



# ***Bandon Parish Bulletin***

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## ***Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time***

It is a dreadful feeling to be too late, to just see that bus go, the door closed or the person we wanted to meet is gone. We say 'if only I was a bit sooner', but the time has passed by.

It must have been something of the same feeling that those with no oil in their lamps felt in the gospel we have just heard. We might feel as if these five bridesmaids are harshly treated or hard done by; why did the others not share at least some of their oil?

Really what it lets us see is that there are certain things that can't be just found at the last minute. A relationship with God is one of those things. Maybe we just leave God until we have to, until we need God for a particular reason in life. Don't we say 'live for the day', or 'take each day as it comes', and while in a sense that is true, we must acknowledge that some day each of us will die, just like all those who we think about in this month of the Holy Souls. We can't live life as if there is no tomorrow, we need to live in a way that prepares for it.

Think of the story of the person who was tending to the garden and was asked by a passer by 'what would you do if you had only an hour to live', they answered, 'I would continue to do my work here'. We need to be ready like that, at peace with ourselves and at peace with God.

Have you oil in your lamp, is what the bridesmaids were asked in the gospel today. That is a good question for us as well. Have we oil in our lamps? What will keep us going in our search? What is the wisdom that guides our life? Is it a wisdom that searches for a deeper meaning to faith, or do we just stay as we are, and keep God at arms length?

Sometimes you hear people who have had a near death experience say that their fear of death is gone. They have come to a deeper understanding of what life is.

God invites us to be awake to that as well, for the more oil of wisdom and understanding we let become a part of our lives, the greater the brightness of the light that will shine from it for us.

*Rev. Turlough Baxter, Athlone*

**FIRST READING***Ws 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

***Wisdom is found by those who look for her.***

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 62:2-8*

**R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. *R.*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. *R.*
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My Soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R.*
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R.*

**SECOND READING***1 Thess 4:13-18*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

***God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.***

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. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 24:42-44*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

*Mt 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

***The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.***

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: '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 sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## STATION MASS

The Station Mass for Gaggin and Cashelmore will be celebrated on Saturday 18th November at 10.30am at the home of Michael & Ann Walsh.

**SECOND COLLECTION** The Annual Collection for Marriage Support will be taken up at all masses in the Diocese next weekend.

**RECENT BAPTISMS** *Cliona Ryan*, Gurteen, *Benjamin Kevin Callanan*, Rosewood Rise, *Lily Mae Callanan*, Rosewood Rise, *Natali Monic Andrejkakova*, Watergate Street, *Patrik Andrejak*, Watergate Street and *Jacek Jaskulski*, Birch Vale.

**BANDON FLOWER CLUB** Presents a Christmas Gala Demonstration by Diana Gallagher A.O.I.F.A. in aid of The Friends of Bandon Community Hospital on Monday 20th November in the Munster Arms Hotel at 7.30pm sharp. Tickets are available from Greta on 086 360 1623 or through any committee member.

**GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE** Monday 13th November at 8pm in the Gateway Hall. Proceeds in Aid of St Vincent De Paul. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CUMANN SEANCHAIS NA BANNDAN** Bandon Local History Association will hold a lecture in St Patrick's Parish Centre on Wednesday November 15th at 8pm. The title of the lecture is Frongach Prison Camp: University of Revolution - seed bed of The Irish Free State. The speaker will be Mr. Tim Crowley of the Michael Collins Heritage Centre. Visitors are welcome.

**BANDON & DISTRICT SOROPTIMISTS GRAMOPHONE RECITAL** Bandon Golf Club, Friday 17th November at 8pm. Proceeds to Aid Bandon Children. Refreshments will be served.

**CASTLELACK FOOTBALL CLUB** The club is holding its annual fund-raising quiz night in the Brinny Inn on Friday 17th November. Start time is 9-9.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS AT BANDON GARDEN CENTRE** Bandon Garden Centre Christmas Shop will host its Annual Fundraising event on Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th November, Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th November & Thursday 30th November - Sunday December 3rd from 6-10pm. This year's beneficiary is West Cork Rapid Response. €5 entry. Come and see our wide range of unique Christmas Decorations and get tips on how to dress your home or business for Christmas.

**DIOCESE OF CORK & ROSS VOCATION DISCERNMENT** For men aged 18-40 who are thinking about the priesthood. Monthly gatherings will take place at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane beginning on Wednesday 29th November from 6.30-8pm. For further information please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 453 7603.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Meetings take place on Mondays from 8-9pm in the Presentation Convent.

*'Those who were ready went in with {The Bridegroom}  
to the wedding Hall and the door was closed'*