

# All Hallows' Five Dock



32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 12th November 2023

## Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,  
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of  
service, that creates a sense of  
God's presence among us.

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## A Reflection by Fr Richard

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the readings encourage us to remain alert to the presence of the Lord, who comes to us in every moment and at any moment. According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed time, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgement we hear in this week's Gospel.

In this parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom. In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. Like the "thief in the night", the bridegroom does not come at the time expected, and only the wise maidens have taken extra oil for their lamps. Only the wise ones are prepared to meet their Lord.

The point Jesus is making is about readiness, expectancy. Some of the bridesmaids really expected something to happen, and so when it did, they were ready to get on board. Others didn't really seem to think anything was going to happen. They probably didn't even realise that they had stopped believing. When can we say, "Now I am ready for the Lord?" How do we know when we have "enough oil in our lamps" for that final day of meeting him?

With best wishes -  
Fr Richard



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm - 3:40pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

### Reconciliation:

**Saturday:**  
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm  
Or any time by appointment.

### Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

### Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.

### Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).

## Advent Groups - All Hallows 2023

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Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that, at its heart, it is meant to be a time of preparation, of waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.



This Advent, we will be exploring "The Sign" Advent program. Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections through Advent.

We invite you to join in and participate in one of the Advent Groups, which will be meeting during this liturgical period. **Please consider being a Leader of a group or participating in a group, once Leaders have volunteered.**

The Advent groups will be meeting between **27 November and 23 December** at the following times:

- Wednesdays at 11am and 7:30pm
- Thursdays at 7:30pm
- Saturdays at 4pm



You will find Sheets in the Gathering Space to register your name.  
Please ensure you add your contact details.

Enquiries: Sandy Lynch: 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461

## Please remember in your Prayers:

### Sick:

Anna Macri  
Terry McCabe & family  
Anna Tan  
Denis Castledine  
Clarence Rodrigues  
Frank Hume  
Siosua Sikulu  
Philippa Mary Sikulu  
Giuseppe Intili

*\*names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified*

### Recently Deceased:

Robert Iacono  
Eva Zin  
Lucrezia Cecere  
Isabella Ciccolitto  
Antonio Nesci  
Norma Hankinson  
Donald Skinner



### Anniversaries:

Antonio Rosario Barca  
Deirdre Franklin  
Vincenzo Salvato  
Theresa O'Donnell  
Giuseppe Battiato

### For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.*

*May, all the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Cards and Calendars



This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul will be selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards.

The prices have remained the same so grab a bargain!

**Columban Calendars - \$8.00**

**Pack of 10 assorted Christmas Cards - \$6.00**

### Christmas Appeal

Members of our Five Dock St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be handing out "Christmas Appeal Envelopes" this weekend at the end of each Mass in the gathering space.



## Fr Justin Torres



Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass at All Hallows Church at **6.30pm on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.**



Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all.

Mass will be followed by anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing.

We will also be hosting a retreat with Fr Justin at **9am on Saturday, 25th November** in the Parish hall as well as Prayers of praise and worship on **Sunday 26th November after the 5pm Mass.**

We all have a need for some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.

## Plenary Indulgence in November

November is a special time to pray for our loved ones who have passed. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead by visiting a church during the month of November and praying the Lord's prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)



# Parish Notices



## All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$370.00, making the total raised \$15,569.00.

If you would like to contribute, you can donate by:

- ❖ Placing your donation in the envelopes provided on the church pews and in the gathering space
- ❖ Using the Tap n Go machines in the gathering space
- ❖ Credit card via our website – [www.allhallows.org.au](http://www.allhallows.org.au) / Support Us / Donate or use the QR code on the right
- ❖ Direct deposit into the Church account :-
  - Account Name: Five Dock Parish Church Account
  - BSB: 062-784
  - Account number: 100000513



*Thank you for your generous support!*

## All Hallows Adult Faith Formation Program - The Pivotal Players

You are invited to join fellow parishioners at our All Hallows Faith Formation Program, **The Pivotal Players**.



