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Parish Priest speaks...

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, we are invited to ponder the prophetic dimension of the Eucharist, which is seen as an anticipation of the Heavenly Banquet, the Wedding Feast. In the Bible, marriage is often used to represent God's special relationship of love with His people. In Isaiah 54:5 we read, "Your Creator is your husband." In the Gospels, Jesus Christ, who is God, identifies himself as the Bridegroom. St. Paul's writing to the Christians in Corinth, tells them: "I betrothed you to one Husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor 11:2). By extension, this covenant relationship applies to the whole Church invited to the marriage feast, narrated in the Book of Revelation: "Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb" (19:9).

All the members of the Church are symbolized by the ten virgins in today's Gospel. In the parable, half of the virgins are foolish, and they bring no oil for their lamps. The other half are wise enough to carry flasks of extra oil. The foolish virgins are away buying oil when the bridegroom arrives. The wise virgins are ready to welcome him, and they enter the wedding feast. "Then the door was locked." The foolish virgins arrive too late and cry out: "Lord, Lord, open the door for us." Not only does the Bridegroom not open the door, but he also says to them, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." This response sounds harsh to modern ears, but it highlights an essential part of the lesson: Being ready for the Lord is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. Hence Jesus concludes the parable with a warning: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Bridegroom is Christ. We are all awaiting His arrival. We can understand the symbol of the oil as representing all that keeps the flame of our life of faith alive while we wait. Because the interior life is the unique responsibility of each person, the oil that sustains it cannot be shared. Every one of us is called to strive for holiness, putting our love for God into practice in good deeds done for others.

Good deeds, acts of charity, are precious oil! We read in the Book of Revelation, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!".

To keep the flame of our love for God alive in our hearts, and to maintain a ready supply of oil, we need wisdom. The first reading teaches us that wisdom is readily available to all who truly want it. "Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her." The word of today's Liturgy provides us with abundant wisdom. Let us hear this word and put it into practice. That is, let us not "run out of oil," but rather practice good deeds daily and remain strong in hope, always ready to respond to the living presence of the Lord, the Groom who comes to us.

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
– Matthew 25:13

- Am I living by faith and love by remaining prepared and vigilant for eternal life?
- How? Why am I not always prudent and wise in cooperating with the grace of God?
- How am I seeking wisdom since it is perfect, sublime profitable and delightful?

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am		**Sun** **8 Nov**	**32nd Sunday** **In Ordinary Time** Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18 (or 4: 13-14) Mt 25: 1-13
No Mass		**Mon** **9 Nov**	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am **DM Chaplet** 3.00pm		**Tue** **10 Nov**	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
No Mass **DM Chaplet**	3.00pm	**Wed** **11 Nov**	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am **DM Chaplet** 3.00pm		**Thu** **12 Nov**	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am **DM Chaplet** 3.00pm		**Fri** **13 Nov**	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am **Novena to OMPH** 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		**Sat** **14 Nov**	
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am		**Sun** **15 Nov**	*World Day of the Poor* **33rd Sunday** **In Ordinary Time** Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30 (or 25: 14-15, 19-21)

CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 31 Oct (5.30pm): RM1726.50 (1st Collection)
Sun, 1 Nov (9.00am): RM3008 (1st Collection)

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 11 & 25 Nov** (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation: **Wed, 18 Nov** (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room
Chinese Christian Meditation: **Thu, 12 Nov** (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

REDEEMING THE TIME: ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Five (5) Saturday mornings with Monty Williams, SJ.
We are invited by our lives to bring Christ into our world today by opening ourselves to the love God has for us and by accepting the love that is at the heart of each of us. In contemplation we bring those together on a journey to Christmas.
Dates/Time: Saturdays, **21 & 28 Nov, 5, 12 & 19 Dec** (8.45am - 10.00am)

LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

The seven churches of Revelation faced challenges that may sound surprisingly familiar. What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today, especially through the recent Malaysia Pastoral Council 2026? Join in this Advent with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM Cap and H. Em Cardinal Sebastian Francis as we explore the messages of Revelation 2-3 and their relevance for our faith, Church & mission.
Dates/Time: Sundays **29 Nov & 6 Dec** 2026 (2.00pm - 5.00pm)
Venue: Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Centre

Visit the CDM Penang linktree/Whatsapp Channel for all registration forms.

