November – 5-6pm – [on Zoom](#) – please see the church noticeboard for the poster with further info.

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (8th November 2020) – <https://youtu.be/AHeJqKY7RYU>



Remembrance Day – 11th November

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

GOSPEL

Mt 25: 1-13

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 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 commands 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.

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

Brendan Byrne, SJ