

**Sunday 8 November 2026**

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Third Sunday before Advent (Year A)*

*Remembrance*

**First Reading - Micah 3.5-12**

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

False prophets  
are leading the people astray.  
They promise peace  
to anyone who will feed them,  
and threaten war  
to those who will not.  
But they have no vision, or revelation,  
or word from God.  
And now they will be disgraced  
and put to shame, says the Lord.  
For the spirit of the Lord  
has come upon me with great power,  
to pronounce judgement  
on the transgressions  
of the nation.  
Your rulers  
hate justice,  
and distort the truth.  
You build the city  
with wickedness,  
and Jerusalem  
with bloodshed.  
Your judges  
take bribes.  
Your priests and your prophets  
serve not God  
but those who pay them.  
And still you say,  
'Surely the Lord is with us!  
No harm will come upon us!'  
But it is because of you  
that Zion will be ploughed like a field,  
and Jerusalem,  
even the Temple Mount,  
will be in ruins,  
and overgrown.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.1-9**

A reading from the first letter of Paul  
to the Thessalonians.

You know  
that the day of the Lord  
will come  
at a date, and time, unknown -  
like a thief in the night.  
People will be confident  
in their peace and security,  
when destruction  
will be suddenly  
upon them,  
like the pains  
of childbirth,  
with no escape.

But you are not  
children of darkness,  
for that day  
to surprise you  
like a thief.  
You are children of the light, and of the day.  
So keep awake, and alert.  
Put on the armour  
of faith and love,  
and for a helmet,  
the confidence you have  
in your salvation.  
For on that day of destruction,  
God will indeed  
be leading us,  
not to condemnation,  
but to salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - Matthew 25.1-4,8-13**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

Jesus said, 'People  
were up all night  
preparing  
for the wedding day.  
Half of them  
had charged up their lamps with oil  
so that their lamps  
would stay bright  
until dawn.  
When the others  
saw their own lamps  
beginning to fail,  
they pleaded for oil.  
But the ones who were better prepared  
said that  
if they shared their oil,  
nobody's lamps  
would last until dawn.  
So those who had  
not brought  
enough oil  
went  
to find some.  
And they missed  
the arrival  
of the groom.  
By the time they returned,  
the celebration  
was underway.  
And when they pleaded to be let in,  
the door-keeper said, "I do not know you".  
So be awake,  
and be ready,  
for you do not know  
the date,  
or the time,  
when the kingdom of heaven  
will come.'  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.