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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 62(63): 2-8

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 1-13

*"Stay awake for you do
not know either the day
or the hour"*



Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

Children might enjoy [this animated video](#) on the parable of the 10 bridesmaids

Pray

Read the Gospel passage again. What caught your attention in the reading? What word, image or action from the reading has stayed in your memory? What is it about this that strikes you? Does it resonate with something in your own life? Share what comes to mind with one another as a family.

Talk

As a family, talk with one another about these questions. If you live by yourself, call a friend or family member to talk to, or write your thoughts in a journal.

- When have you regretted that you did not look ahead and anticipate the consequences of your action?
- Is there something coming up this week that you could be better prepared for? What might happen if you do not prepare?
- If Jesus came to your house, what would you do to get ready for him?

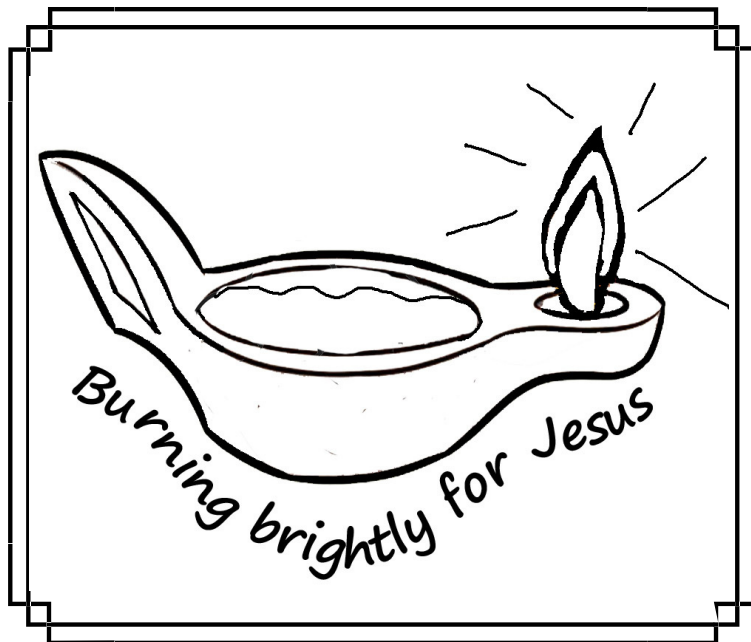
Family Challenge!

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Visit a graveyard this week and pray for the dead.

For you
to colour!

Kids' Corner

You can burn brightly for Jesus this week too, by saying your prayers, helping at home and being a good friend!



STAYING AWAKE

It is customary for the bride to be late for her wedding, but it was the opposite at the time of Christ. Then, it was the groom who had the privilege of being late. When the groom arrived, he would negotiate the dowry with the bride's family. Sometimes these negotiations could be lengthy. This seems to be the situation in the parable in this Sunday's Gospel. The negotiating went on so long that the bridesmaids, waiting at the groom's house, fall asleep. When the bridal couple arrive, the foolish bridesmaids who do not bring enough oil to keep their lamps lighting are locked out and the wise bridesmaids, with their lamps burning brightly, enter the wedding hall.

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the Church presents us with Gospels encouraging us to be ready for when the Lord calls us to himself. To watch and wait for the Lord's call is to be prudent. At the hour of death, we must be prepared. We must have the oil flask of a good relationship with God and others filled to the brim, for in the final hour there may not be time to acquire a life's preparedness for this moment. Readiness for God is a state of being. There may be times "I sleep but my heart is awake" (Song of Songs 5:2).

The image of those who do not keep enough oil for their lamps to be lighting, pounding of the locked doors only to be turned away as strangers, is not about God being unforgiving or hard of heart, rather it serves as a warning so that we can grasp the seriousness of the concluding statement: "Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour".

By Fr John Harris

EVENTS

"A Night of Hope" Nov 11th, 7-8pm:

Join Bishop Phonsie for a Virtual Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Music to ask the Lord's guidance in these uncertain times, and to pray for our loved ones who have passed away.

Live-streamed on the Waterford & Lismore YouTube Channel.



Family Prayer

(Remember to pray for the souls of those who have died.)

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

May they rest in peace.

Amen

Carlo's Corner



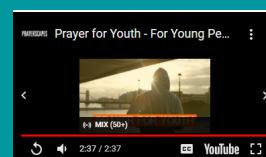
Blessed Carlo Acutis
- Pray for us!

**SPEND YOUR
TIME WELL!**

"I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God."

Blessed Carlo died very young, but with no regrets! What about your life? Are you living the best life that you can, trying to find out what God's plan is for you and your ultimate happiness?

Watch the PrayerScapes: Prayer for Youth - For Young People & Teenagers on YouTube



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