

**4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place. (Jer 29:11,12,14)**

**A reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:10-13,19-20,30-31)**  
 A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.  
**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: O blessed 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./**

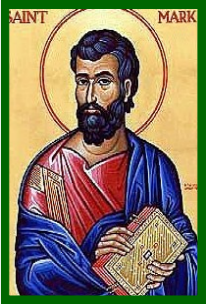
Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R./**

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./**

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**  
 As to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Watch at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of man. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (25:14-30)**  
 Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**



# Weekly Parish Newsletter

*Bollettino Parrocchiale Settimanale*

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR "A"**

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

**RESPONSIBLE LIVING:** Everything we are and enjoy as treasures in our life has been freely given to us. It is so evident and "normal" that we tend to take for granted what we have received from God as gifts. Once we realize that everything is God's grace, we are called to be grateful and to take care of what we have freely received. Today's parable of the talents is a reminder that we belong to God and that whatever we are and possess is to be administered for the glory of God seeking first His kingdom.



We are just stewards called to be faithful, fruitful and responsible. The parable tells us that it is not so much about the quantity of what we have received, since all God's gifts are valuable treasures, but it is about how proactive we are in using the talents entrusted to us. Following this indication we will hear the Lord saying: "well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities". The recompense to those who are faithful is: "come, share your master's joy". At the end of the liturgical year is it indeed significant to meditate on this challenging parable since it helps us to evaluate our lives today as we look at the horizon of salvation. We cannot bury our talents. They were given to be reproduced even if that entails taking risks. Therefore, this parable teaches us that the joy of the Lord, as well as our own joy, consists in a Christian life based on grace, courage, and concern for others rather than on formality, self protection, and fear. A responsible Christian way of living calls for gratefulness, faithfulness and fruitfulness as we seek for the joy of eternity.

**VIVERE CON RESPONSABILITÀ:**  
 La vita, l'esistenza, la fede, tutto quello che siamo e di cui godiamo, l'abbiamo ricevuto in dono gratuito. È talmente evidente la gratuità che può indurci perfino a pensare che tutto sia "normale" e che tutto ci sia dovuto. Ne siamo beneficiari dalla nostra nascita e tutto è nato con noi. Se i doni sono gratuiti e ci appartengono ciò non significa che possiamo farne un uso esclusivo personale: dobbiamo costantemente ricordarci che ci sono stati affidati dal Signore e tutto deve essere orientato per la sua gloria. Egli si attende quindi legittimamente che portino frutti e si moltiplichino. Dobbiamo rendere conto a Colui che ce li ha affidati e che ha riposto in noi la sua fiducia. Arriva poi, anche se inatteso, il momento del rendiconto. Non ha importanza se ci sono stati dati cinque, tre o un solo talento: i doni di Dio sono sempre preziosissimi e di un valore incalcolabile. Ognuno è responsabile di quanto ha ricevuto, ognuno deve sentirsi impegnato ad impiegarlo nel modo migliore. Solo a queste condizioni potremmo sentirci ripetere: "Bene, servo buono e fedele, sei stato fedele nel poco, ti darò autorità su molto; prendi parte alla gioia del tuo padrone". La ricompensa per la fedeltà è infinitamente superiore ad ogni attesa. Il premio finale è la partecipazione definitiva alla gioia del Signore. È significativo che questo brano evangelico ci sia offerto mentre volge al termine l'anno liturgico. Una tappa che ci ricorda un adempimento e un compimento, che ci induce a fare un bilancio del tempo e della vita in attesa di quello finale. Non possiamo lasciarci condizionare dalla paura che è sempre una cattiva consigliera. Non ci è lecito mettere sotterra il prezioso talento. È opportuno riconoscere con la migliore gratitudine, senza falsa umiltà, tutti i talenti che Dio ci ha dato; dopo questa scoperta dobbiamo interrogarci sull'uso che ne facciamo, ricordando che colui che sotterra il proprio dono è meritevole di condanna. Dunque, a vivere con responsabilità.

**Entrance: God we praise you**

God, we praise You!  
 God, we bless You!  
 God, we name You sovereign Lord!  
 Mighty King whom angels worship,  
 Father, by Your church adored:  
 All creation shows Your glory,  
 Heav'n and earth  
 draw near Your throne,  
 Singing "Holy, holy, holy,  
 Lord of hosts, and God alone!"



Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
 You will judge the world You made;  
 Lord, in mercy help Your servants  
 For whose freedom You have paid:  
 Raise us up from dust to glory,  
 Guard us from all sin today.  
 King enthroned above all praises,  
 Save Your people, God, we pray.

**Communion Antiphon:**  
**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

**Offertory: In bread we bring you Lord**

In bread we bring you Lord,  
 our body's' labour  
 In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.  
 We do not ask you, Lord,  
 who is my neighbour?  
 But stand united now, in one belief.  
 Oh we have gladly heard your Word,  
 your holy Word  
 And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
 Our selfish hearts make true,  
 our failing faith renew,  
 Our life belongs to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you  
 is blessed and broken,  
 And it becomes for us our spirit's food.  
 Over the cup we bring,  
 your Word is spoken;  
 Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
 Take all that daily toil,  
 plants in our heart's poor soil,  
 Take all we start and spoil,  
 each hopeful dream.  
 The chances we have missed,  
 the graces we resist,  
 Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.



