

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 Fr Michael Tate

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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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.

- 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

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



MASS TIMES (English):
 Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
 Weekdays: Wednesday 6 pm
 Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS
 Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
 or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
 Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Offered to those in need on 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

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COVID-19 is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in any diocesan events, please collect a copy of the additional bulletin at the back of the church.

MILK FOR MATES - THANK YOU!
 Thank you to the parishioners who graciously donated cartons of milk to our Milk for Mates drive supporting our refugee friends at The House of Welcome. We have received over 400 litres which will help their Food Bank service. Thank you for being the Face of Jesus to those in need. God Bless you always.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL
 the CWF is a centralized fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese. Our final CWF Appeal for this year was held last weekend. The envelopes will continue to be available in the church for next couple of weeks. CWF is a practical way for each of us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked and to spread the Gospel, and thus be counted among those on the right side at the resurrection and the final judgement. Please pray and reflect and place yourself at the receiving end before you donate, for the measure we use is the same measure that will be used for us. Your donations are 100% tax deductible. Thank you.

NO VIETNAMESE MASS at Georges Hall this Saturday 18th November.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY
 Our parish welcomes children from years K-6 to participate in this year's Christmas play, which will be performed during the Christmas Eve vigil mass at 5pm. Rehearsals will be held at St Mary's school hall Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm on the following dates: 1st, 8th & 15th December 2023, with one dress rehearsal being held in the week leading up to Christmas. If your child is interested please contact the Children's Liturgy Team on nancy.gnk@protonmail.com by 27 November.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 26 NOVEMBER
 - the next Children's Liturgy will be held on 26 November during the 10am Sunday mass. We encourage all primary school children to attend.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
 Our altar servers are growing in number and a roster will be created for those who wish to serve at weekend masses. Altar servers can begin once they have had their First Holy

Communion and attended training with Bernie Freeburn. Please contact parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com if your child would like to join the roster. Training will be provided.

ALTAR LINEN AND CLEANING CHURCH ROSTERS Both of these rosters run out at the end of November. If you can assist on either roster please provide your details on the sheets at the back of the church or email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
Many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS OLDIES LUNCH Our next bus outing will be held on Thursday 7 December - a leisurely drive down the south coast. We'll stop for morning tea and then go on to enjoy lunch at the Illawarra Yacht Club - both at your own expense. Cost \$25 to cover the bus. Please collect an envelope from near the sacristy, complete your details and enclose money to secure your seat, put the envelope in the collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries: Lorraine 9724 9519

BIBLE STUDY All young adults are invited to join us in the Church for Bible study! Next session on Thursday 23rd November at 6:30pm. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Grace: gracemokdassi@gmail.com

PARISH CENTRE We have asked our Architect to provide a side/street orientational view. Still waiting for the delivery.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEAD The Holy Mother Church, like a good mother, consecrates the whole month of November to the memory of the dead. This pious practice of praying through an entire month for the dead takes rise from the earliest ages of the Church and was preached with zeal by all the great Church Fathers and Doctors. Praying for the dead is clearly shown in Scripture. The custom of mourning thirty days existed among the Jews. People mourned for Moses for thirty days. Pope St. Gregory the Great established the practice of saying thirty Masses on thirty consecutive days, and they are called Gregorian Masses.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS Try to pray for the holy souls often. Perhaps include the prayer for the holy souls in your daily prayers: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
 • Remember deceased family members on

their anniversary by requesting a Mass to be said for them.
 • Include all your deceased friends and relatives in the altar list of the dead in your parish church during November.
 • Make little sacrifices for the holy souls during the month of November. Perhaps encourage your children to eat a meal or food they do not particularly like without complaining.
 • If it is possible, visit the grave of a friend or relative on their anniversary or during the month of November. If not, perhaps light a candle or say a decade of the Rosary for them.
 • If you hear of a tragic accident, pray for the souls of those who have died.
 • Pray often to go straight to heaven when you die.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - is located at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. In each Mass during the month of November we will pray in the Prayers of the Faithful for those listed in the book.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES If you'd like to have a Mass offered for the deceased members of your family, please fill in the November Mass Offering envelope located at the back of the church. It is sufficient to write "Deceased members of Smith's family" instead of listing names of individuals. The individual Masses will be offered on first come first serve basis. You can