**16th November:** Michaelangelo – Have you seen this artistic masterpiece?

## Blooms the Chemist Wareemba Opening Day

Blooms the Chemist is holding an Opening Day celebration on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10am onward.**

There will be a petting zoo from 10am-12pm and sausage sizzle, lots of goodies and mystery prizes.

**Blooms the Chemist will be donating the funds they raise on the opening day of their new pharmacy to the All Hallows Roof Repair Appeal.**

Blooms is located at 278 Great North Rd, Wareemba. *Please go along to their opening day, have some fun and support this local chemist!*

## Congratulations to

**Michael McKenzie & Samantha Pellegrino** on their wedding at All Hallows this weekend.

*Please pray that God bless their marriage and bring them peace, love and happiness.*

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13*

## Baptisms



We welcome

**Marco Mario Alicandro  
Raya Ellery Escalante  
Riley Eve Escalante  
Logan Alexander McGregor**

who is being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend.



*“Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me.” - Luke 9:48.*

## All Hallows Youth Group

All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the **All Hallows Youth group.**

Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.

The dates the Youth Group will run in term 4 are:



- 12th November
- 26th November
- 10th December (Christmas party)

## First Holy Communion

A gentle reminder that rehearsals will be held this week for the children preparing for First Holy Communion. The rehearsal times are as follows:

- 4pm Wednesday 15th November for those attending the 12pm Mass on Saturday 18th November.
- 5pm Wednesday 15th November for those attending the 3pm Mass on Saturday 18th November.
- 4pm Thursday 16th November for those attending the 12pm Mass on Sunday 19th November.
- 5pm Thursday 16th November for those attending the 3pm Mass on Sunday 19th November.

Please pray for the children currently preparing for their First Holy Communion which is being celebrated next weekend.






## Children's Corner

Always be ready!


N C R E S Q C F F Q V K P S R  
S S L E E P X K C G T E N C S  
Q I A E G N C G Q K J V E G C  
X E X O H U Z X N B C B Q H D  
Y D B W E I D P G U W R W W F  
A D N C W C L W J Y M Q V K S  
V W E D D I N G C X N H N A M  
R I M R Z G Z R P X S M K I L  
Q G S Q X F O N N I G H T S A  
M A E R E A D Y R B K E Q P H  
G G N C X U J S P Z I W R C O  
G A B N U E N O U G H Z D J I  
D Z L A M P S N F D O O R S L  
K N S H K X O P E N A S G V E  
G R O O M J V P L U L A O C K

Try to find these words:

buy  
doors  
enough  
groom  
lamps  
night  
oil  
open  
ready  
sleep  
ten  
wedding

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Wisdom 6:12-16</b> A reading from the book of Wisdom <b>Wisdom is found by those who look for it.</b></p> <p>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.</p> 	<p><b>(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.</b></p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> 	<p><b>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</b> A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians <b>Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>33rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Thess 5:1-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Matt 25:14-15. 19-21</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</p> 

## Gospel

<p><b>Matthew 25:1-13</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <b>Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.</b></p> <p>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.'</p>	
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**Living the Gospel – Living in hope**

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

# LOOK

Sunday 12 November 2023  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 25:1-13

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

## SHOW THE WAY!

### Light

For there to be light, there needs to be something to give energy. Draw a line to link the object that gives light and its energy source.



For you to be light to others, what is your energy source? Unscramble the letters to find the answer:

**S U E S J**

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me to lead other people to you, Jesus. Help me to shine brightly with your love by being kind and helpful. Amen.

Jesus tells us a story about ten bridesmaids. Five of them were ready for the wedding but five were not, so they couldn't go to it. We can get ready to enjoy the party with Jesus by being kind and loving.

### Jesus' message

Can you reveal the hidden message from today's gospel by moving each letter to its linked empty circle?



### Be ready

The bridesmaids need lamps to find their way as it is late at night. One sensible bridesmaid has oil in her lamp.



The other bridesmaid is foolish and has forgotten the oil for her lamp. Which bridesmaid meets the bridegroom? Make her lamp shine!

### Light up the world

Jesus is like the bridegroom and we are like helpers at a wedding. Tick the ways we can light up the world today.



Answers: Jesus' message: Be prepared.