

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year A – Divine Office Wk 4  
7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The film crew were filming. A wise old man approached the Director and said it would rain the following day. It did! A few days later he told them there would be a storm the following day. And there was. A few more weather predictions came true. They wanted to hire the old man - but for two weeks he could not be found. Eventually he was found, and the director asked what had happened. The old man replied that his radio was broken, so no weather forecasts!

Was he really wise? He sounded so. Ten bridesmaids, five appeared wise, but had no oil, five really were wise. The door to the banquet (the Kingdom) is always open. All are invited. Those with the oil of true dedicated lives will experience the Kingdom now. Others who think they know better, or only appear wise on the surface, may well be greeted by 'I never knew you'. Pious people who appear holy and prayerful, yet without substance to their piety ie. no dedicated service may, be in for this shock. Why not be happy now, and experience the Kingdom now? Do we have the oil of dedicated service? Does Our Lord really know us?

Today we also honour and pay tribute to those who have fallen in all wars, and let's include the outstanding courage of those battling the singular justified war against Covid (shouldn't that be bringing us together rather than fighting each other?) We remember and are inspired by extraordinary bravery, sacrifices, heroism and martyrdoms. Our faith must be that they are in a very real way alive, at peace, and with us, be it the evils of war or the wickedness of global pandemics.

With us, to inspire and give us fresh hope. Urging us, screaming at us from heaven, "stop it, enough is enough". Their deaths remind us of the evils of war, fighting one another. Lives heroically sacrificed teaching us a valuable lesson about the evils, angers, griefs and terrors war promotes. Do we learn? Its venom of bitterness biting into our very depths, creating agony and turmoil. Wars raging into marriages, friendships, families down through the decades causing spiritual pandemonium. All victims of war, shout at us, stop - surely peace is the only way.

Is war living out the Kingdom? Is there any oil of truth and wisdom here? We are called to be wise. Wise in many different ways. Wise to God's Kingdom here and now. Wise to peace, truth, the virtues of the Gospel, lives dedicated to service in the name of his Gospel and all that that entails. To make sure Our Lord knows us through our committed service. The door to the banquet is open, do we think we know better, or are we wise enough to go in?

***God Bless, Fr. Paul.***

## ***Remembrance Poppy Wreath***

*Will remain on the Altar throughout November with lighted candles to encourage prayer for the war-dead and all Holy souls.*

***This week Fr Paul will say Mass for the following intentions:-***

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	
	SVP Members & Beneficiaries RIP (SVP Rayleigh)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Sunday)</b>
	Parish Community Ints
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
	Fr Tom Jordan RIP (Fr Paul)
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b>
	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b>
	Kath Geeson RIP (Rita Gurney)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Josaphat</b>
	John & Elaine Sinclair Ints (Pat & Mary Rickard)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Richard Collins RIP
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Peter Thomas RIP (Esther Thomas)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
	Parish Community Ints

<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>          Father Paul Fox          50 London Hill, Rayleigh          Essex SS6 7HP          01268 742229  <a href="http://www.olorchurch.org">www.olorchurch.org</a>          email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org">rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a></p>	<p><b><i>In accordance with Government guidelines, there are now <u>no public celebrations of Mass</u> until further notice.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Church will be open at certain times for personal prayer – please see main newsletter notice for details.</i></b></p>
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**Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092**

## OPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The Church will be open for private prayer as follows –

Saturdays	5.30pm – 6.15pm
Sundays	9.30am – 10.15am
Wednesdays	10.00 – 10.30am
Fridays	10.00 – 10.30am

These timings will be continually under review and subject to change as different needs arise.

Please keep an eye on this space for ongoing updates.

The church will be both cleaned and sanitised regularly.

## WEEKLY MESSAGES FROM FR PAUL AND MASS

Fr Paul will record a Mass and a message each weekend.

These will be available to view on the parish website ([www.olorchurch.org](http://www.olorchurch.org))

or via the parish “Ransomers” facebook page.



## DURING NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

There will be a white basket by the Altar for you to add the names of those who have died and whom you wish to be prayed for. These names will be prayed for at every Mass during November.

This will replace the usual Book of Remembrance.

## † † PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

*Peter Taffurelli who died on 25<sup>th</sup> October. His Funeral (family only) will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm followed by burial at Hall Road Cemetery at 1.45pm Please keep Mary, Teresa and the family in your prayers.*

*May he rest in peace. † †*



### PLEASE PRAY

For all the sick members of our Parish and all our relatives and friends.

### † ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Jim Carter, Peter Whitehead, George Valentine and Joan Walmsley whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE MASS INTENTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note: At present we have a large number of outstanding Mass Intentions, which will take us to **up to mid January.**

## **BCCS - VIRTUAL TREE OF ANGELS**

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual Tree of Angels initiative which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'.

Please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> where you can read more about this initiative or click directly onto the Tree of Angels portal here <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels> to make your dedication and secure donation.

If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

## **REAL LIVING WAGE WEEK, 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.**

After months where key workers and care workers have been at the "front line" it remains the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is actively committed to the Real Living Wage, which lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For lots of information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. From 9<sup>th</sup> November there will also be a specific campaign to ensure workers in care homes are paid the real living wage. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Alan. Find out more at [www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)

## **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Pope Francis writes, "Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need?" This is a challenge for us all; today is a day to think and pray about the many works of charity in our parish and the Diocese. You may be inspired to volunteer, or know someone in need of help or wish to make a donation to charity – have a look at [www.caritasbrentwood.org](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org).

To read Pope Francis message for today go to

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200613\\_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html)

## **CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) are available – but need to be heard openly (not in the traditional Confessional Box). If you wish for the Sacrament, please make a personal time by calling Fr. Paul. (The call itself is treated confidentially.)

**PLEASE  
ENSURE BOTH  
YOUR NOSE  
AND MOUTH  
ARE COVERED  
THANK YOU!**

## **FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH**

Please note that in accordance with government guidelines, face coverings **must be worn** when visiting a church/place of worship.

*To read the government's guidelines, including exclusions for those unable to wear a facemask, visit <https://bit.ly/3k346Wm>*



***Therefore, we politely ask as far as is possible, face coverings are worn in the church.***

## **OLOR REPOSITORY – Christmas Cards, Catholic Diaries, Church Art and Advent Calendars etc**

**Will be on sale in the Bethany room whenever possible when the church is open. Face Masks in Christmas Fabrics are also available.**

ENTRY will be via the door at the front of the church, as usual, but payment and EXIT will be via the sacristy door. Payment will be by cash or cheque (made payable to OLOR or Our Lady of Ransom). Please remember to COVER YOUR FACE, SANITISE YOUR HANDS AND KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. Chairs are positioned around the tables to enable distancing and the number of people allowed in the room at any one time may be limited to ensure safety. Thank you in advance for your understanding in these difficult circumstances.

***If there is no-one there to help you, please leave payment in the Church wall box marked Repository (by the front door).***

## **OLOR FUNDRAISING RECIPE BOOK**

Work is well underway to completing our school and parish fundraising recipe book. Thank you so much to all those who have submitted recipes and helped to type them up! During this testing time of lockdown and Covid it's been a lovely positive project to be able to exchange, share and collate your treasured recipes. In what will be a difficult time for fundraising for both the parish and school we sincerely hope you will support us in purchasing copies of the recipe book. With 100 recipes, there is sure to be something you will enjoy and help get you through winter!

To register your support in purchasing a copy, please kindly email [clare\\_simon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clare_simon@hotmail.co.uk) so that we can establish how many copies to print. We also have a facebook page 'Ransomers Recipes' that you are welcome to join.

Thank you so much.



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – PACK A SHOEBOX**

Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Leaflets are available if you wish. Please take one home with you. Special shoe boxes are already available, but must be taken home too. Or please make up your own shoebox. Details of what can and can't go in the box are in the leaflet.

Please help this worthy cause. Be assured, packing a shoebox for a needy child is hugely satisfying.

**Shoeboxes must be brought back to the presbytery  
no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>.**



## **CAN THE SVP HELP?**

Whilst our activities and support have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic the SVP remains available to offer help, where current regulations permit.

Should you need support, please contact **Colin Griffin** (tel. No. 01268 772322) or any other SVP member. Your call will be treated with complete confidentiality.

## FOODBANK

The Hopeworx (Castle Road) Foodbank collection box is now situated behind the tills at Sainsburys, Rayleigh Weir – please support this if you are able. (<http://www.hopeworx.org.uk/foodhub.html>)



CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTIONS

**They are now specifically collecting the following items to make up Christmas hampers:**

Christmas cake – sponge, fruit or log, Christmas pudding (can be chocolate), mince pies, tinned fruit, custard, large tin of ham, salmon, selection boxes / fudge / christmas sweets, large packet of crisps/ savouries cheese twists / twiglets / cheeselets, nuts / popcorn, box of biscuits or shortbread, 1 litre carton juice.

