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We remember in Prayer

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries

Marie Wardle, Vera English

Those who are sick

*Rick Burchell, John Santuccioni,
Christine Bonnici, Ketty Nicopoulos,
Nick Dreessens*

Note:- to have a loved one prayed
for please [email](#) by Thursday
morning to have them included in
our Sunday Mass.

*Nazareth Parish acknowledges the
Wadawurrung people who are the traditional
custodians of this land and we pay respect to
the Elders past and present.*

NAZARETH PARISH NEWS

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME BACK TO WEEKDAY MASS

After almost 12 weeks with no one in the Church it has been really nice this week to see people coming to Mass. A reminder if you would like to attend please book *each* week, bookings open at 9am on the Friday for the coming week.

Here is the link to make your booking through [TryBooking](#) or alternatively call the parish office 9412 8444 and leave a message with your name, number and which Mass time you would like to attend.

PRAYING With CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CONTINUES ONLINE THROUGH TO ADVENT.

Join us in the lead up to and during Advent as we prepare for Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus!

Last week we learnt about the blessings God gives us in our lives because he loves us and the great reward for us in heaven.

Next Sunday we learn that Jesus wants us to be good so that we are always ready to meet him!

God gives each person gifts to use for their own benefit but also to help others. God's kingdom calls us to be generous and compassionate, not to selfishly hold onto our surplus goods and gifts.

Time: 11am every Sunday until 20th December

Booking required: [TryBooking](#)

Hope to see you there! All Welcome.

GIVING

We are very grateful to all those who have continued to financially support our parish during this difficult time. New envelopes will be sent out via mail next week.

CDF
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The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has setup a new website to help parishioners donate to their parishes.

Through this website (CDFpay) you can make a Stewardship contribution, give money to the "2nd collection" (Presbytery) or make a donation to the parish, e.g. towards the expenses of furnishing Fr Linh's new Presbytery. The link to CDFpay is :

<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=141>

Please use the "Comments" section to put in your envelope number if you are making a Stewardship contribution, or to indicate what your donation is to be used for. If you have any questions in regards to this please call Rodney on 9412 8445.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH NOVEMBER 2020

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

Universal prayer intention - Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

WHATS ON

Wednesday 10am Break Open the Word prayer group

Due to the current self-isolation recommendations, our group will continue to pray for the needs of the community in our own homes between 10am & 11am each Wednesday. Please join us in spirit. For prayer requests phone Kevin & Alison 5261 5285



Nazareth Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

FIRST READING — Wis 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING — 1 Thes 4:13-18

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 of them 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.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be open from Wednesday to Friday from 9am til 2pm.

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2021 Columban Art Calendar

2021 Columbus Art Calendars are now available from the Parish Office. \$9 each, please bring exact money in an envelope.

REFLECTION—Allan Aclan

Happy Friday everyone! It has been a full-on week here at the parish. Weekday Masses have resumed this week, and Saturday baptisms are continuing on despite the current restrictions. Also, the Children's Liturgy is still going and preparations are getting better as weeks go on. Please refer to the parish bulletin for any information on these, and all the other wonderful initiatives the people of Nazareth Parish have organised.

It reminds me of the parable of the ten bridesmaids in this Sunday's Gospel: The wise bridesmaids made the necessary preparations in case unexpected things happen. We think of preparedness, then, as our desire springing into action! Desire is associated with our free-will to choose, in this case, a desire for a relationship with God and a desire to make him known. Our faith may have been handed down to us by our family and friends, or we may have received some sort of inspiration from an external source. At the end of the day, however, the choice whether to invest in this relationship and to make it flourish is ours to make!

As I reflect on the week that was, it is heartening to see people's desire springing into action by their works. The beautiful thing is that they are all valuable in the eyes of God. Looking forward to the next week and what fruits it will bring. Until then, keep safe and God bless.

Allan



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