



Be Prepared!

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—

12th November 2017

Next Sunday—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – Matthew

Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of

St. Thomas', Arbroath;

St. Anne's, Carnoustie

and St. Bride's, Monifieth

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Sunday Masses in the Coastal Parishes

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. in St. Bride's

Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's

Mass at 10.45 a.m. in St. Thomas'

Mass at 11.30 a.m. in St. Bride's



"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD ... that he may teach us his ways."

Isaiah 2:3

Advent Retreat Day

"Come Let Us Go Up To The Mountain Of The Lord"

Led by Canon Kevin at the Pastoral Centre, Dundee

Saturday 2nd December from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

More details in leaflets in the churches.

Please pray for those who are sick: Bishop Vincent Logan, Jane Higgins, Betty McGinty, George Hill, Eddie Lebida, Jessie Low, Kathleen Taylor, Susan Chalmers, Alison Oakes, Debbie McArthur, Baby Isobel McCaskey, George Kelbie, Cathie McLean, Ailsa McIntosh, James McDonald, Agnes McDonald, John McKee, Laura Bennett, Robert Meikle, Cathie Walls, Duane Joseph, Father Luke Fong, Frank Osborne, Annie McCormack, Marie Fenton, William Docherty, Annie McKenzie, Helen Lukas, Joan and Mick Gartland, Janet Howie, Helen Blyth, Moira Fallone, Irene Burton, Ria Beattie, Norma McAra, Riley Johnston, Janina Buslowicz, Marion Jones, David Allardice, Adam Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Gerard Lukas, Baby Oliver Glancy, Frances Toshney, Isabel Carroll, Peggy McGhee, Thomas Branney, Wendy Wilcox.

those who have died recently: Mgr. James Clancy, Brenda Gourlay, Norah Connelly

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Mairi Porter, Teresa McNally, Heather Combe, Jack McFarlane, Anna Devlin, Herbert James Horn, Charlotte Gray, Arch Gimson, Brother Ezekiel McAuley FMS, Martha Toshney, Jessie Haughey, May Walton, James Hackett, Theresa Meiklejohn, Elaine Quinn, Daisy Collins, Alistair Robb.

Finance Matters Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections for last Sunday were: St. Bride's: £795 (+SO £437); St. Anne's: £319 (+SO £373) and St. Thomas': £352 (+SO £390)

I acknowledge with thanks two donations from the late Margaret Brown towards SCIAF and Mary's Meals.

Farewell for Fr. Peter As you know Fr. Peter will be leaving us to return home to India on 28th November. To mark his departure and show our gratitude to him for the three years he has ministered among us, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7 p.m., in St. Anne's**. After Mass there will be refreshments and a chance to see cheerio to Fr. Peter.

St. Bride's Ladies Christmas Meal This will take place on Wednesday 13th December. List in the foyer to sign up and choose your meal.

Month of the Holy Souls During this month of November, Mass in each of our churches will be offered for all deceased parishioners and priests of our parishes and all whose names are on the November Lists you have handed in.

HCPT As some of you might know, Lorraine Glancy from St. Bride's is a group leader with HCPT. She writes: "*The Children's Pilgrimage Trust is an organisation that takes disabled children to spend time in Lourdes with Our Lady. To allow us to do this we depend totally on donations and fund raising events.*" Several of our parishioners have gone to Lourdes as helpers with HCPT and the late Deacon David Forsyth was a big supporter of the trust. **Next weekend in our parishes there will be a retiring door collection for the work of HCPT.**

Newsletter Delivery My apologies to those who deliver the newsletters in Arbroath for their late arrival last week, this was due to various factors. In future I will try to email you to let you know of any changes to time-scale. The delivery of the weekly bulletins offers invaluable outreach to our larger parish community in Arbroath. Are there any parishioners willing to deliver bulletins in their local area on a weekly basis or to provide cover from time to time when the usual distributors are away? If you're able to help (and it doesn't take that much time each week!), please get in touch with myself or contact Chris Boyle on 07923 065119 or by email at chrisboyle1965@gmail.com.

SERVICES IN THE COASTAL PARISHES

Monday 13th November

St. Anne's: Mass at 10 a.m. (Funeral Mass for Brenda Gourlay RIP);

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m. **St. Thomas':** Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 14th November

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m. followed by novena to St. Antony.

Wednesday 15th November

St. Anne's: 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Mary's Home:** Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 16th November *Feast of St. Margaret, Secondary Patron of Scotland*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 17th November *Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Adoration in St. Anne's from 9 a.m. to 12noon.

Saturday 18th November

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 9.30 a.m.; Confessions from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Heating My apologies for the problems we have been having recently with the heating system in the church. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the problem should be fixed. My thanks to Ronnie Deas for dealing with the heating engineers and rallying the troops to provide various heaters to keep the church warm.

Remembrance Sunday Today we remember and pray for all those who lost their lives in the various wars and conflicts. At the beginning of our Mass in St. Thomas' we will have a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at the back of the church. Later Fr. Peter will be present at the Act of Remembrance in Monifieth and I shall be at the Act of Remembrance in Carnoustie.

Advent Retreat for Young People Fr. Samuel Alabi, the Diocesan Youth Director invites the young people of our parishes to an Advent Retreat. There will be a retreat for **12-16 year olds from Friday 8/Saturday 9 December** and for **17-25 year olds from Saturday 9/Sunday 10 December** in the Pastoral Centre, Lawside Road. More details www.dunkeldyouth.org.uk



St. Bride's Painting The various exterior painting work has now been completed. Many thanks to Graham Forbes and his workers for carrying this out and to Eddie Mahoney for co-ordinating everything.