

From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus said, "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 were wise. The wise ones took extra oil so they could refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived they woke up and the wise

bridesmaids refilled their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty so they went off to get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get into the wedding because the door was already locked." Jesus ended the story by saying, "So stay awake because you do not know the day or the hour."



St Maximilian Kolbe writes, "My dear young people, "God alone is infinitely wise. God is wisdom, power and love." Today's word is Wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make

the right choices in life. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about ten bridesmaids, five of whom were wise, and five were foolish because they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps—filled with oil—can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good works. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven. Because of their wisdom the five wise bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced the joys of the wedding feast, that is the joys of the kingdom of heaven. We might say this prayer, *"Dear Jesus, please help us to grow in wisdom, to be kind and loving, and so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven. Amen"*



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**Remembrance Sunday—32nd Sunday of the Year
November 1st 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: Michael Regan
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: Fr Bernard Eager
Wednesday: November Dead List
Thursday: Jack Ackerley
Friday: Sr Felicity Dobson
Saturday: Brigid Sherwing
Sunday: Mary Aiken

There will be only ONE Mass each day
Confessions by appointment.

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Churches to be closed for Public Worship

Just as we were getting used to being able to celebrate Mass together the Government has banned the celebration of public worship during the present Lockdown due to last until December 2nd. Below are some of the Q & A's given by Bishop Marcus.

Will our churches be affected by the national 'lockdown'?

Yes. Places of worship and our ability to use churches for the celebration of Mass and other Sacraments, will be affected by the national lockdown. A place of worship should remain closed for public communal celebrations of Mass and other public communal liturgies, and should be used only for individual prayer, funerals, or to broadcast a non-communal act of worship.

Can I still have my child baptised?

No, the sacrament of baptism cannot be celebrated during this period of 'lockdown'.

Can I still get married in church?

No. Weddings may only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and is not expected to recover. These weddings are limited to 6 people (excluding the priest or deacon celebrant).

Can funerals still take place in church?

Yes. However, under the government's current Covid-19 regulations, the number of people able to attend a funeral is restricted to a maximum of 30 (excluding the priest or deacon celebrant).

Is the number of people able to attend private prayer being restricted?

No. Under the government's lockdown Covid-19 regulations, there is no specific maximum number set which limits the total number of people who attend church for individual prayer. However, under the government's longer-standing pandemic safety requirements for places of worship, each church building does have an approved safe maximum capacity number that is determined by its size, seating arrangements and the requirements for social distancing. Face masks still have to worn by anyone in church and 2 stewards are required whenever the church is open, even for private prayer.



IN the recent past we have had the Act of Remembrance, the laying of the wreath. The Last Post, a period of silence, the Reveille, all before the opening prayer of the Mass. This year, without a congregation and without Chris on the Organ none of that will be possible. There will be a short service at the War Memorial in the park at 11.00am led by Canon Sharon Jones. Numbers will be restricted but Fr Bernard will attend this service albeit probably at a distance. Below is a copy of a prayer seen in The Sacred Heart Church in Laytown, Ireland.

Remembering those who have died

*In the rising of the sun and its going down—we remember them
When we are needy and in need of strength—we remember them
When we are lost and sick at heart—we remember them
When we have joy to share—we remember them
In the dull of winter—we remember them
In the rebirth of spring—we remember them
In the warmth of summer—we remember them
In the beauty of autumn—we remember them
In the beginning of the year and when it ends—we remember them
So long as we live—we WILL remember them*

Letters of Thanks

1. From Fr Anthony Chantry Missio National Director acknowledging the receipt of £250.00 from the parish.
2. From Sr Maria fmsj on behalf of Cornerstone for a delivery of food items.



Offertory Collections

November 1st: First: £468.00 Second: £203.50
Banked £665.00



"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you.
All things pass. God does not change.
Patience achieves everything."
St Teresa of Avila