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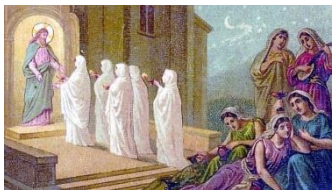
8th November 2020 **32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** **Year A**

Blessed Are Those Who Are Ready to Welcome the Lord!



Many times, Jesus exhorted his disciples to be always ready to meet the Lord. His insistence on constant vigilance and preparedness is dramatized in today's passage which is known as the "Parable of the Ten Virgins." Preparedness is not just a passive "waiting for" something to happen, but active participation in making it come to fulfillment as a zealous kingdom builder in this world. Indeed, the best way to prepare for tomorrow is to do it today. To do it now, relentlessly.

As we proceed in the month of November, we continue remembering our departed brothers and sisters. We commend them all to the Lord's mercy with prayerful love. At the same time, let us not forget that we, too, on a day that is known to the Lord alone, will meet the Lord face to face and account for the way we have loved. That will be the most important moment in our existence because our eternal happiness or unhappiness will depend on it. It is wise to keep this in mind and to prepare for that all-important encounter with the Lord.

In this Eucharistic Sacrifice, let us ask for the grace to be always alert and prepared to welcome Him with the lighted torches of a life spent in faithful service to Him. Then He will invite us to walk with Him into the feast of eternal life.

WELCOME: We welcome Kayce Nolan who will be baptised next Saturday to our Church Community

MASSES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:

- **Weekend Masses** (Hall): Sat evening 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am; Sunday evening 5pm.
- **Weekday Masses** (Hall): Tuesday and Friday at 12 noon
- **Eucharistic Adoration** (Hall): Tuesday and Friday 12.30pm – 1.30pm
- **Confessions (Downs Room):** During Adoration, Tuesdays and Friday. For COVID Safety, please use the end door by the stage for entry and exit. Please leave this door ajar at all times.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Only the approved number of people are permitted to attend Mass, Eucharistic Adoration at a time - in the Hall = **63 persons which includes EVERYONE present in the hall.** Prior registration is not required. COVID conditions will be adhered to, at all times
- Please follow the instructions of the Usher on duty at your Mass or Adoration
- **It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children maintain social distancing and remain with them during Mass**

CELEBRATING MASS DURING REDUCED NUMBERS ALLOWED FOR CHURCH MASSES:
View live streamed Masses on the diocese's website, via the diocese's Facebook page or the diocese's YouTube channel. *Please note that the stream will become active a few minutes prior to starting.*

NOVEMBER MASSES:
November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged by completing a list of names and putting into the supplied box.

BULLETINS: A paper copy of the Bulletin will be provided at Mass for **those parishioners who do not have an email address.**

IMMACULATA PIETY STALL: Will be open before and after the 9am and 11am Masses each Sunday and at other times on request. A wide range of religious goods, including Christmas figurines, Christmas cards, 2021 calendars and gifts. EFTPOS machine available. Orders taken.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/COVID COMMITTEE:

- **Mass Times:** Masses will commence on time. **Please be respectful to Our Lord and other parishioners by arriving before the Mass commencement time.**
- Liturgy of the Hours (Lauds) will be held **Mon – Fri each week, at 8.30am.** The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office is the official set of prayers "marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer". It consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns, readings and other prayers and antiphons. **All welcome.** For those not familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours – full explanation and training will be given. Come and join with the universal Church as we pray this beautiful Prayer together.
- **Fri 27 Nov – 12md Mass** - **Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** (Immaculata Apostolate Patroness)

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr Roque to be contacted if necessary

PRAYERS REQUESTED: **For our sick:** Jim Cronin and those names in our usual weekly Bulletin; those with COVID 19 and all those who are unwell, suffering or facing hardship, in any way, during this time.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH: For those who are using gifting envelopes or cash, would you be able to consider, if possible, making your contributions by direct debit or electronic transfers? The bank account details for anyone wishing to make direct fund transfers to the parish are as follows:
BSB 084961 Account number 029611980. Please advise your Planned Giving Number on the transaction.

COLLECTION BOX: The collection box for Planned Giving Envelopes and loose change donations is in the foyer on the right as you enter the Hall.

9 DAY ADVENT NOVENA:
This Novena will commence on **Weds 16 December at 4.30am and conclude on Thursday 24 December.** Due to restrictions in numbers we will use a booking system called **'TryBooking'** – Information to follow as to when the bookings will commence. Under COVID regulations, only those with pre-booked tickets will be able to gain entry. The usual practice of bringing food for communal use is **not permitted** under COVID requirements, therefore no food or drinks will be available. There will be no festivities or photos. **Reservations essential.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
Christmas Eve - Thurs 24 Dec - 5.30pm – Nativity Play and Mass
Christmas Eve - Thurs 24 Dec – Vigil 10.30pm
Christmas Day - Fri 25 Dec – 9am

The booking system '**TryBooking'** will be used and tickets will be given- Information to follow as to when the bookings will commence, and the system to use. **Those unable to book online** will be able to ring and book through the parish office, once bookings commence. Under COVID regulations, only those with pre-booked tickets will be able to gain entry. The majority of Catholic Parishes in Toowoomba will be using the 'TryBooking' system.