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**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

**14TH & 15TH NOVEMBER,  
2020**

### WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

**THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.**

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM**

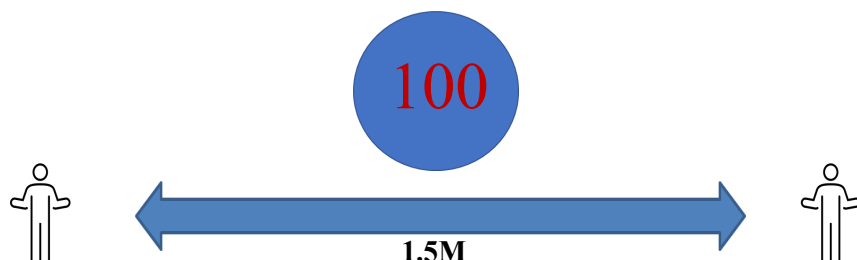
*You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.*

*Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.*

### RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS  
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**



**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER  
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

*Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.*



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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

## Parish Working Bee for Christmas

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

8.30AM – 1PM



Bring your own brooms, shovels and other equipment to weed and trim the trees and shrubs.

*Thank you for your support.*

## Christmas Hampers

Vinnies Christmas food hampers will be delivered on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and we need help with certain items to include in the hampers. We are in need tin hams, custard, and puddings to add to the other foods provided by our local catholic schools. Baskets will be placed in the front foyer area up until the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> December. Lists are also in the front foyer for any person who could assist with deliveries this year on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

## Christmas Masses

**As Masses continue to be celebrated under Covid-19 restrictions we are still only allowed a maximum of 100 people in the church at each Mass.**

In order to prepare for the Christmas Masses can you please indicate what Mass you would like to attend by **writing your name and that of all family members who will be attending with you and place it in the relevant box in the foyer. Please include your surname, contact phone number and address.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE:**

**Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8.30pm.**

**Midnight Mass.**

**Christmas Morning at 9.30am**

## Ministry Roster for Christmas



The lists for the ministry rosters for Christmas are now in the foyer. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the relevant list. Thank you!

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal

28th & 29th November

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together.

Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic-Care's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships.

You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)


## Confirmation Dates...

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December,

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PARISH MASSES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

## November Book of Remembrance...

 You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance. November Offering envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of the church.

Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed.

Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is an anniversary of loss.

**Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.**

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

### Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

### And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

## PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223">https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223</a>
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured</a>
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/">https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/</a>
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/">https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/</a>
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/">https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</a>

# The Living Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th November, 2020

## First Reading

Prv 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.

## 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 Thes 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.

## 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 25:14-15. 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."

## Gospel Focus – Such a talent!

In its original usage, a 'talent' was a measure of weight. It came to designate a weight measure of silver. One talent was roughly equivalent to a labourer's wages for 10 years. It was a huge amount of money! Due largely to the reference in this gospel parable the word eventually came to its more common meaning of a special natural ability. Although in its original use in the gospel, 'talent' meant nothing more than a large sum of money, it is a happy development of language that makes this scripture passage such a favourite of teachers and retreat providers!

## Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

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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.'



## 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.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why did the servant who received one talent hide it in a hole instead of investing it?
- \* Why was the master so angry with the servant who received one talent?
- \* How is a measure of money like a special natural ability?
- \* Why do people hide their natural talents?
- \* What talent do you have that you could use to make a difference in other people's lives?

### Questions for Adults

- \* In what ways do you relate to a character in the parable?
- \* What elements of our culture make it easier / more difficult to share our talents with others?
- \* What talent do you have that you could use to make a difference in other people's lives?
- \* In what ways do you restrict others from opportunities to use their talents?
- \* When have you ever allowed an opportunity to use your talents pass you by?

***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* In today's gospel how many servants did the master leave in charge?
- \* How much money did he give them?
- \* What happened when the Master returned?
- \* Why was the Master pleased?
- \* Jesus asks us to be good and faithful in little things.
- \* What little things that we do show that we are good and faithful?
- \* We pray that we will do our best with little things this week.



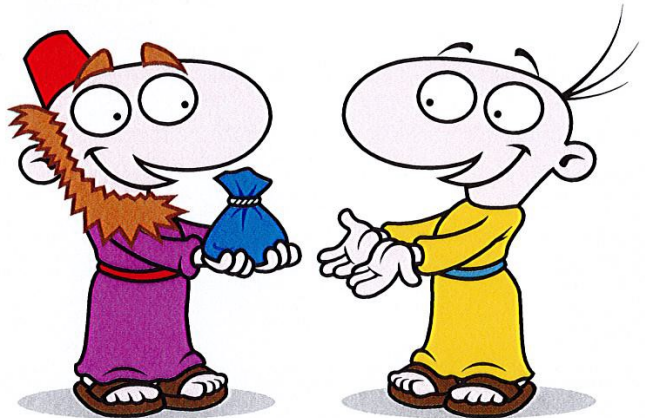


# Come and share in my happiness

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of his servants responsibility for a large amount of money. Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.



## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

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# Parramatta Diocesan News

Br Michael Dredge cfc Presents  
**Short Formation Course for Readers**  
*Focusing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass*  
Thursday 19 Nov, 7 - 9pm Institute for Mission

TO REGISTER  
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## Bishop's Christmas Appeal

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## Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils **via Zoom on 18th and 25th November from 7.30pm.**

Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples". To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

## Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative - *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## Catholic Youth Parramatta

### Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

## Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>  
**Twitter** @parracatholic

## ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

## Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

The final weekend marriage preparation course run by the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office will be held on 27 and 29 November with limited places available. Dates for the 2021 in-person weekend courses are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

## Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12 December

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am to 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or [wlimjap@gmail.com](mailto:wlimjap@gmail.com) or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

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## Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2020/2021

As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or visit [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au)






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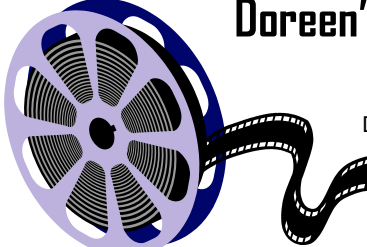
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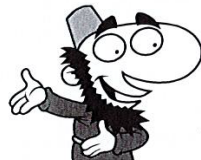
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*"Come and share in my happiness!"*

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