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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish***  P O BOX 600 Tumut  Catholic Community  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~  ~ PARISH NEWS ~  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

In answer to my usual greeting, “G’day Muff, what are you up to?” my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, “Just contemplating the eternal verities!” The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the truth of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for Muff over the six decades of his life, until his all too early death nine years ago.

**‘CLERGY’**

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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

**Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

**Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

**Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

**‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

**‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

**Saturday at 5.15pm**

**‘LITURGY MEETING’**

**Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

**‘PRAYER GROUP’**

**(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

**Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

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As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew’s parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten bridesmaids, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week’s gospel). The previous story has concluded with the warning: “Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today’s story continues this motif. It opens: “For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them….” The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer. The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place “where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that may point in this direction. There are other features, however, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that suggest this may be too simplistic an answer. In face of the present global unrest, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violence and exploitative ways of the master. contemplation and call us to responsible action. ***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**November 19th 2017**

***Gospel Acclamation***

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

***Responsorial Psalm***

**Happy are those who rear the Lord.**

***Entrance Antiphon***

**The Lord said; I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am | |
| Acolyte | Tony Butler | Anita Mason | |
| Reader | Patricia Wilks | Chris Kelly | |
| Commentator | Maureen Cook | Liz Boxall | |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | Fran Butler | |
| Musicians | Maureen Norman | Anna Quinn | |
| Altar Servers | Jessie Raftery & Dana Parry | Darcy Halloran & Charlotte Kelly | |
| Church Care  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  LINEN Bev Piper | ----------------------------- | | |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th November | | | |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | | 10am |
| Acolyte | Anne Huebner | | Peter Malone |
| Reader | School Mass | | Mark Hogan |
| Commentator | School Mass | | Trish Matthews |
| Children’s Liturgy | ---------- | | Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians | Anna Quinn | | Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Jessica & Emily Kelly | | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev | | |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy Father’s Da**

R O S T E R S

**Feast Days: 22nd November: Saint Cecilia 24th November: Saints Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

**International Nativities Expo – 8th to 10th December –** This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story. For more information please read flyer on notice board regarding venue and contact. **FOR SALE – 2018 Daily Mass books $22.00@ and Columban Calendars $8.20@**

**~PARISH NEWS~**

**ANOINTING MASS**McAuley school will present this Mass on Wednesday 22nd November at 10am***.*** Everyone welcome.**CATHOLIC VOICE** November edition is now available. **CATECHIST NEEDED** due to the retirement of our wonderful volunteer, Marg Rafferty, we have a position available to teach the children scripture at one of our local state primary schools. This involves 30 minutes per week, you are trained, supported and join a great team of 220 across our Archdiocese. If you are interested please contact Fr. Sijo or matt.ransom@cg.org.au  **TUMUT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON** Preparations are happening for this event, and the working group is looking for additional volunteers to help on the day, and/or as a lead up to Christmas. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Patricia on 0401472161. **BAPTISMS** we welcome into our community this weekend **Eddie James Carroll**  son of Logan & Kimberley and **Eliza Ivy Roddy** daughter of Scott & Jenna. We pray for baptism families. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL your support would be most appreciated. **MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES** are available for your November Mass requests, please take one. **MANY THANKS** this weekend to our Vigil Mass reader ~Patricia Wilks~

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

**MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, Jock & Kath Claffey, Ted Joan & Ray Wilson, Clint Pendergast, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Tiernan, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee & family members, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Marallo & Comai families, Celia Mullaly, Sr. Mary Francis Daly, Sr. Mary Jo Wells, Sr. Lorna Woodroff, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madeling Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Norma Leyden, Reg Millgate, Joan Liddell, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Teresa Butler, Joan Stockwell, Emmet Donovan, Hassel & Joyce McGrath, Noel Cook, Leo & Elvie Holt, Lionel & Tereasa Holt, Hugh Oliver, Pat Malone, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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