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SUNDAY, 08 NOVEMBER 2026 **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

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BAPTISMS & SACRAMENTS

Booking via Parish Website
Baptisms celebrated most Sundays.

UPCOMING MASS TIMES:

Sat 07 Nov		
Mass	5:00pm	Cooranbong
Mass	5:30pm	Booragul
Sun 08 Nov		
Mass	8:30am	Toronto
Mass	9:00am	Warners Bay
Mass	10:00am	Morisset
Mass	6:00pm	Warners Bay
Tue 10 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Morisset
Wed 11 Nov		
Mass	9:00am	Booragul
Thu 12 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Warners Bay
Fri 13 Nov		
Mass	9:30am	Toronto

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

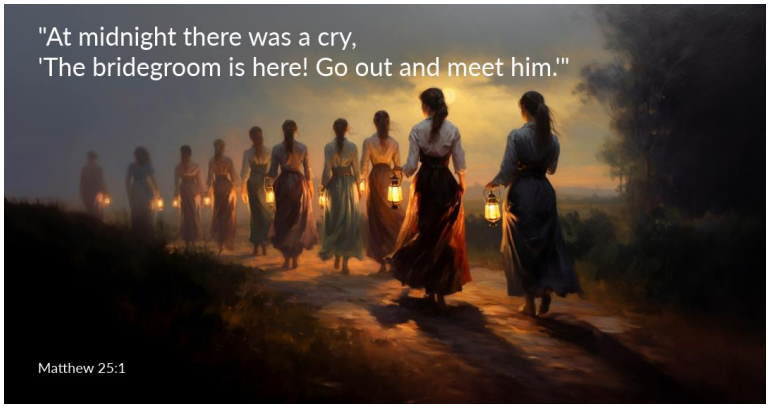
The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 08 November 2026

First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16)

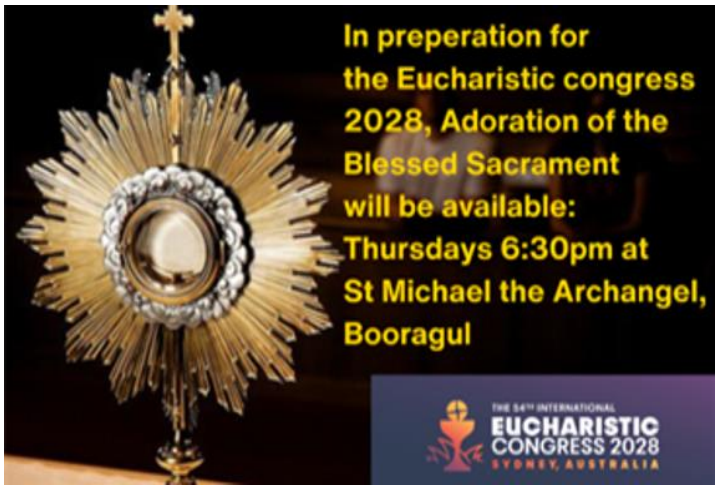
A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

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 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 24:42. 44)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'


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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2026

For The Proper Use Of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

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Anointing Mass

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 11am
St Joseph's Church
140 Wangi Rd Toronto

An anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for those who are sick, frail, elderly or in need of healing.



2027 Liturgical Books

The book orders have arrived payments can be made via Parish Bank Accounts using reference: BKS + Surname or
Credit Card using the Diocese Payment Page or Cash in an Envelope with Books + Name of the front.
$33ea Break Open the Word 2027
$25ea Ordo 2027
$22ea God's Word 2027
$33ea Daily Mass Book 2027
$35ea The New Community Bible

Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers – Newcastle

Saturday 14 November, 10am-3pm, Toohey Room
A Day of Prayer, Formation, Fellowship and Renewal. Sacristans and Servers are warmly invited to a special day of spiritual nourishment and community. Activities include Formation Session, Practical Workshop, Fellowship & Sharing, Lunch and Refreshments. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. Learn More: **Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers - Newcastle West - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

MN KIDs Formation Day Newcastle & Taree

Taree – Saturday 28 November, 9:30am – 3pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Newcastle – Sunday 06 December, 9:30am – 3pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral
Give your child the opportunity to prepare for Advent in a meaningful and memorable way at the MN KIDS



Formation Day. Led by experienced Religious Education facilitators from the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, this special day combines faith-filled learning with interactive activities, friendship, and fun. Through engaging and age-appropriate experiences, children will grow in their understanding of the Gospel and be encouraged in their spiritual journey. Learn More: **Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael

Thursday 17 December, 9.30am-2pm, Tea Gardens
Join us for a special day of reflection, renewal, and community as we gather for the SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael Kennedy.
Learn More: SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

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40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address

Sunday 29 November, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

As we light the Candle of Hope on the First Sunday of Advent, join us as we commemorate a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia: Saint John Paul II's historic Alice Springs address of 29 November 1986. This Mass will include | Smoking Ceremony | Traditional Welcome by an Elder | Cultural Dance and Song | Yidaki (Didgeridoo) Players| Prayer and reflection inspired by Saint John Paull II's message | Morning Tea on the grass grounds.

