32nd Week in Ordinary Time –
A time to GROW in faith

Celebration of the Word

Prayer Theme –

Remembrance

We begin with

the sign of the cross...

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

AMEN

WE GATHER

We take a moment
to welcome stillness
and silence…

Allow the distractions
and anxieties to fade
into the background…



The readings this Sunday reminds us to stay alert and live with faith. The readings speak about wisdom, hope, and being prepared for what is to come. They teach us that following God means paying attention and being ready to meet Him at any moment.




Be Ready

WE LISTEN TO

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:1-13).

At that time, Jesus told his disciples this parable,

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a cry,

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'

And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



WE RESPOND

Reflect on the Gospel today…

The Gospel message is-

We need to be ready - we don't know the hour or the day when Jesus will come again.

Why is this message important for you to hear today …?

The Gospel this week calls people to seek wisdom, stay prepared, and trust in God's promises.

The parable of the ten virgins teaches about preparation. The wise virgins bring extra oil, while the foolish ones do not. When the bridegroom arrives, only those who are ready can enter the wedding feast. This story is a reminder that people must always be prepared for what comes next.

The foolish virgins want to borrow oil, but the wise ones do not share. This might seem selfish, but it teaches an important lesson. Some things in life cannot be borrowed or given away. A person cannot rely on someone else's faith or preparation. Each person must take responsibility for their own spiritual journey.

Preparation takes effort. Just as the wise virgins brought extra oil, people must make time for prayer, good works, and faith. These things help a person stay ready for God. Without them, a person risks being caught unprepared.



We are encouraged to reflect on our own readiness.

Are we prepared to meet God?

Do we take our faith seriously?

The parable shows that those who prepare will find joy, while those who delay may miss out on what truly matters.

Our prayer theme this week is

Remembrance -

- I wonder that means to you …



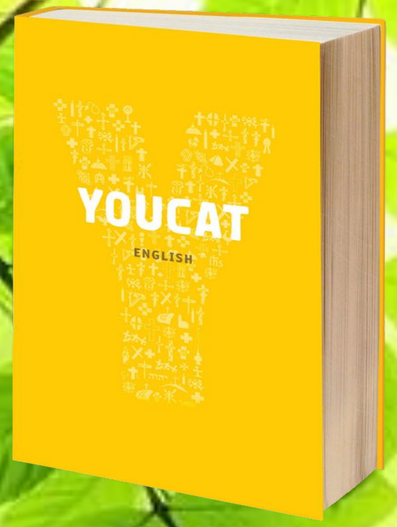
Remembrance Day is an opportunity to give thanks for the courage and selflessness of those who have made sacrifices for peace.

We do this to honour and remember the individuals who have died in or as a result of conflicts around the world. This includes the Armed Forces, emergency services and civilians.

Remembrance is not about living in the past. It helps us to look on lessons learned, give thanks for those in our lives, and look forward with hope.

We mark Remembrance Day by having a two-minute silence on the 11th of November at 11am, where we all remember the fallen, those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms today.

We pray for pray for peace in our world.



'Heaven is the endless moment of love…

together with all the angels and saints we will be able to rejoice forever in and with God'

(YouCat, 158)

In other words, Remembrance is something we do everyday when we think about everyone who has made a difference to us or our community but gone before us. However, it does not have to be something that brings sadness. Instead it is through love and hope we recall the memories, and know that we will see our loved ones again.



Pope Leo XIV tell us

'Christian faith…helps us to experience our memories as more than just a recollection of the past but also, and above all, as hope for the future'

Bishop Marcus tells us,

'Love is stronger than death.

We are people of hope…'



Challenge:

- *Pay attention to how you are living each day.*
- *Make choices that help you stay close to God and ready to follow Him.*

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(Matthew 25:13)

Let us pray ...

Lord Jesus,
Help me seek wisdom and live with understanding.
Guide me to make choices that bring peace
and prepare me for what is ahead.
Strengthen my faith so I may trust in Your promises.
Teach me to be ready for Your coming
and to walk in Your ways each day.

Amen.

St Augustine, pray for us.
St Cuthbert, pray for us.

We Go Forth...

MISSION



- **Love** and **serve** through **Christ** -

- **Set aside a few quiet minutes to pray and ask God for wisdom.**

- **Remember – YOU are BLESSED and LOVED.**

We close our time of prayer
with the sign of the cross –
In the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Jesus thank you
for the gift of this
new day…

