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Our Sick: Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Tania Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane and John McKenzie

November Anniversaries: Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Johan Gagel, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick and Haigh Smethurst.

Recent Deaths: Laurence Dillon, Geraldine Anne Marie Lourey, Pat Delaney and Gerard Robertson



Dear Friends,
 Jesus' story of ten bridesmaids waiting to meet the bridegroom in the middle of the night seems strange to most of us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how this could happen to them unpredictably, because wedding customs in ancient Palestine required extra vigilance and preparation for everyone involved and the celebration would continue for a whole week with their family and friends. There were so many other customs and regulations to follow prior and post wedding ceremonies. This could only be done with much preparation and predetermination. There are certain things that we cannot do at the last minute.

Here the lesson that we get today is that we have to be vigilant and prepared. We know that the second coming of our Lord is true and he is going to come unexpectedly. Hence, when he comes to lead us to his heavenly kingdom, we will have to hear his voice and follow him. Through the gospel today, Jesus gives us a warning that there would be consequences for being unprepared for his coming. So let us ask ourselves: are we ready for his coming like the wise bridesmaids in the gospel? If not let us listen to him today and prepare ourselves for his coming. The Lord Jesus invites us to the feast at his kingdom. So let us ask the Lord to make us vigilant and attentive to his voice and hear his call so that we may enter into his kingdom.

- Fr Neville.

At the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis announced a new **'World Day of the Poor'**, which is to be celebrated on Sunday, November 19th, 2017.

He describes the genesis and the idea behind this day: "During the "Jubilee for Socially Excluded People", as the Holy Doors of Mercy were being closed in all the cathedrals and shrines of the world, I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the World Day of the Poor. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptised to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelisation (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy." (*Misericordia et miseria*).

.....Rev Justin Driscoll, Vicar General.

The Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wed Nov 15th 6pm in the presbytery."

| TIMETABLE | | | | |
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| Timboon | | | | |
| 1st Sunday | 2nd Sunday | 3rd Sunday | 4th Sunday | 5th Sunday |
| Church closed | Assembly of W & C 10 a.m. | Mass 9 a.m. | Assembly of W & C 10 a.m. | Mass 9 a.m. |
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| Simpson | | | | |
| Mass 9 a.m. | Assembly of W & C 9 a.m. | Church closed | Assembly of W & C 9 a.m. | Church closed |

| Timboon | November 12, 10 a.m. Assembly of W & C | November 19 Mass 9:00 a.m. | November 26, 10 a.m. Assembly of W & C |
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| Welcome | N McKinnon | L Tregua | G Delaney |
| Leaders | P Martin A Vogels | | C Marr R Hoffmann |
| Statue | T & E O'Connor | D & M Moloney | G & A Vogels |
| Reader | A Denny | K Currell | A Vogels |
| P.O.F. | R Hoffmann | D Denny | L McInerney |
| Gifts | | Bullen Family | |
| M of C | M van Nieuwkerk | T & E O'Connor | P Martin |
| Church Cleaning | M van Nieuwkerk | M van Nieuwkerk | M Van Nieuwkerk |
| Bulletin | Denny Family | Denny Family | Denny Family |
| Slides | A McMeel | A McMeel | A McMeel |
| Simpson | November 12, 9 a.m. Assembly of W & C | November 19 No Service | November 26, 9 a.m. Assembly of W & C |
| Statue | N O'Connor | K & J Robertson | J Wetemans |