## NEWSLETTERS

**A limited number of printed newsletters will be left on the shelf outside the presbytery.**

These are primarily designated for anyone who has no email access.

If you are able to print off newsletters yourselves and deliver to anyone who can't get out, that would be a great act of charity. Thank you.

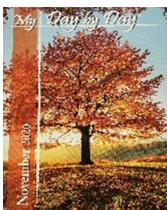
***If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please in the first instance email a request to the parish office***

***([rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org)) and ask to be added onto the distribution list.***

***The newsletter will be emailed by the Saturday morning.***

## MASS CARDS, SYMPATHY CARDS AND OTHER CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS...

- normally sold in the Repository - these can now be obtained at the presbytery. Please contact Fr. Paul to arrange a convenient time to come, choose, collect and pay for the cards.



### MY DAY BY DAY

Booklets for November are available priced £1 each.



### LIVING FAITH (Oct – Dec)

Popular booklet with a thought for every day for the next three months.

Limited number available....

Voluntary donations for the booklets welcome

If you would like to collect these from the Presbytery please contact Fr Paul. If you usually purchase these but are unable to collect or arrange for one to be collected for you, then we can arrange delivery.

## 2021 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and our young people intending to travel with the BCYS, will be made in January. Until then, do keep the dates for the pilgrimage in your diaries.

# BCYS in Lockdown

## 4th November

.During this second lockdown period we will be bringing you a **weekly Youth Mass**, each Wednesday at 8pm, a time for prayer and peace during these unusual times. This will be streaming on Instagram Live

## 5th-10th November

**Thinking of applying for the Walsingham House Volunteer Team for 2021-22?** Learn all about the experience from team members past and present, and what it has led to since leaving. Videos posted daily on Instagram and Facebook, and all 5 videos will be available on YouTube on 10th November.

## 7th November

**Catechists' Training and Resources Day**, including Keynote talk from David Wells, updates from Fr Dominic Howarth, reflecting on the new Directory for Catechesis, and input from a selection of incredible groups and organisations. Available to watch on YouTube.

## 7th November

**"BCYS Voices" with Fr Paschal Uche**, the first in a series of videos from veteran BCYS-ers sharing their experiences and insights. Recently ordained Fr Paschal Uche will speak about the pain and problem of racism, and the potential that young Catholics have. Available to watch on YouTube.

## 16th-21st November

We will be releasing a daily **video series from BCYS members past and present**, sharing their own experiences, giving an insight into where they are now and how BCYS has helped them get there. Videos posted daily on Instagram and Facebook.

## 22nd November

On this weekend we will be celebrating **National Youth Sunday**, be releasing a video detailing the work that BCYS has and Walsingham House has done this year, and have asked many of our young pilgrims, as well as parents and catechists to share what BCYS has meant to them. This will be available on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

## 26th November

Our Walsingham House volunteers will be starting a series of **Advent Reflections**, exploring the meanings of characters in the Nativity, the meaning of the 4 Advent candles and more during this Advent season. There will be 2 reflections released each week on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

## 6th December

The Second in our **BCYS Voices series with Leila Bousbaa**, former Walsingham House volunteer with extensive experience on climate issues, talking about the Catholic response to climate change. Available to watch on YouTube.

## 6th December

Join us for a **Carol Service** in the beautiful chapel at Abbotswick, with a selection of music, readings, poems and reflections led by the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteers. Available to watch on YouTube.

Further details of all events can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)



All social media accounts can be found by searching [@brentwoodcys](#)

## Meetings for Prospective Parents - September 2021 Admissions

We hope to be able to hold our usual information sessions (restrictions permitting) for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child.

Each session will take place from 9.30 - 10.30am and will include a talk from the Head Teacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions.

**Please visit the school website to book a place.**



**Our Lady of Ransom  
Catholic Primary School**  
"OUTSTANDING" OFSTED INSPECTION 2016 "GOOD" OFSTED INSPECTION 2016

**\*\*\* OPEN MORNINGS \*\*\***  
Reception entry September 2021

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Starting @ 9.30am

[www.olorcps.net](http://www.olorcps.net) [info@olorcps.net](mailto:info@olorcps.net)  
01268 785741



## GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please contact Sandra our Gift Aid Co-ordinator ([ologiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:ologiftaid@hotmail.com) / 01268 772998) to arrange delivery/ collection of these.