request a Mass by placing Mass offering envelope on any of the collection plates. Once recorded in the parish bulletin, the envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 02 9390 5810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
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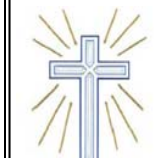
Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
November 18/19 - 33rd Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Yvette Nehme	Gina Wheeler	Zenna Azar Annette Simpson	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Goetz Family	Jenny Freeburn	Veronica Dening Karen Worley	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Cramp Family	Alex Driessen	Maurice Gili Gill Cramp	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem	
November 25/26 - 34th Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Brian Kurrle	Irene Zenere	Annette Simpson Barbara Kains	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Danuta Maka	Carmen Heredia	Geotz Family Karen Worley	Mike Anderson	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Alex Driessen	Cramp Family	Alex Driessen Maurice Gili		James Ghanem	



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick

Jayden Turk, Joseph Akkary, Paul Tonkli, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died



Rest In Peace

Mary Strambio, John & David Huskinson, Jan & Jozefa & Bernard & John, & John & Joe & Bruno Lozinski, Jaduiga & Maria Kazob, Hayat Busuleiman, Pientka fml, Dening & Sanders fmls, Norma Younane, Elias & Elie & Bahia & Nabih Maroun, Wadia & Roumanos Nehme, Martha & Youseph & Chalisa & Msseehiye Tannous, Marina Nassar, Newton fml, Ernie & Mavis Primmer, Karen Isreal, Albert & Kathleen Simpson, Gattone fml, Raymond & Linda Hanna, Lise & Henry Goetz, Warren Ashley, Alf Tallon, Sue Gardiner, Jodie & Wendy Lanyon, McHugh fml, Counihan fml, Lucia Zenere, Sayed & Badiha & Ghabach Ghabach, Maria Bui Thi-Don, Dominic-Doan-Duc Tiem, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuy,
 Maria Hoang Thi Think, Andre Doan Viet Dat, Joseph Nguyen Van Phuoc, Antonio & Assunta Ingenieri, Marjorie & Arwoos & William & John & Margaret Moore, Robert Herrick, Heather Loudorf, Thomas & Eileen & Patrisha Roberts, Therese Coleman, Marie & Alfred Carter, Gobo & Sluga & Sain fmls & friends, Antoinette Srouji, Peter Ayoub, Nasta fml, Ball & Shanahan fmls + Mary & Eric, Hans & Tita Studer, Marcia Dimond, Karen & Vicki, Georgette Thomas, Tania Porreca, Joe Bartolo, Joe Feletto, Joe Mammone, Gina Kosabudsky & Mary & Michael & Alex, David Newman, Margaret & Lofty Plowman, Rega fml, Addolorata & Nicola Rega & grandparents fmls, Severina & Rosinella Pezzullo, Garry Wheeler, Jean & Max & Ross Graham, Dumbrell & Waldron & Danaher & Creed & Clements & Hickey fmls, Moreen McGinley, Ellen Carlisle, Catherine Doherty, Bill Quirk, Vince Murray, Bakehouse fml, Marijan & Iva Suto, Marijan & Ivan & Ana, & Mijo & Mate and Suto fml, Ivan Napanj, Sestito fml, Joanna & Giuseppe & Lino & Dawn Sestito, Maria & Vito Sabella, Bronwin Leigh Williams, Kathleen Jones, Stanley Jones, Elsie O'Reilly, Stevenson & Tierney fmls, George Stevenson, Molly & Bill & Michael Tierney, Srs Geraldine & Marie & Joan Harrison, Buckley & Cassar & Eiskine & Galea fmls, Baulman & McCartin & Hughes fmls, Thompson & Shepherd fmls, Matesic & Orlic fmls, Dinka Jurjako, Maria Turcato, Chaben Azar, Emilio & Yousef Nohra, Lamia Saad, George Saad, Rana Saad, Martha Abraham, Nicholas Abraham, George Kheir

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*