

4 ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord. (Ps 87:3)

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.

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/**

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

Entrance: <u>GLORY AND PRAISE</u> <i>Glory and praise to our God Who alone gives light to our days Many are the blessings he bears To those who trust in his ways</i> We the daughters and sons of him Who built the valleys and plains Praise the wonders our God has done In ev’ry heart that sings. R. In his wisdom he strengthens us Like gold that’s tested in fire Though the power of sin prevails Our God is there to save. R. Ev’ry moment of ev’ry day Our God is waiting to save Always ready to seek the lost To answer those who pray. R.	Offertory <u>BLESSED BE GOD</u> Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Thanks to your goodness, this bread we offer. Fruit of the earth, work of our hands It will become the bread of life. Refrain: Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God. Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Thanks to your goodness, this wine we offer. Fruit of the vine, work of our hands. It will become the cup of joy. (Ref.)	Communion <u>ONE BREAD. ONE BODY</u> <i>One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.</i> Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Ref. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Ref.: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. Ref.	Final : <u>BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM</u> You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God! Ref.: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy Bring forth the kingdom of peace; Bring forth the kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God! You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people; Shine for the Kingdom of God! Ref.: You are seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! Ref.:
The NIGHT of the WITNESSES You are invited Wednesday 22 November 7pm St.Patrick’s Cathedral. Night of the witnesses is an evening of testimony, prayer, song, adoration & reflection to honour the witness of modern-day Christian Martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians around the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Presider: Archbishop Peter Comensoli.			
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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. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; your branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!** (Jn 15:4,5)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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. ‘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.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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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.

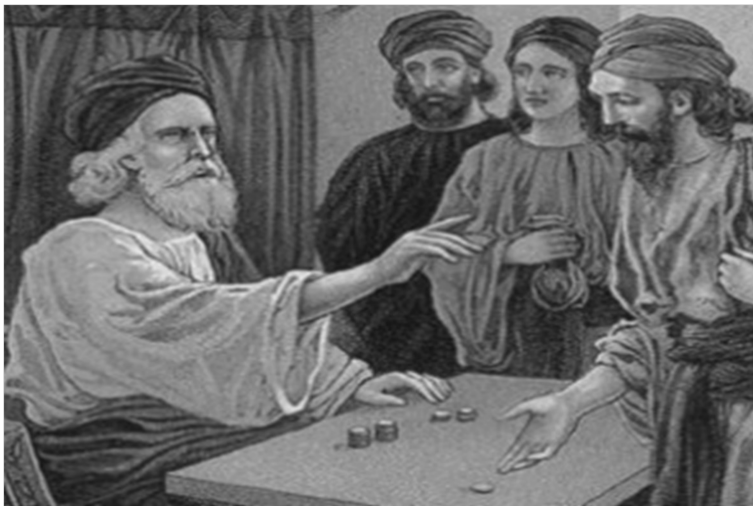
HOMILY NOTES:
TIME OF WAITING

The Gospel features the second of the series of three parables dealing with time of waiting that began last week. Whatever might have been its setting on the lips of Jesus, the Parable of the Talents clearly relates to the issue of how to live appropriately in the period before the coming of the Lord. The first generation of believers expected the Lord to return soon. Matthew’s treatment reflects a time when the intensity of that expectation has waned and been replaced by a sense of the stringency of the account each believer will have to give concerning the use they have made of all the gifts and graces received from the Lord.

FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND

The failure of the third servant, the one who simply went and hid his single talent in the ground, is that he didn’t do what his master expected: trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn’t even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued a measure of interest. Seeing his master simply in terms of strict justice and paralysed by fear, he thought he would be secure if only he could give back the exact sum with which he had been entrusted. Though he has not been in any way dishonest, he incurs a severe penalty because he has been concerned simply with his own security rather than with what is really required of him. Homilists should be wary of the allegorical impulse to identify the master in the parable too strictly with God. At the same time, the parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, flowing from a fearful image of God, is concerned simply with not doing anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the "weightier matters of the law": "justice, mercy and faith" [23:23]). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise, if they are not to atrophy and wither.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 12 November 2023
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>






