

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 19th November 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community
House / Hall / Church.

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school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

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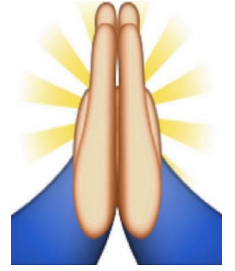
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Upcoming Holy days:

- Tue 21st: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 - Wed 22nd: **St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**
 - Fri 24th: **Ss Andrew Dung Lac and his companions**
 - Sunday 26th: **Christ the King**
- Also, new 2023-2024 Thanksgiving Envelopes in Foyer. Please take your number!**

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



Death Anniversary: Susanne Speirani,

Recently Deceased: James Edward Montgomery, Roy David Cahill

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.

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 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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 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

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."

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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.

Gospel Reflection

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.

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!

Pope: Peace is built with listening, not weapons

In a message sent to the 6th Paris Peace Forum, Pope Francis says that “no war is worth the tears of a mother who sees her child killed.” By Joseph Tulloch

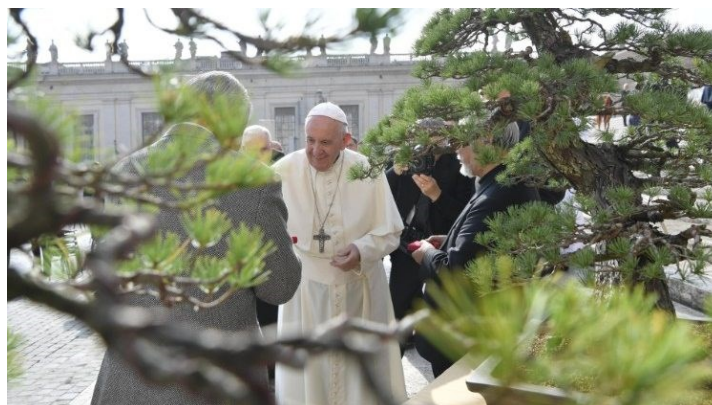
Pope Francis has sent a message to the 6th Paris Peace Forum, saying that peace “is built not with weapons, but with patient listening.” The Forum brings together government representatives, international organisations, and civil society groups for two days of discussions. In his message, signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and read aloud to participants by Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio to France, Pope Francis highlighted the indispensability of dialogue to peace processes, and underlined the close connection between peace and respect for human rights.

Dialogue: the only path to avert war

Peace, the Pope stressed in his message, “is built not with weapons, but with patient listening, dialogue and cooperation, which remain the only means of resolving disputes which is worthy of the human person.” For this reason, Pope Francis said, fora like the one in Paris, “whose mission is to strengthen dialogue between all continents”, have an important role to play in building a “more just, united and peaceful world.” He thus expressed his hope that the forum would “encourage sincere dialogue, based on listening to the cries of all those who suffer.”

War: A defeat for humanity

A key theme of the Pope's denunciation of all wars, legitimately, in self-defence. the inalienable right to legit- well as the responsibility to whose existence is threat- cis said, “we must admit that feat for humanity.” “No war of a mother who sees her killed,” he stressed. “No war



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even one person, a sacred being created in the likeness of the Creator.” “No war is worth the poisoning of our common home. No war is worth the despair of those who are forced to leave their homeland.”

Peace-building and human rights

In his message, Pope Francis also emphasised the close relationship between peacebuilding and human rights. “A lasting peace,” he stressed, “is built day by day by the recognition, respect, and promotion of human dignity and fundamental rights.” However, Pope Francis noted, although 2023 marks 75 years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “millions of people on every continent” are still “deprived of the fundamental and primary right to life and to physical and mental integrity.” Other rights which are very often not guaranteed but which would be necessary for the construction of lasting world peace, Pope Francis said, include the rights to drinking water and healthy food, freedom of religion, health, decent housing, quality education, and decent work.

Conclusion

Bringing his message to a close, the Pope expressed his hope that exchanges at the Forum would be “rich and fruitful.” “May they,” he said, “enable you to listen to and encounter everyone in the richness of their diversity, so as to foster a culture of peace, and make real progress toward constructing fraternity.”

Dear friends of good will,

The explosion of explicit antisemitism in parts of Australian society—on university campuses, in street protests, in mainstream and social media, and even among some claiming Christian belief—is shocking and deeply distressing. It speaks of the re-emergence of a latent distrust and culpable ignorance of the People of Jewish heritage, fuelled by deliberately fostered hatreds and loathing, and tied into dishonest agendas from extreme standpoints, both from the left and from the right.

None of the horror of what was perpetrated in Israel, nor any of the tragedy of what is unfolding in Gaza, justifies the perpetration of antisemitism in Australia. It does not teach our children of justice and mercy. It does not uphold and respect the dignity of people and peoples. It does not foster truth, which is necessary to set us free. The language of hatred and spite, of innuendo and slogan, is language emanating from a poisoned soul. It wounds and frightens; it belittles the lives of our neighbours.

The great Abrahamic religions believe in a God who is the Creator-Father of all human beings in His image and likeness. I also believe in his Divine Son, the man Jesus Christ, of Jewish heritage, who took upon himself this evil, so that we might be rid of it ourselves. Might we seek conversion of our souls and choose pathways where we learn to listen and speak with one another as sisters and brothers. It is the only way to reconciliation and peace.

May the Creator of all humanity reign in our hearts.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



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We say goodbye to Fr Jude Ezeme

We had the pleasure of Fr Jude Ezeme in our Parish for two months

However, the Archbishop has now reassigned him.

We thank Fr Jude for all he gave us in serving our community.

We wish him well in his future

Blessings

Fr Geoff



Jokes of the Week



(1) How to stay safe without taking risk: First, avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents. Second. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home. Third, avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Fourth, avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation. Fifth, of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals. BUT, you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in Church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. — Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at Church! And, Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even smaller.

So for SAFETY'S sake, attend Church, and read your Bible. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Parish Census

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

The primary purpose of a parish census is to identify who the members of a parish community are. By collecting personal information on elements such as age, gender, and occupation, it helps parish leadership understand the practical and spiritual needs of the community. It is also helpful to know what skills and talents are present in the wider community. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

On your pews you will find a census card and pencils. Can you please take some time to fill these in now. Only one per family is needed. Once completed please place these into either the first or second collection – either collection is fine.

If you haven't filled it in yet - please do so today.

Thank you - Fr Geoff

ST. MACARTANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Sunday 19th November 2023, 11am



- ❖ Start with 11.00am Mass & Blessing of the Teddy Bears
 - ❖ Picnic & Puppet Show
 - ❖ Games and Competitions
 - ❖ Treasure Hunt, Music
 - ❖ Food
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Corbinian's symbol is the saddled bear. According to his hagiography, a bear killed Corbinian's pack horse on the way to Rome and so the saint commanded it to carry his load. Once he arrived in Rome, however, he let the bear go, and it lumbered back to its native forest. Both the heraldic element and the legend itself carry significant symbolism.

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Sandra Barrett

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 25/26 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Barb Ensil

1st Sunday of Advent – 2/3 December 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Mairi & Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabriella Fiella

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Sandra Barrett

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