

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year A  
First Reading

Proverbs 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  
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1  
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.  
1. 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.  
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.  
3. 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.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading  
1 Thessalonians 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  
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation  
John 15:4, 5  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30  
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. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 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.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two 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.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not,

even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”  
The Gospel of the Lord  
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
Befriending Time  
God’s plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one’s talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible. In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me. As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: ‘There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.’ The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master’s happiness.’  
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THIRTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
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YEAR A



Upcoming  
Events

Choir Practice  
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am  
Fridays after Mass, and 1st  
Saturday of the month @  
9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS  
Wednesdays after 9am  
Mass  
(breaks for the year on  
22/11)

Wrap With Love Tuesday  
29th November 1PM  
CMR  
All are welcome

PPC Meeting Thursday 23rd  
November @ 5pm CMR

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @  
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays  
after Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's Cove  
(breaks for 2023 on 7/12)  
All are welcome

“ Well done, good and faithful servant.....”

In his book “Lifting the Burden”, Brendan Byrne writes “ We have to remember that Jesus took Parables from life as He saw it lived in His time. He used the way people acted in situations of crises in everyday life to illustrate, not model appropriate behaviour in view of the Kingdom.”

This Parable can be confusing in its message so we need to look beyond to discern what Jesus is telling us and what He hopes we will learn. Because “ talent” was tied up with money and wealth, a wealthy man going on holiday was pivotal in this story told by Jesus. Who or what was this man representing? What did he expect from his slaves?

In this Parable two slaves are given/entrusted with amounts (talents) to do with what they wished. They were chosen carefully and “ according to their ability” the amount given, the expectation that the Master expects a good return. The third slave was given a lesser amount, fear of his master had him burying his talent to preserve what he had.

Parables are open to multiple interpretations and with this Parable of the Talents we are left needing to have an ongoing reflection of “ What am I doing with what God has given me? What is my response to the call for responsible action if I am to be a disciple of Jesus?”

As the Master in the Parable demonstrated his trust in his two chosen slaves, they seemingly understood and appreciated that trust. This perhaps let them take risks freely and creatively when dealing with their talents to increase the value of what they had been given. The third slave however, chose a different course.

God gives us everything we need to do what He calls us to do. Michael Fallon suggests we cannot sit back and wait on God- it is up to us to use our God given gifts as we set about the task of discipleship. We need to acknowledge our skills and abilities, have confidence in using them for our betterment as well as for others, reflecting the actions of the two slaves who “stepped out”. Or are we “crippled” by a restricted view of God and the way He operates with us as human beings. This view could be illustrated by the view of the Master by the third slave.

We need to remember that our own gifts and talents include personal abilities as well as personal wealth. God is pleased and rewards us when we use our talents and time wisely to make an impact or change in our world. The implication being, if we are using the talents, resources and opportunities offered us to work towards God’s purpose, we can take our place among the faithful, trustworthy servants of God no matter how big or small our achievements or accomplishments may seem.

Will we be ready to explain to God how we have used the potential given us?

Ken and Carolyn Evenden





## MASS THIS WEEK

### Monday 20th November

### Sunday 26th November

**Monday 20th:** No Mass

**Tuesday 21st:** Mass 5pm

Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 22nd:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 23rd:** Mass 9am

**Friday 24th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 25th:** Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

**Sunday 26th:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

#### ROSTERS

##### 18/19 NOVEMBER

##### Cleaning

20-24 D & L May

##### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: P Jobs  
Commentator: M Bridges  
Reader: J Quigley  
Eucharistic Minister  
L Rodwell  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Pagel  
Commentator: C Lowe  
Reader: M Lowe  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Scicluna A Skinner  
Computer Screen D May

##### MORNING TEA:

N Beatty & M deSmet

#### 25/26 NOVEMBER

##### Cleaning

27/1-1/12 M deSmet/J  
Maher

##### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder  
Commentator M  
Weatherall  
Reader S Ebejer  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M Bridges  
Computer Screen  
T Jackson

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator N Beatty  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers  
B Maynard S Beashel  
Computer Screen T  
Priest.

##### MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic & Zdenka

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM THANK YOU LITURGY FOR 2023

& Cuppa will take place on Tuesday November 28th  
@ 10am  
in the Church Meeting Room.

BYO Shared Morning Tea.

*All are Welcome*

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: 'Grant a Wish for a family'

We are having our Christmas Appeal on the  
weekend of Nov 25/26 after Mass.

If you are able, could you make **\$ donation after mass** [receipt supplied if needed]  
for Christmas food Hampers we have ordered from  
Food Bank NSW.

or you may wish to take a tag from the tree and help a child receive a gift.

Place in the envelope chosen a **\$ donation or buy a K Mart Gift card for that child**  
and place in the SVDP Christmas Box near the  
tree.

**All Donations in by Dec 10 please.**

We **thank you** for your continued and faithful  
support of St Vincent de Paul Conference

**Note:** we are not collecting tin food or toys.

### WRAP WITH LOVE

Will have their end of year afternoon tea on  
Wednesday 29th November 1-3pm in the  
Church Meeting Room

### ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us  
for an ongoing  
Rosary via Zoom.

**TO JOIN:**

Meeting No: 697 896 1059  
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &  
Friday @ 4pm  
Every night @ 8.30pm

### Advent program for 2023

The first session of the Advent  
program will begin on Wednesday  
29th November and will run for the  
following three  
Wednesdays—6th, 13th, 20th  
December.

9.30-11am in the Church Meeting  
Room.

**Facilitated by: Marie Weatherall**

**For info ph: 0405 028 057**

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

St Bernard's Parish is having a  
Memorial Service to remember those  
who have died in the past 18 months  
2022 – 2023. This will take place on  
Tuesday November 21 beginning at  
10am in St Bernard's Church followed  
by morning tea.

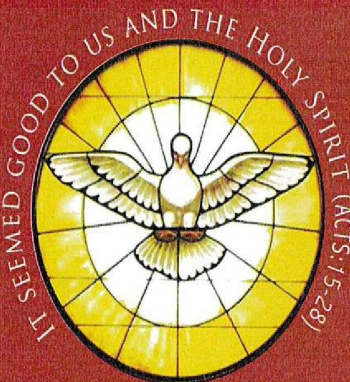
Parishioners may also wish to  
remember a family member who has  
died recently.

All are welcome

**We hope you can come and join us  
at this special Memorial  
Service.**

**Enquiries: Marie Weatherall  
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**YEAR OF THE  
Holy Spirit**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

### For The Pope

We pray for the Holy  
Father; as he fulfills his  
mission, may he continue  
to accompany the flock  
entrusted to him, with the  
help of the Holy Spirit .



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**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick,

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