My Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully the easing of restrictions this Sunday will allow us to move around freely, thereby bringing back a normality into our lives, in some ways. Yet I assume there will still not be a total freedom to gather as we used to do. Through all we have endured there has been the opportunely for each one of us to reflect upon the important aspects of our lives. What we have done in the past may be different to the way we live our lives in the days ahead.

Perhaps the business of our past may change and our lives be a little more focussed on how we interact with our family and friends and even our community. Hopefully we might say we are all have grown in **wisdom** and therefore more **prepared**, **alert** and **aware of the aspects** of our lives which are important. Yes the wise person is one who is focussed and alert to the important things in life.

This Sunday’s Scripture readings for our Mass highlight two things which are important in our lives and those which I’m sure you would have pondered over the past months.

Let look at these.

From the Book of Wisdom:

*“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.*

*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.”*

Perhaps you are bright and never grow dim, and ever there for those entrusted to your care, for you are ‘Wisdom’ to those around you!

From the Gospel of Matthew:

*“But Jesus replied … ‘So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’”*

Yes we are all called to be prepared and the way we do this is by being wise and focussed on the things which are important in our lives.

If we look at our lives positively then we grow in wisdom and hence look to the future with hope and anticipation. I sure most of us do this, yet sometimes, like in the Gospel story Jesus told today, we get drowsy and fall asleep:-

*“The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.”*

Even if we do fall asleep or lose our focus sometimes, hopefully these days of restrictions have allowed us to think of those who are important in our lives. In a similar way we may also have pondered where we hope to be in the future. Yes we are all invited to share the banquet of Christ’s life eventually, which is the thought Paul in his letter reminds us to reflect upon. Yes we are all on a journey where we share our wisdom and help those entrusted to our care to prepare for the days ahead.

With the anticipated lessening of the restrictions this Sunday particularly with the numbers able to gather in our Church up to 20, I will celebrate Mass from Tuesdays through to Saturdays at 10.00 am. As to the Sundays I’ll wait until there is clarification as to the numbers we are able to accommodate, before making a decision.

Our Mass for this Sunday is on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/OZafyFwBSQo>

I’ve also attached the children’s worksheet and a copy of the Scripture for this Sunday.

When I was mowing the nature strip in front of the Presbytery on Friday I noticed a plant flowering in the lawn, which I have never seen before. The stem looked like a type of grass yet the flower was a light purple colour. I’ve attached two photos. If anyone is able to identify the plant please let me know.

Take care and may God bless us all,

Peter