



St. Colman's Parish
32nd Sunday on Ordinary Time
7th /8th Nov. 2020

Wisdom

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters, and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

Today's readings have many nuances and messages for us. The oil in the gospel signifies wisdom. Oil was used to anoint royalty, prophets, and those coming of age. The five foolish virgins were not bad; they hadn't sinned. They were invited to the wedding, but they just weren't willing to prepare completely, to stockpile wisdom as it were, to strengthen themselves in the event that the bridegroom—Christ—would be delayed.

Two things to consider from these readings that can apply to our lives as well. The first is that wisdom, "sitting at the gate, resplendent and unfading" is always available to anyone who is patient and takes the time to seek her. Perhaps that's why she seems to be in such short supply today! Immediate gratification is the name of game and I often wonder how will our children, born and raised in this culture of immediacy, develop the patience needed to stockpile true wisdom.

The second thing that speaks to me is the dynamic of group behaviour in the gospel. This is not about one wise virgin and one foolish virgin; this is about individuals aligning themselves with wisdom or foolishness.

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Masses & Intentions.

Mon Nov. 9 th	.	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Nov. 10 th	7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed. Nov. 11 th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Mary Langford, Bansha</i>
Thurs. Nov. 12 th		<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Nov. 13 th	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mass of Remembrance for all who died in Milltown during the year</i>
Sat. Nov. 14 th	6:00 p.m.	<i>Paddy Flynn Rathpook</i>
Sun. Nov. 15 th	11:15 a.m.	<i>Dan & Angela Corkery, Farranamanagh</i>

Reminder:

Mass is broadcast on 106fm and all Masses will now be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com

Mass on weekdays will continue to be broadcast on 106fm and streamlined (unless there is a funeral Mass)

Adoration and Prayers for the Dead:

Will take place on Monday Evenings at 7:30p.m. and will alternate between Milltown and Listry Church. This will be broadcasted via 106fm and streamed on-line:

- Go to www.milltownlistryparish.com
- Scroll down to where it says **CLICK HERE**
- Our livestream will come up on screen after a few seconds

Please take this opportunity to speak quietly with God and reflect on his word, allowing him to speak to us in our own lives.

The See of Kerry: will host a webinar, November – a time for reflection with Fr Jim Cogley, priest, woodturner and psychotherapist on Monday Nov 9th @ 8pm – 8.30pm. He will focus on Remembering our Departed and explore how unresolved loss can affect every area of our lives and how our bodies can express the unshed tears of our soul. To register, check out dioceseofkerry.ie or the diocesan Facebook page. All are welcome.

Accord pre-marriage courses and counselling service:

Until at least May 2020, Accord pre-marriage courses will take place on-line with up to 12 couples via Zoon: they will be interactive and delivered by two presenters. Accord has also resumed face to face counselling.

Castlemaine Community Care: are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals in the Milltown area , this would involve delivery once a month . Please contact Dan Walsh 087 9260988.Thank You.

The Parish Office: will remain closed whilst we are at Level 5. We will continue to work behind closed doors, so please feel free to contact the office during opening hours. Tues & Thurs 9:30a.m. - 12.30p.m. Parish Envelopes and November Offerings and Lists can be dropped into the Post Box beside the office and will be collected daily.

Parish Draw: It is that time of the year again and the wheels are in motion for our annual Parish Draw. This fundraiser is of vital importance for the financial health of the parish. Further details to follow.

Parish Envelopes & November Lists: Thank you to all who have handed in their parish envelopes and November Lists during the last few weeks. It is greatly appreciated. Many have been unable to do so and that is perfectly understandable in the present circumstances. Envelopes and November Lists can be dropped into the post box at the parish Office and will be collected daily.

Kerry Hospice/Palliative Care Christmas Cards: Milltown/Listry Branch of Kerry Hospice have now distributed Christmas Cards for sale in local shops and businesses and would really appreciate if you could support our fundraising. All funds raised go towards the running of Palliative Care Centre in Tralee.

You can almost envision the foolish ones being so excited and eager, so impatient they forget to prepare wisely for the eventuality of delay or discouragement. So yes, wisdom takes time and patience to develop, but it can also be helped or hindered by the people with whom we surround ourselves. Good advice for everyone, but particularly for young people. It's not always just about right and wrong, moral behaviour and immoral behaviour. It is also about being with people who bring out the best in us.

Wisdom begins, as Socrates says, in wonder; and has, as Augustine says, its companion in patience. The potential for wonder and the patience to wait. Is our current supply enough to see us through?

Masses for those on our November lists:

Please drop your list into the parish post box of family and friends that you would like to be remembered at Masses during November.

Milltown Church

All Masses -7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 18th & 25th

Listry Church

All Masses – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 17th & 24th

Masses of Remembrance for those who died during the year

Milltown Church

Friday Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Listry Church

Friday Nov. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

At these Masses, a candle will be lit in memory of each person whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish since last November. There will also be four large candles lit, the first, in memory of the entire group whose funeral Mass took place in the parish, a second in memory of those whose funeral took place in another parish a third candle will be lit for stillborn children and miscarriages and finally a fourth for all that have died due to Covid19.