

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. 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.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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

P. 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. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

STAY AWAKE!

In Israel in Jesus' time, marriage consisted of two steps. The first was the "betrothal" (*erusin*) when previous parental arrangements were legally ratified. However, the girl continued to live at her family home. After a year, she would be formally taken to her husband's family home with a celebration. This is the actual wedding (*nesuin*), described in the Gospel.

As part of the wedding, the groom, accompanied by his relatives, would go to the bride's home to fetch her and take her to his home. The 'ten bridesmaids' in the parable would be young teenagers, very likely the groom's sisters and cousins, waiting for the groom and the wedding party to return. Their job was to greet them with lights and to participate in the celebration.

In the parable, the clever teenagers are prepared for their roles when the groom arrives. The dull-witted, however, fail to make adequate plans. They don't even know how to put the groom's delay to advantage: they could have used the time to go out and buy oil for their lamps. The mistake of the dull-witted is not in sleeping while waiting; in fact, all become drowsy and fall asleep. They are simply not clever. They are not sensitive to the whims of the bridegroom and to the intricacies of the wedding celebration. Consequently, they find themselves losing their privileged position as bridesmaids.

In the liturgy, the parable is applied to our waiting for the glorious coming of Christ, the Bridegroom. We are told to be prepared! "Staying awake" means to be alive and dedicated to our Christian calling, active in the service of God and neighbour, living one's life to the full, never postponing conversion to the last minute. This is being prepared and being 'sensible'.

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KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING. We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 87: 3

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



COLLECT

P. 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, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

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

GOSPEL Mt 25: 1-13

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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



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CONGRATULATIONS to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Sunday. It is such an honour for me to minister the Lord's tender mercy and forgiveness any time, but especially for the children as they now prepare to celebrate their **First Holy Communion in Term 1 2018**.

I pray that the children will always be confident in approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to experience the merciful embrace of Jesus!

Everyone is invited for a **'CUPPA'** after the 8am Mass this weekend!

Thank you to the Dover Heights parishioners for your welcome last Saturday. I will endeavour to celebrate the 5pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

It is wonderful to see the children involved in ministry during the Mass and that more children are being prepared as altar servers.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR 'THANK YOU' MORNING TEA AFTER THE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER AND THE BBQ AFTER THE 6PM MASS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ANDREW SCARF, MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST WITH THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

THE BBQ PROVIDES US WITH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER SOCIALLY AND TO BUILD A SENSE OF BELONGING TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. POPE FRANCIS KEEPS REMINDING US THAT PARISHES NEED TO BE COMMUNITIES OF 'ENCOUNTER' WITH EACH OTHER!

THANK YOU for your assistance with the **CHARITABLE WORKS FUND** collection last Sunday. Envelopes are available at the entrance the Church. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Thank you to Ben, Ronnie and Noel from the Seminary of the Good Shepherd who spoke at Masses last weekend.

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 20th December at 9.30am and 7.30pm in preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

The **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on Friday 24th November after the 9am Mass.

Please pray for Constantine Rodriguez as he is preparing for ordination to the permanent diaconate on Wednesday 22nd November at St Mary's Cathedral.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT AND MAUREEN BRIAN ON BEING AWARDED THE 'Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' last Friday at the Cathedral for their outstanding service to the Archdiocese through their parish ministry.

A sincere **THANK YOU to Erica Anderson** who has been assisting with updating all our parish registers and entering them into our 'PACS' system. The registers are both handwritten and entered into a data base – an enormous task!!

Do we have our 'flask of oil' ready to meet the bridegroom?

Fr Chris

Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Richard Mahony, John Cannon, Dorathea Bettridge, Brian Oong, Dorothy Cambell, Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleiaci, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata, Richard Hughes.

The Deceased: Jerry Brosnan, Murry Fletcher, Ron Goodwin, Joseph Pio Choong Yoon Chong, Joy Hocking, Vittorio Cardamone, Giovanna Cardamone, Harry Yip, Victor Delfin, Gladys Shell, Monsignor John Lyne, Joan Day, Trish Mac Farlane, Paddy Nolan, Liam Marsden, Domenico and Elena Malzone, Ernesto Dayrit, Barbara Hall, Bernie Morgan, John Roarty, Christian Manaco Gonzales, John Johnson, Solomon Aguan, Beryl Yip, Sister Pam Corser, Victor Prineas, Dorothy D'Mestre, Mary Dunne, Joan



Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night Vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am

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St Mary Magdalene Roster - 19th November

19th Nov	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Maureen Coffey		
Info Desk		Sue Heavener	
1st Reader	Michael Aaron	Colleen Goodwin	Frances Walsh
2nd Reader	Danuta Aaron	Nicholas Carney	Thomas Jones
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly, Toni Pimenta	Sue Heavener Narelle Hills	Frances Walsh
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon, Anthony Williams	Jean Pierro Jessica Toomey Tilly Power	Andrew Scarf Edward Scarf William Scarf

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster - 18th November

Commentator Trish Persson
1st Reader Marie Manché
2nd Reader Maureen Brian
Acolyte/Senior Server Danny Au-Yeung
Communion Ministers Maureen Brian, Gabrielle Scarf

Announcements

We are looking to form our new parish choir!

If your God-given talent is to praise the Lord with your voice, or to honour Him with instrument—organ, piano, violin, guitar, harp (or any other instrument), please contact our parish office to register your interest on 9371 7112 or at admin@magdalene.org.au



• **Meditation** - Meditation has finished for the year, we will resume in February 2018

• **Kincoppal School Year 6 Graduation Mass** - Tuesday 28th November 1pm

• **3rd December Thank You Morning Tea** following the 10am Mass

• **3rd December Thank You BBQ** following the 6pm Mass

• **2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas** Wednesday 20th December 9.30am Mass and 7.30pm Mass

• **Christmas Eve Mass at St Therese Dover Heights 24th December at 5pm** – refreshments to follow at parish hall

• **Christmas Eve Mass at St Mary Magdalene 24th December - 6pm (Children's Mass), 9pm Mass**

• **Christmas Day Mass at St Mary Magdalene 25th December - 12am (Midnight) 8am, 10am**



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A Word From The Parish Pastoral Council

Welcome to our new Parish Council comprising of Andrew Scarf (Chairperson), Jo-Ann McDonald (Deputy Chairperson), Margaret Douglas (Secretary), Thomas Theo, Dieb Khoury, Mary Sriskandarajah and John-Paul Khoury.

The Parish Council will focus on our parish vision for 2018 of "Chosen and Gifted" in which we seek to build and grow in faith and discipleship through increased parish community engagement with social events; further participation by parishioners in liturgy, major feasts and other church activities; encouraging greater youth involvement; and establishing a music ministry. We welcome your thoughts and ideas on any initiatives that can help us achieve Vision 2018.

Regards

Margaret





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ROSE BAY PARISH & DOVER HEIGHTS PARISH

BBQ

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

ON LAWN BEHIND CHURCH

AFTER 6PM MASS

Free Food & Soft Drink



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