**Communion: Servant Song**

Will you let me be your servant  
 Let me be as Christ to you  
 Pray that I might have the grace  
 To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey  
 We are brothers on the road  
 We are here to help each other  
 Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you  
 In the night time of your fear  
 I will hold my hand out to you  
 Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping  
 When you laugh, I'll laugh with you  
 I will share your joy and sorrow  
 Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
 We shall find such harmony  
 Born to all we've known together  
 Of Christ's love and agony.



**Final: Shine Jesus Shine**

Lord, the light of your love  
 is shining,  
 in the midst of the  
 darkness, shining.  
 Jesus, Light of the world,  
 shine upon us.  
 Set us free by the truth  
 you now bring us.  
 Shine on me, shine on me


**Refrain**  
**Shine, Jesus, shine;**  
**fill this land**  
**with the Father's glory.**  
**Blaze, Spirit, blaze;**  
**set out hearts on fire.**  
**Flow, river, flow;**  
**flood the nations**  
**with grace and mercy.**  
**Send forth your**  
**Word, Lord,**  
**and let there be light.**



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**2 Liturgical Calendar and activities**

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
<b>SATURDAY/SABATO</b> 15th November 2014 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A" "VIGIL"	"Well done, good and faithful servant;"	10.30am Mass at Rathdowne Place	6.00pm PRO-POPULO  7.00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Baptism Celebrations for: Paris Ana-Gosfien KOHLE Congratulations!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY/DOMENICA</b> 16th November 2014 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"	"Bene, servo buono e fedele" 	8.30am	9.45am  11.00am Alfonso e Grazia CAPITO Giuseppe e Pina CARBONE Antonio e Rocchina TOCE Defunti Membri della Famiglia LAURIA	<b>Baptism Celebrations for: Ava Rose TAVERNA Congratulations!</b>  <b>Wedding Celebrations for: Melinda VITTORIO &amp; Daniel BETTIN Congratulations!</b>
Monday/Lunedì 17th November 2014 St. Elizabeth of Hungary Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk 18: 35-43	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.	8.00am Francis CHAN	9.15am George & Antonia COSTANZO Giovanni & Lena ROLLO	
Tuesday/Martedì 18th November 2014 Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19: 1-10	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The one who is victorious I will sit beside me on my throne.	8.00am	9.15am	
Wednesday/Mercoledì 19th November 2014 Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19: 11-28	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Santo é il Signore, Dio dei viventi.	8.00am Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!	9.15am Antonio e Rocchina TOCE Def. Memb. della Fam. LAURIA	<b>Dopo la Santa Messa delle 9.15am segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico.</b>
Thursday/ Giovedì 20th November 2014 Apoc 5: 1-10; Lk 19: 41-44	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests.	8.00am	9.15am	
Friday/ Venerdì 21st November 2014 Presentazione della BV Maria Presentation of the BV Mary Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19: 45-48	<i>Responsorial Psalm</i> Starò nella gioia alla presenza del Signore.	8.00am How sweet to my taste is your promise!	9.15am In Onore della Beata Vergine Maria	

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER - LOTTERIA NATALIZIA**  

**Tickets are available after mass for the Parish Christmas Raffle. There are three beautiful hampers. Cost \$1.00 per ticket. The draw will take place on Sunday 21st December after the 11.00am Mass. We thank you sincerely for your continuous support.**  
**Biglietti per la lotteria natalizia sono in vendita oggi dopo le Sante Messe. In palio tre bellissimi e ricchi cestini. Prezzo dei biglietti \$1-00 l'uno. Il sorteggio avverrà Domenica 21 Dicembre dopo la Messa delle 11.00am. Grazie di cuore per il vostro continuo supporto.**

<b>Parish Community</b>  Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS  Assistant Parish Priest & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community:  Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS Tel: 0419 736 890	<b>Parish Office</b>  Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo  Tel: (03) 9489-6777 Fax: (03) 9489-9926	<b>Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana</b>  Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS  Tel: (03) 9482-5362 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0411 206 858	<b>Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa</b>  Chaplain P. Luciano Toldo, CS  Tel: 9380 6099 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0410 001 462	<b>Filipino Pastoral Community</b>  Chaplain Fr. Joselito Asis  Tel: (03) 9482-5349 Fax: (03) 9489-9926 Mob: 0404 261 228
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Liturgy of the Word 22nd&23rd November 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Ministers	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	N. Omenihu	M. Lauria	N. Ieraci / G. Moretti	M. Lauria	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	L. Murphy	B. Capodanno	L. Colosimo	M. O'Reilly / R. Kircher		
II Reading	Volunteer	L. Murphy	G. Troup	M. Lauria	D. Polla / T. Bozzetto		

