

The Living Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 November 2023

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;

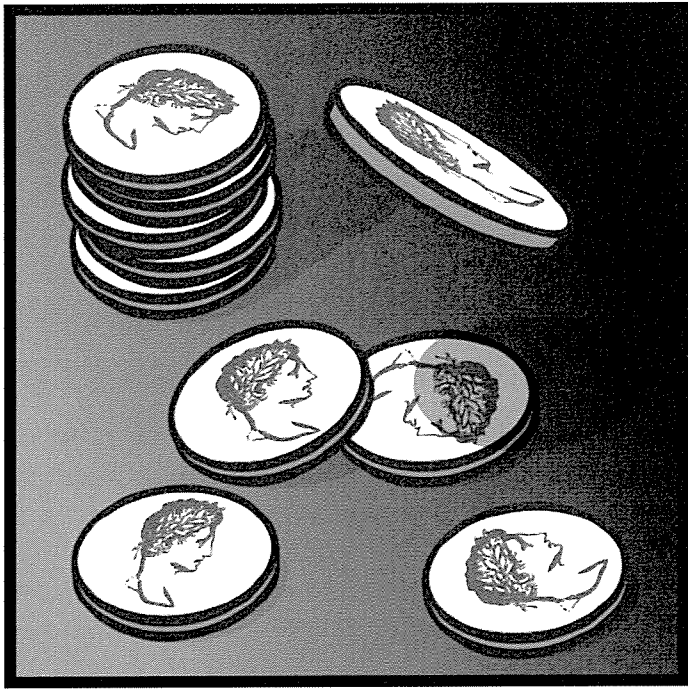
my branches bear much fruit.

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 Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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Safeguarding & Admin Support: Ms Jennie Ryan
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes

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OFFICE HOURS

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PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

COLUMBARIUM

Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enrolments are open for 2024.

Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:
<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Anniversaries 19th November to 25th November: Ann-Maree Cavanagh, Robert Rodoni, George Rosevear, Joseph Wilkins, Jack van Elst, Donald Fiddes, Mary Carroll, Gwen Boyd, Mario Azzopardi, Leonie Rainey, Jack Allison and Brenda Egan.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Denise Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Ben Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank & Kaye Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 26th November at 9:00am:

(C) Peter Dickinson (L) Geraldine Rainey (SM) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas (W) Jenny Cole, Judy Considine.

QUEENSCLIFF: 26th November at 11:00am:

(C) John Hanan (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Eva Millie (W) Terry Philp.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 21st November at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and Sam Sammut.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

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

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

PARISH VARIETY CONCERT – THIS SUNDAY!

From 2:00-4:30pm (includes interval). BYO afternoon tea (no alcohol permitted). Coffee & cake van available. Cash donations appreciated. All welcome; we look forward to seeing you there!

ATTENTION OCEAN GROVE VOLUNTEERS! It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers at Ocean Grove would inform Monica on email: meaghermonica@gmail.com, as to any Sundays you will not be available during the roster cycle December - February inclusive. Thank you.

In addition, new Ministry Rosters are due at the beginning of Advent. The Ocean Grove community needs Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of Welcome, as well as ministers/volunteers for all other ministries. After Mass, please express your interest to Brenda Bissinella, Maureen Earls or Monica Meagher. Alternatively, contact the parish office.

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

COUNTERS WANTED! If you are interested in joining the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office. A National Police Check (arranged via parish office) and WWCC are required.

Growing Vital Parishes: vision, leadership and collaboration. Western Regional gathering with Ron Huntly on Tuesday 21st November, 7-9pm, at St Mary's Parish (Pioneer Room, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Hosted by Fr Jim Clark. See Church noticeboard and flyer for booking details. Bookings are essential.

Carols at Iona College: parishioners are invited to join the Iona College musicians for an evening of Christmas music making. **Wednesday 6th December from 6-8pm.** BYO picnic, chairs and blankets. Free event, however bookings via Trybooking. See Church noticeboard for information.

**** FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS! ****

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) has sourced 'With Expectant Hearts' from the Diocese of Brisbane. The 22-page reflection book invites us to explore more deeply what it means to allow God to come to birth in us. The spiritual nourishment God seeks to give us now will come to birth in us through the entire year if we can open our hearts in response to it. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. **Approximate Cost \$7.00 each – to be confirmed.**

The FDG is expecting to offer at least **two weekly small reflection group meetings**. At this stage, one morning session in Barwon Heads and one evening group in Ocean Grove – both on a Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 28/11/2023**. If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let us know which one!), **please contact either:**

- Sandra Gould by email at sandra@salmandra.com or phone 0418 537 941
- Kerin Fox by email at foxeskb@gmail.com or phone 0407 519 585
- Rhonda Boyd by email at rboyd1@vtown.com.au or phone 0428 933 673

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au. Details on church noticeboards.

Caritas Australia Gaza Appeal: information available on the parish website.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (by Bill Fox): From the Address of Pope St John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs, Nov. 1986..." The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ speaks all languages. It esteems and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and, when necessary, it purifies them. Always and everywhere the Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revealed message of a loving and merciful God. That Gospel now invites you to become through and through, Aboriginal Christians."

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): the grocery collections box will be located at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff, for all of November. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. For a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. You are welcome to visit Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees www.queenscliffrra.org.

Upcoming Day Programs at Santa Casa, Queenscliff:

Monday 4th December: *A Celtic Christmas:* enjoying the richness of Celtic Tradition. Hosted by Mary Wickham rsm. **Tuesday 5th December:** *Labyrinth:* a meditative practice for the spiritual journey. Hosted by Anne Ryan rsm. **Wednesday 6th December:** *Race and racism:* their origins and impact. Hosted by Cathy Solano rsm. **To register:** contact Sr Lizzie Finnerty rsm on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au. **Full 2023 schedule:** <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/day-programs-2023-at-santa-casa-retreat-centre/>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 20th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 33

Tuesday 21st November – The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 22nd November – St Cecilia (Memorial)
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 23rd November – St Clement I and St Columban (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 24th November – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria (Memorial)

Sunday 26th November – Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (Solemnity)
World Youth Day

CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, gardening, cleaning and tiling. Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas. Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170 or email charlie.sutera76@gmail.com.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:
Excerpts from Minutes of 1/11/2023**

- Progress on sale of land (3 Thorne St, Barwon Heads) – correspondence received from Grace Dean, Senior Parish Advisor, Property & Infrastructure Dept on 16/10/2023. Process of seeking approval from Archdiocese in progress.
- Update on the first session of the Synod on Synodality: A 42-page Summary Report has been published. Next session of the Synod takes place in October 2024.
- Safeguarding Committee meeting Wednesday 8th November. Safeguarding compliance report is being updated; Parish Concert risk assessment has been undertaken. Sincere thanks to Jennie Ryan for all her efforts. New Safeguarding Office for Western Region appointed: Hailey Elkington.
- Pastoral Care: Sr Nola is updating the prayer list and has created a roster for pastoral visits. **It would be great to have extra volunteers for taking communion to the sick and home visits.**
- Strengthening relationships between Parish & Primary & Secondary Schools: current end of year Masses for schools including St Joseph's, St Ignatius and Clonard Colleges are in preparation. Sacramental Planning for primary schools 2024 is underway. The challenge of engagement is a large one involving social media & student involvement.
- Communication/public relations to Parish community and beyond: there is a degree of vibrancy in the Parish which needs to be better communicated moving forward. The PPC is looking at ways to achieve this, including social media and promoting other groups' activities & events, along with PowerPoint presentations at Mass and student participation in Parish Masses.

For more information about the PPC, please contact the Parish Office: 5258 1673 | queenscliff@cam.org.au visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

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