To Learn More: 40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or email Mission@mn.catholic.org.au

Advent & Christmas Creative Arts Workshop

Taree: Monday 9 November, 2-4pm
Newcastle: Thursday 12 November, 10am-12pm
Looking for fresh and engaging ways to share the Advent and Christmas story with children? Join this free, hands-on workshop for those involved in Special Religious Education (SRE) and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Discover practical ideas for art, craft, music and drama, and take-home resources ready to use in your ministry. Includes all workshop materials.



REAL women
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The next REAL WOMEN CAFE NIGHT
Monday, 16 November 2026
7.30 pm – 9.15 pm
St Mary's Catholic Church Hall

Booking will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 17 October 2026 10am to 12pm
Donation of $15 per person
If you would like to do a direct deposit please contact Sue or Marie.
Bookings may also be made by phone
Phone: Sue – 0417 091 255 or
Marie – 0429 191 245

Thirty Second Sunday

As we approach the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, we are called to pay attention to what really matters. The readings remind us to focus on the bigger picture. We are called to look away from the superficial and remember that time is limited. This Sunday in Australia, is also celebrated as Prison Sunday.

Prayer-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This Sunday 8th November, we will join as a community for Eucharistic Adoration, spending unhurried prayerful time in the presence of Jesus in the Morisset Church. 9am until 9.30am. (Before the 10am Mass)

Multicultural Mass - First Sunday of Advent

When: First Sunday of Advent, 10am November 29th at Morisset.
Followed by Hospitality.
Parishioners from Eighteen different nationalities, have indicated that they will bring food for the hospitality, from their country of origin.

Water from Lourdes

One of our parishioners recently had the opportunity to visit Lourdes, while he was in France. He brought back some Lourdes water and was happy to share it with other interested parishioners. The water is now available for collection for those who indicated this interest. Contact John France.

'Wraps with Love'

Recently our 'Friday Knitters' delivered a consignment of completed rugs and beanies to the Mission to Seafarers Newcastle. Seafarers that transport our goods often arrive in our ports facing isolation and limited access to support. MTS Newcastle is an ecumenical centre working alongside Stella Maris and is a place where seafarers can relax away from their ships. MTS cares for the spiritual, social, pastoral and material welfare of all Seafarers.

November-Month of the Holy Souls.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those family and friends. have gone before us. However, it does not end there, for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community, united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection.
In both the Cooranbong and Morisset Churches, we have a 'Remembrance Tree', to remember our deceased relatives and friends. The idea is that we write the names of those to be remembered, on a leaf (we have more leaves) at the back of the church. The leaf is then hung on the tree. The tree will remain during the month of November.

Vinnies — Christmas non perishable food donations

There are many people in our community who rely on our assistance particularly at this time of year. On the weekends of November 21st/22nd and 28th/29th, a basket will be placed in each church to receive your donations of non-perishable food items to assist us with making up hampers for these needy families . We will not be asking for gifts to be donated this year.
Thank you for support with both prayers and goods.
Our Cash Appeal will be on the weekend of December 5th/6th.

Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life-threatening disease, may they know the healing presence of Christ:
Suzanne Boshma, Marylyn Sloman, Maree Scully, David Ford, Michelle Weickhorst, Annette Boyd, Irene Purcell, Dianne Whitten, Jackie Purnell, Miriam English, June Gillett, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, and Tintumol Thomas.

Please contact the office if there are any changes

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.
Recently Deceased:
Remembrance: Betty Smith

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Mary's Primary School K-6
2 Bayview Street, Warners Bay
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E:admin@warnersbay.catholic.edu.au
W:www.warnersbay.catholic.edu.au/
Principal: Liz Starling

St Joseph's Primary School K-6
140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay
P: 02 4959 1355
E:admin@kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au
W: www.kilabenbay.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Nikki Norley

St John Vianney Primary School K-6
60-66 Yambo Street, Morisset
P: 02 4973 4073
E:admin@morisset.catholic.edu.au
W: www.morisset.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mark Konik

St Paul's Catholic College 7-12
70 Primrose Street, Booragul
P: 02 4958 6711
E:admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au
W: www.booragul.catholic.edu.au
Acting Principal: Anne-Maree Shipman

PARISH GROUPS

Finance Committee
TBA
St Michael's Booragul

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 23rd November- 6.30pm
St Michael's Booragul

Promotion of Safeguarding
Please contact the office

Mass Collections - Thankyou

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St John Vianney Parish Morisset

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