

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs
31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

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

R./ Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
5:1-6

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
25:14-30

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."

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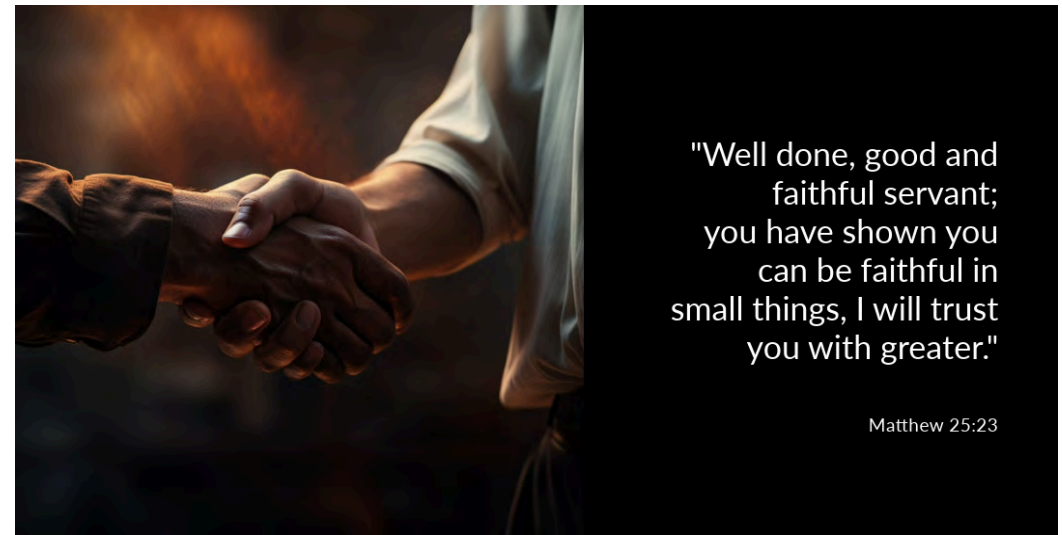
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 18th / 19th NOVEMBER, 2023



"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater."

Matthew 25:23

The 33rd Sunday of the Year brings us close to the end of another liturgical year in the church. Next week's feast of Christ the King concludes the current Year A liturgical cycle before we celebrate the beginning of Year B and Advent. So today's readings reflect the nearness of the end times. The gospel has the theme: "the responsibility of talent." No two of us gathered here today are alike. God has given us different talents or gifts to use for the good of all. Ultimately the "talent" from God is God's very life, or grace. It is the talent of love that explodes from the reign of God everywhere in our midst, combating every form of evil. In using these talents we enrich our life and the lives of those around us. Sometimes we bury that gift. The first reading speaks of the wise woman who uses her talents to live a simple yet industrious life. The second reading suggests that the Master is nearer than we think. But the overall message is for us not to fear, but to know the Lord, and ourselves, in a new way, and be glad that his Day is near.

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MASS TIMES - CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
18th / 19th November, 2023

PRAYING FOR:
Barbara Mills, Jim O'Neil, Philip Savage,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:
Mary Goulding, Patrick Roche,
Rosie Schiena, Felipe Sevilla,
Marilyn Torres, Efrén Misa,
Graciela Alvarez, Rosy Varghese,
William Bywaters, Marie Malane,
Peter Wallis, Bev Holloway, Kath Devine,
Simon Melia, Roberto Silva,
Cecil D'Souza, Santarita Kollosche,
Conrad Lobo, Archimede Camba,
Fr Andre Le Brun,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2022 to Christ the King 2023 are taken from Year A in the Lectionary cycle

Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. Both OLA & St Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>



MONTH OF NOVEMBER Remembering Our Dearly Departed

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear loved ones who have died. A cross is located near the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in our church foyers and at the Remembrance Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered for deceased loved ones.



The Annual Collection for **Catholic Deaf** will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**. Your donation supports the outreach of the broader Archdiocese to those with hearing impairments through the work of the John Pierce Centre.

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH



The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at **12 noon on Thursday, 7th December**, at the **Highett RSL**. All are most welcome.

Please RSVP by Monday 4th December to:
Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350
or via email: karen.mitri@gmail.com.

BAYSIDE AREA PARISHES - NEW CONFIGURATION Archbishop Comensoli has written 'To the priests and parishioners of the greater Bayside area', detailing the reconfiguration of the parishes in our area. This letter, with a map, can be downloaded here:

olacheltenham.org.au/news/

There are also a few printed copies available.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 28th November at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

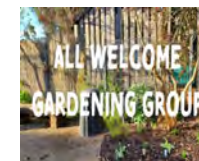
GOSPEL READING *continued...*

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."

GROWING VITAL PARISHES: Vision, Leadership and Collaboration: A regional gathering with Ron Huntley. Based in Canada, Ron Huntley works internationally with Church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal. When: **Thursday 23rd November 2023**, from **7-9pm** at **St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh**. Though ticketed, this gathering is free to attend.



Bookings are essential as numbers are limited: Go to the following Trybooking link: www.trybooking.com/CMUOP or scan the QR Code.



The **OLA GARDENING GROUP** will have a working bee on **Saturday 2nd December** to spruce up our grounds for Christmas.

We start around 10am and would appreciate anyone who has 60 to 90 minutes to spare to turn up. Many thanks in anticipation.

John Tetteroo, coordinator.