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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (YEAR A) SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2020

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible. (Matthew 25:1-2)



The parable this Sunday, unique to the Gospel of Matthew, is one section of the fifth and final great speech of Jesus, which considers the end of the world and the gathering together of God's people. The parable of the ten bridesmaids is full of symbols. Jesus is described as the bridegroom repeatedly in the four gospels. Earlier in this gospel (9:15), in a reference to his passion and death, he spoke of himself as 'the bridegroom who will be taken away'. This image has its origins in the Jewish Scriptures, where the relationship of the people to God was compared to that of a bride to her husband. The Church, the new people of God, is rightly described as the bride of Christ. It is the role of the bridesmaid to accompany and serve the bridegroom. We all take on this task from the time of our baptism. But will we be ready when the bridegroom appears? The symbol of the lamp brings an even clearer allusion to Christian life and to the sacrament of baptism. We receive the light of Christ when we are baptised, and we are constantly challenged to keep the light burning brightly. This responsibility is reflected in the determination of the sensible bridesmaids not to let their lamps go out. The foolish bridesmaids, on the other hand, have allowed themselves to be distracted from what is really important in their lives. Do I see my life as a preparation to meet the Lord? Do I nourish my life with prayer and the sacraments? We pray for those who have lost their way on the journey of life. We ask for a deeper appreciation of the gifts the Lord bestows on us.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

THE 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 Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading the book Wisdom



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

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

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.

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.

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.

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

Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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."

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.



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.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

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

Behold the Lamb of God...

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: *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.*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: Monday to Sunday at 9.30am. Please go to YouTube and type St Boniface Church Tooting to access our channel to watch live streaming or any old video.

LIVE STREAMING OF ADORATION: 10am to 1pm Monday to Sunday.

ROSARY TO PRAY FOR HOLY SOULS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Please join online for Rosary everyday at 6.30pm to pray for Holy Souls.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: 10am to 1pm. Please come and spend some time in prayer with the Lord in the blessed sacraments during Adoration everyday 10am to 1pm.

CHURCH OFFERING: You can make your offering/donations when you visit the Church for private prayer. Encourage you to go to Church at least on weekend and spend some time in prayer. **Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or the card machines at the back of the Church. Many thanks.**

BAPTISMS: No baptisms until 5th December.

WEDDING: Can be arranged with maximum 6 people

FUNERAL: Can be arranged with maximum 30 people.

CONFESSIONS: Please speak to a priest.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Closed during lockdown. The next Open House is on Friday 4th December.

PARISH OFFICE: Please contact by email: tooting@rcaos.org.uk or by phone at 0208 672 2345.

PARISH COUNCIL: Will meet on Thursday 10th December.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet on Tuesday 8th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS: Will meet on Monday 7th December and **CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** on Wednesday 9th December. All the meetings will be in the Parish Main Hall/by Zoom at 7.15pm.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY: For all those who are affected by Coronavirus especially healthcare workers and all frontline workers. We say a Big thank you to all of them for looking after us and our loved ones. Thank you to each one of you for your prayers and support.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER: MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

We dedicate this month in prayer and love for our loved ones who are departed from this world. We place their names on the Altar and celebrate at least one Mass everyday for them throughout this Month.

CEMETERY BLESSING: There will be blessing of the graves in November. If your loved ones are buried in the nearby cemeteries, one of the priests is happy to bless their grave on the following dates & time.

Sunday 15th November: 2pm London Road (Figges March)

Sunday 22nd November: 2.30pm pm at Blackshaw Road & 3.30pm at Garratt Lane

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Parish is keeping a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** on the steps of the Sanctuary. Your close deceased family members names are inscribed in it in alphabetical order (SURNAME). Please spent a moment in prayer at the memorial.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7. **Please note: No Mass in the hospital chapel during lockdown.**

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Dessy, Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Valentine O'Donnell, Elizabeth Crean, Raymond D'Souza, Gloria Guillen, Marlo Luna, Elizabeth Lynn, Andre Clarke, Joseph Maher, Lindo Smith, Kathleen Stratton, Heinz Dorler, Mumtaz John, Sauveur Farrugia, Michael Fletcher, Jan Jamrok, Dennis Rainford, Maria Lourdes Lobo-Cronin, John Madigan, Mary Kelly, Johannah Marland Hilary Williams, Beatriz Goncalves, Irene Condon, Mario Rantac, Frederick Rose, Janet Omoya. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Sunday 8th November THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY (YEAR A)	09:30	Rose, Tom & Patricia Theresa Schembri, RIP Glen & Jim Money, RIP Paul Dumont, RIP, James Bolger, RIP Angela Jeffrey, RIP
Monday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	09:30	November Altar List P Bastiampillai—Thanksgiving Rosemary Mafgni
Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great	09:30	November Altar List Sapphire Dick Int. Christy Savundranayagam, RIP Victor Pepin, RIP
Wednesday 11th November St Martin of Tours	09:30	November Altar List Thanksgiving The Anthony Family Liz Lynn, RIP
Thursday 12th November St Josaphat	09:30	F/M Bernard Finnegan Jane Parper B/D Olga Mascarenhas, RIP November Altar List
Friday 13th November St Francis Cabrini	09:30	November Altar List Maria Lourdes Lobo Cronin, RIP
Saturday 14th November Our Lady	09:30	November Altar List Dennis Rides, RIP Virginia Llewellyn, RIP
Sunday 15th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF (YEAR A)	09:30	Fr Martin Griffin, RIP November Altar List Brigid Kearney Ints Agnes Lobo, RIP