THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A **8 NOVEMBER 2026**

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

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

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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Breaking Open the Word

STAY AWAKE!

As we move towards the final Sundays of our liturgical year, the Evangelist turns our attention to watchfulness and alertness. While this teaching is essentially about God's coming at the end of time—the 'Parousia,' or God's final coming—it also invites us to remain alert to Christ's coming whenever and however that occurs in our lives.

Matthew sets his parable within the familiar setting of a Middle Eastern wedding. At night, ten bridesmaids await the arrival of the bridegroom, carrying oil lamps to welcome him to the celebrations. Five are prepared and have enough oil; the others are not. When the bridegroom's arrival is delayed, the unprepared bridesmaids ask the others to share their oil. They refuse, telling them instead to go and buy what they need. By the time they return, the wedding celebration has begun and the door is shut. The Gospel concludes with the familiar injunction: 'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The message seems clear: we are to remain ready for God's coming, whenever that may be.

But is that the whole message? Another question deserves consideration: *Why do those who have enough oil refuse to share with those who do not?* Their refusal contributes to their sisters' exclusion from the wedding feast. Could the Gospel be asking us to 'stay awake' not simply for God's coming, but to recognise those in need around us—so that everyone might share in the divine wedding banquet?

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Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – **6.00pm** @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – **7.30am** @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow
– **9.30am** @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 8.30am
Wednesday 8.00am
Thursday 8.30am
7.00pm Men's prayer group
1st & 3rd wk of the month
Friday 8.30am
9.00am Adoration, Confession
11.00am Funeral Mass
Saturday 8.30am
9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:
Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)
Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)
1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)
Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:
Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month
Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website, email or phone the parish.

Upcoming Weekday Mass Feasts:

Tuesday	St Leo the Great, Pope, p2122
Wednesday	St Martin of Tours, Bishop, p2125
Thursday	St Josaphat, Martyr and Bishop, p2128
Friday	830 Mass of the Day
	900-930 Adoration and Confession
	1100 Funeral Mass Trevor Clark
	Private burial arrangements
Saturday	Votive Mass, BVM, p2224

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:
1st Collection: Priest upkeep
'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'
BSB: 086006
A/C #: 985196641

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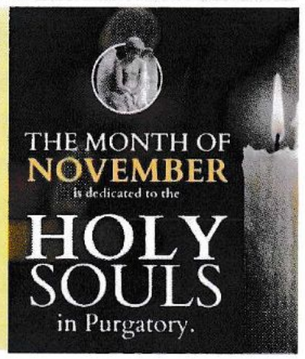
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Card facilities at the back of the Church for your convenience.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Eric Nordberg
Bonnie Brown
Helen Ball
Nancy Dawes
Andrew Azzaro
Tess Howden
Bill Makely



NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER MASSES

Names to be remembered at Masses through the **month of November** can be placed in the box in front of the altar. While its not always practical to read out every single name or intention, Fr Stephen will be praying for them at the altar in Masses in November.

FUNERAL MASS FOR TREVOR CLARK FRIDAY 11AM

Trevor was very active in the parish over such a long period and contributed a lot to bless this community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Waverley, his immediate and extended family, and friends.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

is being held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese this weekend.

There will be a special collection after the Homily today.

If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews today.

We ask you to give generously to help care for our brothers and sisters who are struggling in the community.

Please mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:
How do we navigate the ups and downs of the spiritual life? What is the role of mystery? Providence? Learn insights of the ups and downs according to the saints in the ongoing journey of faith. Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 23rd November 930am.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR ALL OUR YOUTH:
WAYS SUMMER CAMP @ Dwellingup for 12-15yos. Held 11th - 15th January – *See Noticeboard*

DISCIPLES OF JESUS SUMMER SCHOOL
16-35yos. 2nd – 8th January retreat @ Wattle Grove. One of the biggest, best and life-changing young adult events of the year. It's vital for teens and adults to spend time with their own peer group who share their values. See FB page for details.

FUNERAL RESOURCE BOOKLET
"It's what N. would have wanted." A wonderful gift we can give our loved ones is to let them know ahead of time what you would like for a funeral. Sometimes it can be a struggle for loved ones, especially those less familiar with faith practice to know what A number of booklets have been made available in the foyer, where you might like to consider things like sacred music or readings for example. Your witness of faith can be a lasting grace in the lives of your family and friends.

HELP A PARAMEDIC KNOW TO CALL A PRIEST
in an emergency situation – put it on your Medical ID/info on your phone, accessible in an emergency:

iPhone:
1. **Health app** on your iPhone.
2. Tap your picture, then tap **Medical ID**.
3. Under Conditions, enter something like: *"I'm a Catholic. In an emergency, contact a priest."*
4. Turn on Show When Locked

Android:
1. Settings
2. "Safety and emergency"
3. "Medical Info"
4. "Conditions": "I'm a Catholic. In an emergency, contact a priest."
5. "Save"
6. Turn on: Show on Lock Screen



There are also "I'm Catholic, please call a priest in an emergency" cards for wallets and purses. But it's a great idea and quite common for emergency services to use the above means for checking for important medical information.