Riflessione

La parabola dei talenti parla della venuta di Gesù per il giudizio universale. Quando ritornerà, egli esigerà di sapere da noi come abbiamo usato il nostro tempo, cosa abbiamo fatto della nostra vita e dei talenti che abbiamo ricevuto, cioè delle nostre capacità. Il premio per il buon uso sarà la partecipazione alla gioia del Signore, cioè al banchetto eterno. La parabola racchiude un insegnamento fondamentale: Dio non misurerà né conterà i nostri acquisti, le nostre realizzazioni. Non ci chiederà se abbiamo compiuto delle prodezze ammirate dal mondo, perché ciò non dipende da noi, ma è in parte condizionato dai talenti che abbiamo ricevuto. Vengono tenute in conto soltanto la fedeltà, l’assiduità e la carità con le quali noi avremo fatto fronte ai nostri doveri, anche se i più umili e i più ordinari. Il terzo servitore, “malvagio e infingardo” ha una falsa immagine del padrone (di Dio). Il peggio è che non lo ama. La paura nei confronti del padrone l’ha paralizzato ed ha agito in modo maldestro, senza assumersi nessun rischio. Così ha sotterrato il suo talento. Dio si aspetta da noi una risposta gioiosa, un impegno che proviene dall’amore e dalla nostra prontezza ad assumere rischi e ad affrontare difficoltà. I talenti possono significare le capacità naturali, i doni e i carismi ricevuti dallo Spirito Santo, ma anche il Vangelo, la rivelazione, e la salvezza che Cristo ha trasmesso alla Chiesa. Tutti i credenti hanno il dovere di ritrasmettere questi doni, a parole e a fatti.

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2	Liturgical Calendar and activities				
Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity	
SATURDAY/SABATO 18th November, 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A' VIGIL	<i>“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; “</i>	<i>Wedding Celebrations for: Adeline CHAN & Jesse CHEN Congratulations!</i>	6.00pm Jake JACOBS Tess & Asher CLARK Irene MURPHY- Fred HILL Lena MASTROIANNI ▶ 7.00pm Mass (Spanish)	6.00pm Intentions Ron BARASSI Mary Jane KELLY Cameron DALE Lynette WHITE Ethel MURPHY Val SHARWOOD	
SUNDAY/DOMENICA 19th November, 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 'A'	<i>“Bene, servo buono e fedele, Sei stato fedele nel poco, ti daró potere su molto”</i>	8:30am Antonio MARCHESAN Pietro PAOLUCCI e def.memb. della fam. 10:00 am (Portuguese)	9.45am Sam TSOLAKIS Many HAITAS Kathleen KAVANAGH Emmanuela EMILIANI Aude EMILIANI 11.00am (Intenzioni prossima pagina)		
Monday/Lunedí Year 'A' 20th November 2023 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43,54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43	<i>Responsorial Psalm Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 7.00pm Memorial Mass for Maria MASON (1month)		
Tuesday/Martedì Year 'A' 21st November 2023 2 Macc 6:18-31: Lk 9:1-10 The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Responsorial Psalm The Lord upholds me.</i>		9:15am Mass in the chapel The Presentation of B.V. M. Antonia & George COSTANZO Giovanni and Rena ROLLO		
Wednesday/Mercoledì 22nd November 2023 Year 'A' 2Macc 7:1, 20-31: Lk 19:11-28 St. Cecilia, virgin,martyr	<i>Responsorial Psalm Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel St. Cecilia 7.30pm Mass in honour to O.L.P. H. (Filipino Chaplaincy)		
Thursday / Giovedì 23rd November 2023 Year 'A' 1Macc 2:15-29: Lk 19:41-44	<i>Responsorial Psalm To the upright I will show the saving power of God.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel 11.00am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Lesley PANOZZO	<i>Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lesley PANOZZO. May she rest in peace.</i>	
Friday / Venerdì 24th November 2023 Year 'A' 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59: Lk 19:45-48 Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest,&companions,martyrs	<i>Responsorial Psalm We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.</i>		9.15am Mass in the chapel Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest, & companions,martyrs		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This year will take place during the 9.45am mass next Sunday 26th November 2023. Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.		The Combined Societies of Mary Extend a warm invitation to the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2023 Next Sunday 26th November at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. 2.00pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Street Procession (Free Quality Rosaries) Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Leslie Tomlinson. Enquiries 9509 2207 www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com			
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Fransiskus (Frank) Yangminta,cs Fr. Vito Pegolo, CS & Migrant Chaplain to the Italian Community: Tel: 0419 736 890	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Parish Secretary Giovanna Bellissimo & Maggy Mihardja Tel: (03) 9489 6777	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana Chaplain Fr. Gesner Felix, CS Tel: (03) 9482 5362 Mob: 0432 214 910	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa Chaplain P. Fabio Esteban Duque Sepulveda, CS Mob: 0410 001 462	Filipino Pastoral Community Chaplain Mons. Joselito Asis Tel: (03) 9482 5349 Mob: 0404 261 228	

