

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 7th & 8th November 2020

Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers

Anniversaries:

Vince Dichiera; Constance McNicol; Arthur Cabatingan; Frances Taggart;

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;



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School News



Due to the rain last Friday we held our sock ball shoot out on Wednesday. Luckily the hand made sock balls were well made as they survived being kicked and thrown.

Our Socktober activities came to an end last week with our crazy sock day. We saw lots of colour and creativity in the socks that were worn. Thank you to all the students and families who donated - we raised \$340.



COVID SAFE PLAN:

St Mary's Robinvale & St Patrick Manangatang

COVIDSAFE
church

- No more than 20 people indoors/50 outdoor, practising 1.5m social distancing at one time.
- Please wear mask.
- Record your details in the book.
- Sanitise your hands and sanitise your contact surface.
- Please avoid interactions in the indoor space before or after the service.
- If you are sick or unwell, do not attend, get tested & please contact Parish Office or Mary Knight 0438 627 920

THE 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.

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

SECOND READING Thes 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42. 44

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 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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Baptism

Congratulations to Hendrix Sonny Giofrelle who was baptised this weekend. Hendrix was accompanied by his parents, Pamela and Dion Giofrelle, plus godparents Anthony and Amanda Molluso. Please keep them all in your prayers as Hendrix begins his Sacramental life in the church.



REFLECTION

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!'

by Fr Michael Tate

Catholic Care Victoria

Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of Catholic Care Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and Catholic Care Sandhurst, to form a new entity, Catholic Care Victoria from January 1, 2021. Statements and further information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

Future Governance of Catholic Schools in our Diocese:

The Parish Leadership Team will meet with Mr. Tom Sexton, Chief Executive Officer of DOBCEL next Thursday 12th November, regarding the future governance of St. Mary's P- 8 School. DOBCEL is a company set up by Bishop Paul to look after schools from 1st January, 2021. This will mean the schools of the Diocese will be overseen by a board of directors on behalf of the Bishop, rather than by parish priests.

Local News

Did you know?

- ✚ Father Anthony celebrated his first weekend Mass in Robinvale last Saturday evening.
- ✚ Father Anthony serves churches in Underbool, Ouyen, Manangatang, Patchewollock, Robinvale & Walpeup.
- ✚ Happy birthday to Maria Teresa Zappia! Maria celebrated her 91st birthday during the week with her family.
- ✚ Many thanks to Father Anthony for celebrating 2 Masses on All Souls Day (Monday 2nd November). Parishioners then went out to the cemetery for a short blessing & prayers at the graveside of departed loved ones.

Sunday Gospel Activities Sunday, November 8, 2020

1. What day is it, today, in the Church's calendar?
 - ❖ The 32nd Sunday of Easter.
 - ❖ The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - ❖ The 32nd Sunday in Advent.
2. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?
~Wisdom~ Baruch ~Judith ~Ecclesiastes ~Tobit
3. What is "wisdom"?
 - ❖ It makes a person very funny.
 - ❖ It makes a person grow tall.
 - ❖ It makes a person smart in a way that helps him know God better.
4. Do you want wisdom?
Would you like to be very wise? ~Yes ~No ~Maybe
5. Circle all the ways you can become wise?
 - ❖ Staying in bed late every morning.
 - ❖ Reading the Bible every day.
 - ❖ Trying to be understanding and patient with others.
 - ❖ Stealing candy.
 - ❖ Reading books or watching movies about saints.
 - ❖ Paying close attention at Mass.
 - ❖ Something else? _____
6. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading?
 - ❖ Peter
 - ❖ Thessalonians
 - ❖ Corinthians
7. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading?
 - ❖ Matthew
 - ❖ Mark
 - ❖ Luke
 - ❖ John
8. Who read Gospel today? _____