

## We Respond

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 62)

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

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

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**(Or)**

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

**NEXT WEEK** (33rd Sunday Year A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127, 1 Thess 5:1-6;

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your day with  
The Majellan*

### Majellan Christmas Cards

We still have some Christmas cards left but you will need to hurry. They are only \$7.50 per packet of 10, including postage. Call us at 03 9592 2777 or go on line now to order: [majellan.media/product/christmas-cards-2020/](http://majellan.media/product/christmas-cards-2020/)

Due to delays with Australia Post, last Christmas orders will need to be placed with Majellan Publications by COB on **Friday, November 27**.



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## Doing what needs to be done

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bridesmaids fall asleep; what's at issue is the preparation.

Where do we learn this and go on learning this, because the preparation is going to be crucial when the decisive moment inevitably arrives, asking of us a response. When the stranger appears, when someone is hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, or imprisoned, what then? How will we respond? Because this will be the basis of a final judgment. Our 'deeds of faith, justice and mercy' will speak for us; they will tell whether we loved one another.

This is what the kingdom of heaven will be like, as Jesus says at the beginning of the gospel. And once again, where do we learn this? For most of us, it's in our families and in our parishes. In the parish, principally at Mass, but also through our other parish involvements, we learn how to be forgiven, to receive, to give thanks, so that gradually we're able to be this way with one another and with others.

Being vigilant, as the first reading suggests, is a keeping vigil, waiting on wisdom to appear. In the gospel, wisdom is being alert to the presence of Christ among us; and if we were to ask, when did we meet you Lord, he will tell us. Are we prepared to meet him? Will we be ready and able to do what we have to?

One of the many things we've learnt this year is that people we often take for granted – firefighters, nurses, teachers, supermarket workers, amongst them – are significant people in our lives. We heard these significant others saying things like, "We just did what we had to do. We are not heroes." They say they're doing what they have to do and what they've learnt to do. But, as they know, unless you've done the preparation you'll be found wanting. You won't be ready and able to do what you have to do.

That's the situation the foolish bridesmaids find themselves in. They hadn't prepared for the 'what if he turns up late' situation and, when the bridegroom finally arrives, they make haste to find a shopkeeper who can supply them with oil. But, the oil they're after is made from the good works of their lives, so that, as one writer says: "The real decisive moment came along before the bridegroom arrived."

What then do we make of someone else saying, "this parable just doesn't feel like the gospel," excluding us arbitrarily from the marriage feast because we weren't prepared for the Lord's late arrival? We might be puzzled too, but the parable isn't meant to be a harsh judging of us. It urges one thing: the need to 'stay awake' for his coming, which is what Jesus says at the gospel's end; in other words, 'be prepared', or 'be vigilant'. All ten

Damian Coleridge  
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# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil 32 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR 8/11/2020: A Sunday 7.30 am, 9.00 am.
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday 9.00 am Dedication of Lateran Basilica Tuesday 9.00 am Pope St. Leo the Great (+461) Wednesday 7.30 pm then Rosary. St. Martin of Tours Thursday 9.00 am St. Josephat, Martyr (+1623) Friday 9.00 am & 7.30pm (RIP) Week 32 Ordinary Time Saturday 9.00 am Week 32 in Ordinary Time. Exp's?
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10.30 am, 12.00-1.00pm, 5.00-5.30pm (Confessions after Mass; see Fr.)
<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father C. Ashton
<b>Presbytery/Church</b>	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt Ph: 9625-8847
<b>Baptisms</b>	By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.
<b>Weddings</b>	Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course

**Exposition of the Bl Sacrament for Vocations** 1/2hr. after 9.00am Mass Sat'dy if enough

**1st Reading:** In this reading, "Wisdom" means God. God is spoken of as 'She' because Wisdom is a feminine noun. The message is: God is always there with you, seeking you  
**2nd Reading:** Paul is confirming his teaching to them that Xp will return at the end of time. He thinks it will be soon. Those who have died will rise from death to join us all

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
November 15	W. FARQUHARSON	E. MERJUDIO	M. WONG
33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	J. SALAZAR	T. MERJUDIO	H. CRUZ
November 22	M. FARQUHARSON	J. MENDES	F. ANTOWN
The Kingship of Christ	H. VILLARICA	A. WIGGINS	B. BUHAGIAR

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of Farquharson family 40 Wehlow St. 96252492 this week. You are welcome for the Rosary for the Parish each night at 8.00pm.

