

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

GOSPEL

Mt 25: 14-15, 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

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 his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "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.

Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.



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Breaking Open the Word

BEING READY FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD

At first sight, it seems hard to make sense of the choice of readings for this Sunday. How are we to understand and appreciate the combination of the description of the perfect wife from the book of Proverbs, Paul's advice on the coming of the Day of the Lord, and the warning contained in Jesus' parable of the talents?

The first reading comes from a world where the role and possibilities for a woman were solely defined by her responsibility for the home. The key to understanding the reading is not the cultural expectations of the woman, limited as they were, but the qualities which mark her life – generosity, diligence, care for the poor and openness to the needy.

Paul sets out to help his community to prepare for the Lord's return by reminding them that they had no need to fear the coming of the Lord if they live good Christian lives. The most important thing is to live in the present moment well to be ready for the Lord's return.

Matthew's community is encouraged to prepare for the Day of the Lord by focusing on the need to make use of the talents and opportunities which the Lord had given them. One of the striking elements of the parable is that the tenants are judged in accordance with what they have been given on an individual basis. Like the woman in the first reading, it is not what you have but how you use it that is most important.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 NOVEMBER 2023

FIRST READING

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

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 with 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.

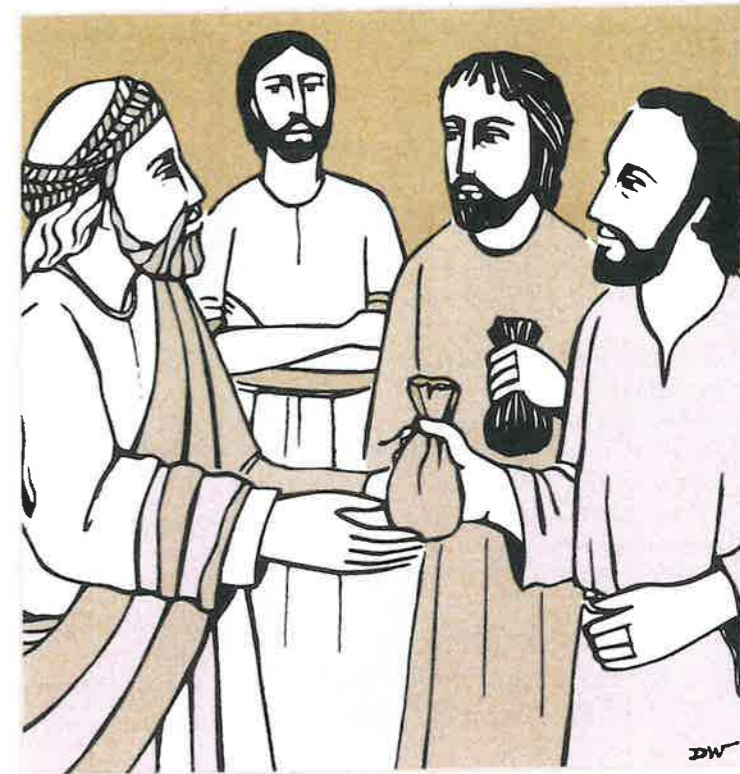
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127: 1-5. R. v. 1

R. 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

1 Thess 5: 1-6

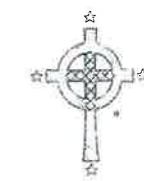
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

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.



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Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2nd Sunday of the mth

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St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
 after Mass on request

St Patrick's Weekday
Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month
 Nursing Home Mass
 9.30am Yallabee Lodge
 11am Sir William Hudson

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Nimmitabel
 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
 LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
 Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
 of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
 2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 1st & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat


Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,
"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":
 Mary Jamieson, Pat Hain,

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of"

November Remembrance Book is placed on the Altar for those we would like remembered in Parish prayers during November, please feel free to place your loved ones in the book, for all our prayers.

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Shirley Blyton, Tania Giuliani, Jara Gregor, Don McDonald.

New to our Parish- please pick-up a Parish family census for completion and hand to Fr. Mark as an introduction to your new parish community



During the past weekend, events commemorated the armistice that ended the First World War. The armistice took effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918. This year, the continuing war in Ukraine and the horrific violence in Israel and Gaza are pointed and poignant reminders that more than 100 years after the conflict known as 'the War to End All Wars', peace and justice are elusive. They require our prayers and our commitment to effecting peace in ourselves, our families and our communities.

Roster	19 th Nov	26 th Nov
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Kathleen Bashford	Terri Rick
Reader/Commentator	Jo-Anne Brown , Mike Introna	Kevin Dunne Suja Tessa
Special Minister	Margaret Quodling
Mass Servers		Natalia & Amelia Zieja
Children's Liturgy	Joan Simpson	Belinda Wilkins
Linen	Gaie Mooney	Volunteer please
Church Care	25 th Blyton & Barrett family	3 rd S McPhie L Baker B Moser
Hospital	Leah Baker	Kathleen Bashford

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer **New Rosters 2024 are being prepared for email and print, any changes please advise asap to Sharon at Parish Office or email cooma@cg.org.au thank you.**

We do need another team member to assist with our valued cleaning teams for new Rosters 2024 flexible volunteer 1hour of your time. Assist vacuum and dusting. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sharon ☺

Next weekend Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe/ A	
1 st Reading	Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 15:20-26,28
Gospel	Matthew 25: 31-46



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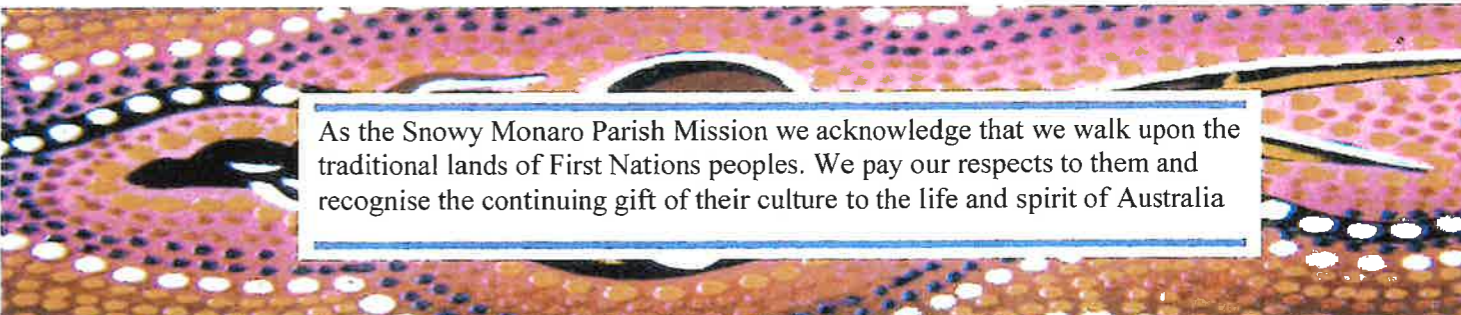
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Christmas Mass Times for Snowy Monaro Parishes next week ☺

Fr Mark's Jokes:

JOKE OF THE WEEK

1) A tour group was riding in an elevator to the top of the Empire State Building. At about the 102nd floor, a woman asked the tour guide, "If the cables on this elevator break, do we go up or down?" The tour guide answered, "Well, that depends on how you are living."



As the Snowy Monaro Parish Mission we acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their culture to the life and spirit of Australia