Where possible it is easier if donations continue to be made by standing order quoting your gift aid number.

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please continue to support the parish financially with your weekly contributions – please email Fr Paul if you would like the parish bank account details to set up a standing order or to make a bacs donation.

Thank you to those that have already made arrangements - **Please make it clear whether it is an Offertory / Other donation on your payment reference and if you are already a gift-aider please quote your gift aid number.**

For Gift Aid enquiries the email address is [ologiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:ologiftaid@hotmail.com)  
and the phone number is 01268 772998

At the bottom of the parish website there is a pink "gift aid it" logo which, if you click on it, takes you to another parish web page which goes into more detail and has some frequently asked questions.

## ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELLOR'S (ACC) COVID-19 CRISIS COUNSELLING SUPPORT SERVICE

ACC have set up a new service – a Covid 19 Crisis Counselling Support Service (CCSS) for NHS frontline staff, People working in a residential care home setting being directly impacted by caring for people who have Covid-19 and people who have been bereaved during the COVID-19 epidemic in the U.K.

The crisis counselling support service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no fee basis.

**To find out more please visit ACC's website [www.acc-uk.org](http://www.acc-uk.org) or if you don't have access to a computer, please ring 024 7644 9694.**



## ABUSE: Victim Support – Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been, or feels, they have experienced abuse through their relationship with the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Telephone 0300 303 1056

Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

LiveChat at [www.SafeSpacesEnglandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandWales.org.uk)



## SOME USEFUL NUMBERS THAT MAY HELP YOU, YOUR FAMILIES OR NEIGHBOURS.



## ABUSE AND OTHER HELPLINES – USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Police** - call 999 – if you cannot respond due to danger, tap the mobile handset or cough, then when prompted press 55 (this takes you straight through to the police)

**Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0808 200 0247  
[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

**Men's advice line** 0808 801 0327 [www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

**Rape Crisis** 0808 9999 [www.rapecrisis.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk)

**Respect phonenumber** 0808 999 4040 [www.respectphonenumber.org.uk](http://www.respectphonenumber.org.uk)

**Karma Nirvana** – a national honour based abuse helpline 0808 5999 247  
[support@karmanirvana.org.uk](mailto:support@karmanirvana.org.uk)

**Stay Safe East** 0208 519 7241 (focus on people with disabilities) Text 07587 134122

**NSPCC** 0808 800 5000 Email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**Childline** 0800 1111

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection** [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

This site offers help for parents and children (at their level) from 4years old upwards.

### **Coronavirus-related scams / Fraud or Attempted Fraud**

For the latest information go to <http://actionfraud.police.uk/news>

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101. Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

**Suspicious emails** NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### **SUPPORT -**

**Anxiety** Call 08444 775774

**Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)** Call 0845 390 6232  
email – [support@ocdaction.org.uk](mailto:support@ocdaction.org.uk) skype 0303 040 1112

### **ISOLATED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS - HOW TO OBTAIN HELP**

The source of your support depends on which category of 'shielding' you fall into.

**Category 1** - you have been contacted by the NHS and told to remain at home for 12 weeks. You are being supported directly from the government. If you were not contacted by the NHS and told this then you do not fall into this category.

**Category 2** - anyone over the age of 70, plus anyone under the age of 70 with certain serious health conditions plus pregnant women - you are being supported by Essex County Council through their Essex Welfare Service. Please contact them on 0300 303 9988.

**Category 3** - Everyone else.

You are supported by the **new helpline** set up by Rochford District Council in partnership with local faith groups, churches and voluntary organisations. If you have no friends or family close by and you need support during this crisis, or are feeling isolated, please call **01268 779999**.



**Rochford District Community Response Hub Helpline**

If you have no friends or family close by and you need support during this Coronavirus crisis, or are feeling isolated, please call

**01268 -779999**

Rochford District Council, The Church of England, Parish of Basildon, Holy Trinity (St Richard)

## READINGS AT MASS – 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### First reading – Wisdom 6:12-16

*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.

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### Psalm 62

***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.)*
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### Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Do not grieve about 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.

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

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**Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13**

*The wise and foolish virgins*

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.'

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