



St. DOMINICS PARISH

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THE DOMINICAN

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St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Public Masses
 limited to ten worshippers: booking essential
 To book call 9am - 10am Mon - Fri : 9912 6870 Extn 3

Monday—Friday: 12 noon

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00am and 6.00 pm

We will continue to live-stream Mass
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*The Parish office will be closed till further notice.
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PARISH CALENDAR: 8th—15th Nov 2020

Sun 8th **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Mon 9th **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 Tue 10th **St Leo the Great**
 9:45am Exercise classes—online
 Wed 11th **St Martin of Tours**
 Thu 12th **St Josaphat**
 9:30am Exercise classes—online
 Sun 8th **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

BE PREPARED AND READY

Jesus is well known for telling parables. A parable reveals a truth in a way which is alive and vivid. He takes a story from everyday life and uses it to illustrate a greater truth. His parables often carried an element of surprise, a plot twist that we may not be ready for in order to change our ways of thinking or living. In the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, all the workers were paid the same, even though some only worked a short time. Instead of an economic discussion, Jesus reflected, "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

*Have you refilled
your lamp?*



Few weeks ago, we heard the parable of the Wedding Banquet. The original invited guests wouldn't come, so the Master sent his messengers out into the highways and byways to gather any who would come. But when the banquet hall was full of both good and bad, there was one who didn't have the wedding garment on, and he was cast out. Jesus surprised by ending that story with this statement: "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Today's gospel is about wedding parable concerning the five wise and five foolish virgins as part of the bridal party expecting the coming of the bridegroom. The wise had enough oil for their lamps, the foolish did not. The latter forgot something as simple and essential as spare oil. Lamps without oil served no purpose and became useless.

The oil represents something very significant that no Christian should be without. It is their preparation. The wise virgins were prepared because they had enough oil to get them through the night. The foolish virgins did not prepare well enough.

We soon come to the season of Advent, a season of our preparation for the return of Jesus. How should we prepare. Perhaps we should look at a man named Simeon. He was an old and godly man who is introduced to us in Luke. He had that type of steadfast endurance. The Lord had told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the Christ. He was getting quite old, but he was confident in the promise of God. One day, that promise was fulfilled in the twilight of his life.

May we be anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit. It is He who makes sure our oil will not run out. Jesus is the Light of the World. It is He who will lead us home. But Jesus also says, "You are the light of the world." This can only happen if we are in Christ, and it is His light who shines through us. Let our lives shine as lamps.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people
 as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYERS WRITERS: 15th Nov Bryan Barwood

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
Oct	\$3,949.75	\$00.00	\$ 0.00

DOMINICARE Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community we want to stress that you should feel free to make contact with us. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3. Please also call if you would like to help out.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS

are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Luke Rawlings, Sheila Grieve

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Mary Burns **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	8 th Nov	8:00am 9:45am 11:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish Sheila Grieve All deceased Dominican Friars & Sisters</i>
Mon	9 th Nov	7:00am	<i>Dominican Vocations</i>
Wed	11 th Nov	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Thu	12 th Nov	7:00am	<i>Barry Hickey</i>
Fri	13 th Nov	7:00am	<i>Deceased Dominicans</i>

If you want to have a Mass offered,
please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of November is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembring-our-dead.html
to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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*"It's not about how much you do, but how much
love you put into what you do that counts."*
St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

We are doing well with COVID here in Australia, but we remember our family and friends from around the world. May all the Saints make your burden light and the blessings heavy. We pray that through the intercession of all the saints, they may take away the suffering and sickness in the world. - Br Oliver



Hymn: God of Wonders - Chris Tomlin
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NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

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32ND SUNDAY 2020 A REFLECTION ON 1ST THESSALONIANS 4:13

In today's second reading from the first of Paul's letters, the oldest text in the New Testament, we read: "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." (1 Thess 4:13)

Many who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake to

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Some ancient Christian writers understood Paul to be saying here, "Don't grieve for the dead." Others, however, understood the verse to mean: "Grieve for the dead, but do so with hope." The second interpretation has won the day, after all, Jesus wept when he learned of Lazarus' death, and at the martyrdom of Stephen the Acts of the Apostles says that "devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him."

We grieve in hope because Christ has given death a new meaning. In the translation of our verse in our missals (The Jerusalem Bible translation) the deceased are described as "those who have died," but a more literal translation of the Greek "koimomenon," found in many other translations of this verse, refers to the deceased as "those who have fallen asleep."

Paul is not using 'sleep' as a euphemism for 'death' in order to diminish its harshness. He uses 'sleep' as a metaphor for 'death,' to convey that death is not final. And Christians soon would name burial places koimeteria, "sleeping places." The English word, 'cemetery' is clearly cognate with the Greek koimeteria.

One early Church Father, St John Chrysostom, commented that Christians appropriately called burial places "sleeping places," for "since Christ, no longer is death called death, but slumber and sleep." Thus in the Roman Canon or First Eucharistic Prayer we pray: "Remember Lord your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church points out what is new about the Christian understanding of death when it says that death completes the process that began at Baptism: "Through Baptism, the Christian has already 'died with Christ' sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this 'dying with Christ' and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act." Thus, appropriately the Funeral Mass begins with "the recalling of Baptism."

Death is an evil. St Paul calls it the last enemy to be destroyed, so we mourn for those who have died, but we mourn with hope, for death has now a new meaning; "In death God calls us to himself." (Catechism 1011)

Fr David Willis OP

WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women : 25 November

Why wait for the end of the month to consider the impacts of domestic violence?

"As Church, the living body of Christ, we cannot remain silent. We must collectively and personally denounce a violence which the human person in every way. We must work to build communities of peace, safety, true reconciliation and relationships that seek alternatives to violence." Peter A Comensoli

WELCOMING THE STRANGER St Dominic's



"Welcoming the Stranger" project has been in existence for nearly 7 years. Here are two of our good news stories. Our first family of 4 was from Syria, escaping from the war raging there. The parish was able to provide accommodation and support for over 2 ½ years until they gained permanent residency and are now Australian citizens and independent. They are very grateful to St Dominic's. In 2016 the parish provided accommodation for 2 adult Afghani sisters who had arrived by boat in Australia in 2012 after losing most of their family and applied for asylum here. We supported them with friendship, English help, computer literacy, budgeting, help with Centrelink interactions and assistance with living in Australian society. They then received a 5 year Safe Haven Enterprise visa. They now live outside of Brisbane. These are two of the families, parishioners of St Dominic's have been able to help. Thank you for your support, whether hands on, in prayer, or responding to appeals. Peter Charles (Welcoming the Stranger committee)

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ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S

We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the [Canterbury Council of Churches](http://www.canterburycouncil.org.au). We pray in particular this month of November for the community at [Canterbury Baptist Church](http://www.canterburybaptistchurch.org.au), and their Senior Pastor Stephen Field.

For further information about our ecumenical engagement visit www.stdominics.org.au/ecumenical

PROPER OF THE MASS: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

Entrance Antiphon	Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
Responsorial Psalm	My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.
Today's Readings	(32nd Ord—Year A) Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
Next Week's Readings	(33rd Ord—Year A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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