



Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time 14th / 15th November 2020

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SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

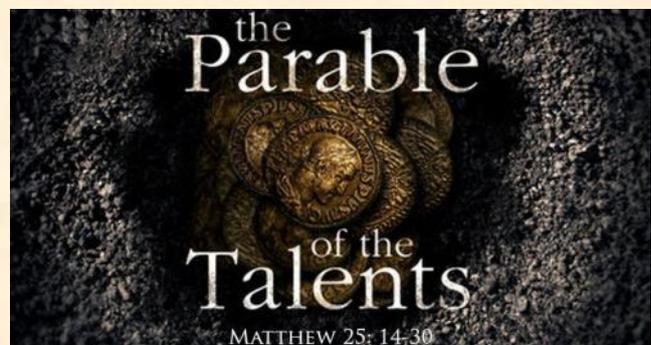
WEEKDAYS: No weekday Masses this week

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



This Sunday marks both the last week of Ordinary Time and the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, as we prepare for the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe, next Sunday.

Today's readings, like those of last week, continue to remind us that we need to be prepared for the end of time, an event which the authors of the New Testament thought was imminent.

The First Reading from Proverbs suggests that we should embody all the qualities of 'the perfect wife' as seen through the eyes of the author. She is industrious and diligent, not just for her family but also for the poor and the needy.

The Psalm also extols the virtues of family life and blesses those who fear – or are in awe of – the Lord.

In the Second Reading, St Paul tells us that the Day of the Lord will come when we least expect it, 'like a thief in the night'. We should remain wide awake in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

In the Gospel, the parable of the talents reminds us to use the gifts and talents we have for the benefit of others. Everyone has been given at least one talent, and it is our duty to use it in the service of society.

This week, I might spend some time reflecting on how best I can use the talents I have been entrusted with, so that when the time comes, I can also be called a 'good and faithful servant'.



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frances Nelson, Therese

Mannix, Kevin McGoran, Marie Thomas, Jean Hogan, John Perrett, Terry Phegan, Vincent Murphy, Christine Barber.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Hagan, Shane Fifield, Marlene Mirani, Paul McDonald, Sr Cabrini Knott, Wally Patterson, Karen Bin, John Gaudry, Frank Esler Jnr, Joyce Patterson, Paul Halpin, Wally Hirst, Nance Barnett, Brian Oliver, Vera Peric, Wolly Lawrowicz, Mary Fox, Frank Wyatt, Bob Thompson, bishop John O'Loughlin, Josie Konacik.
Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, kindly bestow on us:

the **fruit of love**, that we may be united to you by divine love;

the **fruit of joy**, that we may be filled with holy consolation;

the **fruit of peace**, that we may enjoy tranquillity of soul;

the **fruit of patience**, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires.

Infuse in us the **fruit of kindness**,

that we may willingly relieve our neighbour's necessities;

the fruit of goodness,

that we may be benevolent toward all;

the fruit of faithfulness,

that we may not be discouraged by delay but may persevere in prayer;

the fruit of gentleness, in all our dealings with our neighbour.

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us **the fruit of self-control**,

that we may rely with assured confidence on the word of God;

according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom. Amen

Prayer for NAIDOC WEEK

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Creator of all things, both seen and unseen,
speak to us in your great wisdom.
Make us strong as we seek your help and guidance.

Teach us to love all people regardless of race or colour or belief.

May we listen with great care to the heartbeat of this land and to its people who cared for it so well and for so long.

May the peace these people and their land have always enjoyed continue to be strengthened and preserved by all who wish to come and be part of this country and its 'Ancient Dreaming'.

Glory to you, God of Life,
Creating, nurturing, reconciling.
Glory to you forever. Amen

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

“ To be able to offer thanks, to be able to praise the Lord for what He has done for us: this is important! So we can ask ourselves: Are we capable of saying 'thank you'? How many times do we say 'thank you' in our family, our community, and in the church? How many times do we say 'thank you' to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? “

Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation lay the foundation for every Christian life and together are known as the sacraments of Christian Initiation. This weekend in our parish community many of our young people will renew the promises made for them in baptism.

Confirmation emphasises that we live out our baptismal commitment under the power of God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation creates for us a Pentecost event which transforms us just as it transformed the lives of the apostles. Like them, the newly confirmed are called into the unity of the church and a participation in its mission & ministry.

Before the laying on of hands we pray together that God's Holy Spirit will come upon the candidates to be their helper and guide; that they will be given a spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. Through anointing with the oil of chrism these gifts are sealed and imprinted into the fabric of their lives.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen these young people, their parents, sponsors and families and our whole parish community to be living witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our world.

Special thanks to all those involved in the preparation of these children for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation - Lauren McLeish, Chris Lewis, Cassandra Jones, our R.E. Co-ordinator and Bede Hart, Principal at St Anne's.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

November Mass Envelopes are available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.



UPDATED COVID-19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

If you are feeling unwell, have a cough or cold, sore throat or flu like symptoms please do not attend our physical gatherings as this puts others as well as yourself at risk.

After having your name registered or ticked off please use the hand sanitiser located at the four entrance points of the church at the beginning of our liturgical celebration and as you leave the church building.

Communion will begin with those on the car park side and then move to those seated on the Swan Street side. Please allow space between each recipient.

Eucharist

Holy Communion in the hand only.

Sacred Host to be offered only, not the Precious Blood.

No touching at the sign of peace.

No offertory procession.

No congregational singing.

No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

Face Masks

In public spaces and religious and social gatherings where social distancing is an issue it is recommended that face masks to be worn.

Reaching Beyond 2020



People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Mission Sunday

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Mission through your kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family. **Our final figure is \$1722.50.**

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 17

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!**

**By the labour of your hands you shall
eat.**

You will be happy and prosper. R

**Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R**

**Indeed thus shall be blessed,
the man who fears the Lord.**

**May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. R**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1–6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25: 14-21 (Abridged)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third, one; each in proportion to their ability. Then he set out.

'The one who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The one who had received two made two more in the same way. But the servant who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more, saying. "Sir, you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." The master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

The Gospel of the Lord.