**SAN CARLO HOMES FOR THE AGED**  
 970 Plenty Road, South Morang  
 Will hold it's annual Family Day BBQ and Mass. Next Sunday 23 November 2014  
 11.00am Mass in Chapel, followed by BBQ at 12.30pm in the Hostel BBQ Area. BBQ Lunch includes meat, salads, bread rolls, Italian wine, soft drinks, dessert & coffee. Tickets for BBQ must be reserved, please ring Liliana 9460 2888 or Lorraine 9404 1490  
 Adults \$25 Children \$10 (over 5)  
 Annual raffle will be drawn at 3.00pm  
*Please support this fundraiser, all money will go towards furnishing the new dementia wing.*

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT OUR LADY TA'PINU SHRINE** Saturday 6 December, 2pm  
 Our Lady Ta'Pinu Shrine, All Nations Marian Centre, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh)  
 You are invited to join in celebrations for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception including Rosary procession, Mass and Benediction. Celebrations will be led by Shalom Music Ministry with the participation of 12 international ethnic community groups. The Principal Celebrant will be Rev Mgr Greg Bennett, Vicar General of the Melbourne Archdiocese.  
**Contact:** 5367 7006 or 0437 261 517 or [infotapinu@optusnet.com.au](mailto:infotapinu@optusnet.com.au)

**LOURDES DAY MASS 2014**  
 Saturday 6 December, 10.30am  
 St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
 The Order of Malta Australia and the Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne invite you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a mass for the sick and fragile in our community. To be celebrated by Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Gift bags for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes water, Rosary beads and more. Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert St - vehicles can approach this entrance. **Contact:** 9926 5731

**The staff from Mulqueen-Provinciale Funerals** extend an invitation to their Annual Memorial Mass which will be offered at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Lee Street, Fawkner on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the church hall. All welcome.  
*RSVP Required for catering purpose: Please ring 9354 3215 Carmine: 0420 535 844 David: 0433 108 550 by 20th Nov.*

**MEMORIAL CONCERT TO HONOUR FR BILL JORDAN TODAY** Sunday 16 Nov. 3pm - 4.30pm  
 St Brendan's Church, 103 Wellington Street, Flemington.  
 Refreshments in the school gym will follow the concert. Entry by donation.

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS** Sunday 7 December, 11am  
 St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
 The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Please note that registration closes on Friday 28 November.  
 Regist: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)  
**Contact:** 9287 5579 or [Lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:Lmf@cam.org.au)

**St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections**

1 Collection	\$ 592 - 00
2 Collection	\$ 308 - 00
Envelopes	\$ 213 - 00

**Thank you**

**Southern Stars Social Club Over 28's Party**  
 Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 age group.  
**Saturday 22nd November starting at 8.00pm**  
 Location: Benedict House at Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Rd. Burwood. Melways Map 61 H 6  
 Cost: \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes and supper.  
 Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H

<p><b>Canto D'ingresso:</b>  <b>LODATE DIO</b>                  Lodate Dio, schiera beate del cielo, lodate Dio, genti di tutta la terra: cantate a lui, che l'universo creò, somma sapienza e splendore.                   Lodate Dio, Padre che dona ogni bene. lodate Dio, ricco di grazia e perdono: cantate a lui, che tanto gli uomini amò da dare l'unico Figlio.                   Lodate Dio, uno e trino Signore, lodate Dio, mèta e premio dei buoni: cantate a lui, sorgente di ogni bontà, per tutti i secoli. Amen!</p> 	<p><b>Canto D'Offertorio</b>  <b>O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO</b>                  O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo pane; è il frutto della terra e dell'uomo che lavora. Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo pane che mangiamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.                   O Signore, noi t'offriamo Tutti insieme questo vino: è il frutto della vite e dell'uomo che lavora Benedetto sia tu, Signore; questo vino che beviamo è un dono del tuo amore è un segno di bontà.</p> 	<p><b>Canti di Comunione</b>  <b>TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE</b>                  Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore, per le cose che sono nel mondo, per la vita che tu mi hai donato, per l'amore che tu nutri per me.  <b>Alleluia, O mio Signore!</b>  <b>Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo!</b>  <b>Alleluia, O mio Signore!</b>  <b>Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!</b>                   Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato Era sparso in grano sui colli, così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo, in un Corpo che sia solo per te.  <b>Rit.</b>                  Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli ed il mondo conosca la pace: la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi.  <b>Rit.</b></p> 	<p><b>Canto Finale</b>  <b>DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA</b>                  Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella, coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra, e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra non vi è stella più bella di Te.  <b>Bella Tu sei qual sole Bianca più della luna, e le stelle le più belle non son belle al par di Te.</b>                   Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio, Le tue gote, baciato dal Figlio, son due rose, e le labbra son fior.                  T'incoronano dodici stelle. Al tuo piè piegano l'ali del vento Della luna s'incurva l'argento Il tuo manto ha il colore del ciel.</p> 
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