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25th&26th November 2023	6pm (V)St.Brigid	8.30am St.Mark	9.45am S. Brigid	11am (It) St. Brigid	 Online Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link. https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	F. Malana	T. Toscano	
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	G. Catena	
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	K. Chang	P. La Marca	
Altar Servers			J. D'Souza		
11.00am MASS INTENTIONS VINCENZO MARTINO (1mth) Luigi TOSCANO Giovanni e Caterina FOLINO GALLO e defunti membri della famiglia Antonio e Antonia CURCIO e defunti membri della famiglia Roslyn PATTERSON Mary MANITTA e def. memb.della fam. Isidoro e Rosa CAMMAROTO e defunti membri della famiglia Defunti membri della famiglia CICCIO Philip ZESTA - Frank CHAMPION Defunti membri delle famiglie PETRUCCI, BELLISSIMO e CAPITO Defunti Padri SCALABRINIANI Riposano in pace.					INTENZIONI PER I CARI DEFUNTI MESE DI NOVEMBRE: Ci sono ancora bustine per le intenzioni in ricordo dei defunti, scrivete i loro nomi con la vostra offerta e questi saranno ricordati durante il mese di Novembre e durante tutto l'anno. Grazie. NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES: There are still November Mass envelopes available. Please write the name of the person/s you wish to remember and place the envelope with your offering in the collection basket. Thank you.
 <div>2023 Knox Public Lecture Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm Live videostream via Zoom "Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins" Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ. To book scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CMYVM Enquiries: +61 3 9412 3333 vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au</div>					HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY Everyone is welcome to HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY every 2nd,3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy.
LAST BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR 2023 Next Tuesday 28th November 7.30pm in the church, will be the last preparation night for this year for parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Brigid's. The Baptism Preparation Program will resume on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7.30pm					Ordinations to the Priesthood, St Patrick's Cathedral Next Saturday 25 November 2023 10.00am -11.30am Next Saturday 25 November, three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood: Rev Tien Van Tran, Rev Doan Ngoc (Peter) Nguyen and Rev Thomas William Christie. Jean-Sébastien Géry will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.
READER AND ALTAR SERVER VOLUNTEERS: There will be readers and Altar Servers' Workshop on next Thursday 23 November at 6.30pm St. Brigid's Church. If interested, please come along					FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IN OUR PARISH Every First Monday of the month (after 9:15am Mass) at the ex-convent Every 3rd Friday of the month (after 6:30PM Holy Hour of Divine Mercy) at the Welcome Room
ENTRATA: LODATE DIO 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!		OFFERTORIO: O SIGNORE. NOI T'OFFRIAMO 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. <div>St. Brigid & St. Mark Collection 1st Collection \$540 - 00 2 Collection \$360 - 00 Envelopes \$106 - 00</div>		COMMUNIONE: TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE 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. <i>Alleluia, O mio Signore! Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo! Alleluia, O mio Signore! Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!</i> 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. <i>Rit.</i> 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 <i>Rit.</i>	FINE: SANTA MARIA DEL CAMMINO Mentre trascorre la vita, solo tu non sei mai Santa Maria del cammino, sempre sarà con te. <i>Vieni o Madre in mezzo a noi vieni Maria quaggiù cammineremo insieme a te verso la libertà.</i> Quando qualcuno ti dice: "Nulla mai cambierà" lotta per un mondo nuovo, lotta per la verità. <i>Rit.</i> Lungo la strada la gente, chiusa in se stessa va: offri per primo la mano a chi è vicino a te. <i>Rit.</i> Quando ti senti ormai stanco, e sembra inutile andar, tu vai tracciando un cammino: un'altro ti seguirà <i>Rit.</i>