

## Reflection ...

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

The imminent event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. These young women can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" companions to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We can identify with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet. We can identify with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



SO STAY AWAKE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT  
KNOW EITHER THE DAY OR THE HOUR

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY 7 NOV

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 8 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 9 NOV

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

### WEDNESDAY 11 NOV

9:00am Mass

### THURSDAY 12 NOV

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 13 NOV

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 14 NOV

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 15 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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## PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Aloysius Lamere msc**

## PARISH SECRETARY

**Maria Caetano**

(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

## MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

## RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

## ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

## INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

## BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

## WEDDINGS

By Appointment

## SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

## OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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# RESPONSES

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 6: 12-16

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 1-13

## 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.

# OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

## SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

## PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzaminski, Nicole Chiaradia

## BELOVED DECEASED

Clare Georgey, Angela Sollazzo, Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

## ANNIVERSARIES

Setyo Irfan Kanginan, Jack Papallo, Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

# ROSTER

7/8 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	John Allen
<b>Readers</b>	John Dorahy Sr Diana Hayes	Lily Murcutt Roy Rigotti	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Trish Veness	Thomas Chia	
14/15 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
<b>Readers</b>	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Rob McGuinness Toni McGuinness	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Nubia Suarez		

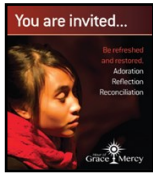


## WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

## COLLECTIONS - 31 OCT/1 NOV

**1st Coll** \$415  
**2nd Coll** \$140  
**Envelope Coll** \$1,035



## HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday  
9 November 6pm-7pm  
*(call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour)*

## BULLETIN

Printed copies of the Parish bulletin are available in the church. Please take one as you leave after Mass.



**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

November is a special time of remembrance of those who have died, we invite you to write the names of your deceased family and friends in our Book of Remembrance. Together we will prayer for the deceased during the month of November. If you are not able to attend Mass but would like names added to the Book, please contact the Parish office on 9663 1070 or [olrkensoparish@gmail.com](mailto:olrkensoparish@gmail.com). Offerings can be dropped off at the Parish Office, given to Fr Alo or left in the collection baskets. Offerings can also be made by EFT using the reference November Masses.

## MASS INVITATION

### Mass after further relaxation of restrictions

With further restrictions easing off, Father Alo and OLR Parish would like to invite you to attend mass in person to celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is present during the Eucharistic celebration in various ways: in the person of the priest, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the assembled people: For ***“where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.”*** (Matthew 18:20) Above all, receiving communion means to receive Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine after the Consecration.

Furthermore, we are also pleased to announce that Morning Tea is now served straight after Sunday 9.30am mass, so join us, say hello and enjoy a cuppa.



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help. 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. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

## OLR SCHOOL NEWS - YEAR 1M RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year One are currently exploring the unit 'Love one another' which focuses on the concept of 'Relationships'. It begins with the children's experience of friendship and extends to the Christian way of relating to others. The children are developing their understanding of forgiveness and gratitude in their relationships, through two Gospel stories – 'How many times must we forgive?' and 'The Ten Lepers'.



## MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This year the Mass for Expectant Mothers will be celebrated on Saturday the 12th of December at 12 noon and will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral. Each expectant mother and her unborn child will receive an individual blessing from Bishop Umbers, as well as a small gift from the Life, Marriage & Family Team. **Registrations:** [sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smcmass/massformothers/Site/Register](http://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smcmass/massformothers/Site/Register).

THE 11TH ANNUAL  **iWitness** CONFERENCE  
**AWAKE, O SLEEPER**

DECEMBER 10-13, 2020 | AGES 18-35

THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE, STANWELL TOPS

iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

The iWitness Conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia's young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith - and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more!

iWitness and the venue have a COVID-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.IWITNESSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.iwitnessconference.com/)

**GO MAKE DISCIPLES - PRAYER  
FOR RENEWAL CAMPAIGN**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan **Go Make Disciples** on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. In the weeks and months ahead we hope you will join us in an Archdiocesan-wide prayer campaign beginning on the Feast of All Saints (1 November), calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. **Please join us by praying the prayer below** together at the end of each Mass, in your prayer group, and in your homes. More about the campaign in this weekend's Catholic Weekly. For more information contact Parish Renewal Team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney on 9390 5307 or [elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org). Prayer cards As per below are available near the side door of the church.



**B**lessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.



By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.