**JOHNPAUL II Foundation Mass** will be celebrated here next Saturday (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) at 9.00am. It will be offered for the defeat of the modern "Culture of Death" which means: euthanasia, abortion, contraception, and the destruction of real marriage!

**RECOLLECTION EVENING** for men will be held at St Aidans, Rooty Hill, next Friday at 7.30pm (after the 7.00pm Mass). Given by an "Opus Dei" priest. Men, it is worth getting to it because these "reminders" of your Faith will protect you in a world that is hostile to your Faith

**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mate DZAJA, David DAS, Apolena & Frantisek PAVLICEK, Irene & Joaquim BRITTO, Malcomb FARQUHARSON, Gerry MONTEIRO, Agapito BUGAYONG, Max & Dick GALE, Thomas WIGGINS, Joso & Perka PETESIC, Alejo & Basilia CHUA, Luis & Piedade FERNANDES, Lucy & Lawrence D'SOUZA, Tony SCOTT, Therese & Hanna YOUWAKIM, John PORTELLI, George & Whitemena LAVIS, Cyril MORTON, Narendra NATH, Philip OGNIBENE, Jack D'AMBROSL Abner MORALES, Nilton CUNHA, Keith & Harold BARLOW, Jack & Marjorie HOLMES, Leo SALAZAR, Cyril EAKIN, Stanislaw WRZOSEK, Helen & Peter ZAPOTOCKI, & John WOON. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

**St. PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS** (continued from 25/10/20)  
 Thessalonika's population was chiefly Greek but because of its commercial advantages many other nations were representing a Synagogue. Except for the Jews, its inhabitants were powerful community possessing a Synagogue. Except for the Jews, its inhabitants were idolaters, and as licentious and immoral as other large Roman cities.

It seems that Paul converted the first Christians there from amongst the Jews and a large number of pagan Greeks (see Acts 17,4 & I Thess. 1,9). It is thought from the evidence of the "Acts of the Apostles" that he spent some 3-6 months there and converted a great number of Gentiles (pagans). He set up a system of Church administration as well (see: I Thess 5,12-14). It was in fact his great success that roused the envy of the Jews and led to a riot. They failed to get Paul, but the situation was so menacing that it caused the brethren to send him and Silas away by night to Berea. He was forced to go to Athens.

**The DAILY MASS BOOKS for 2021** will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 29 Nov. Same as the soft-cover Mass books on the seats, but the dates are for 2021. The readings of the day are not included; all other prayers are! If you want a copy there is a list on the table beside the Pamphlets Rack on your right Each is \$15- (if 25 are ordered)

**The CANONISATION of MARY MACKILLOP** was celebrated last month, and a Tenth Anniversary prayer book has been composed by her Order of Josephite Sisters to commemorate this event.

If you would like to order a copy of it, it is sent by the Sisters to any who ask, for FREE. The prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting her values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings in her own words for our modern and so confused world

Go to: [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book) or call 8912-2777

**A NOVEMBER MASS for the DEAD** will be celebrated here next Friday night at a 7.30pm Mass. This Mass will be offered wholly for the souls of those dead whose names are presented at the Altar on a piece of paper before we commence the Offertory of the Mass and for them only. However, only about Ten names per family can be accommodated else the numbers can become excessive. If you wish the names for whom the Mass is offered to be announced at the appropriate place in the Mass, you must print the names in block letters, like the block letters you see on the front page of the "Catholic Weekly" so they can be read. -----But you should not forget your dead family members and friends after this Mass, because if you forget them, who will pray for them. Your neighbours and work conferees won't. They have to rely on you for any prayers to help them on their passage through Purgatory. Flowers or candles won't help unless accompanied by prayer and the best prayer humans can offer is the Mass (which is the prayer of Christ) in which they take part.

And I hope you have remembered, this year through the whole month of November you can merit a Plenary Indulgence each day if you pray the prayers the Church stipulates as was recorded in last Sundays Bulletin: Pray in a Church the Our Father and Apostles Creed with your soul free from any attachment to sin. Which means you have no desire to deliberately commit a sin. Also Communion must be received in the state of Grace, some prayers must be offered for the Pope's intentions (like 3 Hail Marys), and Confession within a week before or after. Do this each day in a Church!