

The Living Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 November 2020

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

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.

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

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;*

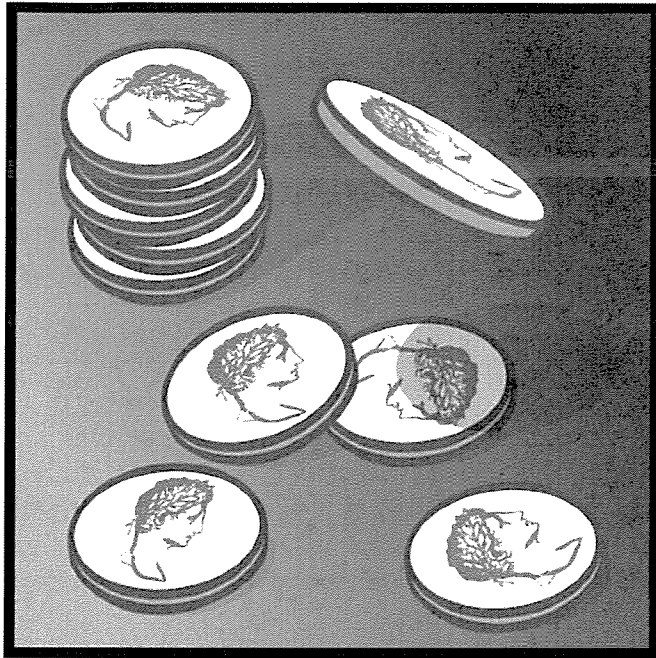
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

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."

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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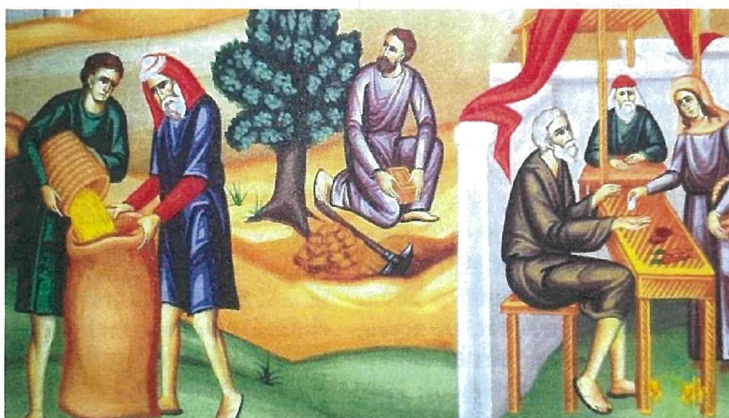
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BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 15- November to 21- November:

Neville Ford, Susanne Turner, Millie Pianta, Kerry Ferris, Olga Johnson, Ann-Maree Cavanagh, Robert Rodoni, Joseph Wilkins, George Rosevear and Johannes (Jack) van Elst.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Alfred Dickinson, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS – UPDATE **

* Easing of restrictions allow limited numbers for Mass and liturgies. All other guidelines remain in place; including wearing masks, sanitising hands, contact tracing and so on. It is very challenging as we try to balance the physical safety of you all with your spiritual needs. *

Weekend Masses, celebrating public Masses:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass, 6pm at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** to book for this Mass, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.
- **Sunday Mass, 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** to book for this Mass, please contact Nan Calnin on 5255 1241.
- **Sunday Mass, 11am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** to book for this Mass, please contact Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906.

If attendance numbers require us to gather outdoors, you will appreciate that Masses could be cancelled in the case of extreme weather.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE & RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> (provided by Peter Dickinson)

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November Mass Book: if you would like to add your loved ones to our virtual Mass book, please contact the Parish office.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Daily Reflections (and study group): dear fellow parishioners, we have been able to secure a number of booklets, prepared by the Wollongong Diocese, for personal or group use during the Advent season. If you are interested in a small group discussion (may be in the evening or during the day depending on demand); or would like a booklet for personal reflection please Sandra Gould on 5256 2978 or sandra@salmandra.com. Please leave a message to indicate your preferences, your name(s) and a contact phone number. Books are \$5.50 each. – Sandra Gould.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School Bike Education Program: the OLSOS students are undertaking bike education within the car park of the Church in Ocean Grove on **Monday 23rd November, Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November** from 2:00-3:30pm. We ask parishioners to be mindful of the students and staff when entering/exiting the Church grounds.

Congratulations to Our Lady Star of the Sea staff and students on the success of their annual Mission Fete and for raising \$10,000 for the Bulbulla community in Ethiopia and CatholicCare.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 16th November – Sts Margaret of Scotland and Gertrude (Memorial)

Tuesday 17th November – St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)

Wednesday 18th November – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul (Memorial)

Thursday 19th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33

Friday 20th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33

Saturday 21st November – The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Sunday 22nd November – Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (Solemnity)

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Thought for the Week:

Remember this –
very little is needed to make a happy life.

- Marcus Aurelius

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