



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Vision Statement:

*We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God.
We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need
with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.*

33rd Ordinary Sunday – 15th November 2020

Our readings are **PROVERBS 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-6; MATTHEW 25: 14-30**

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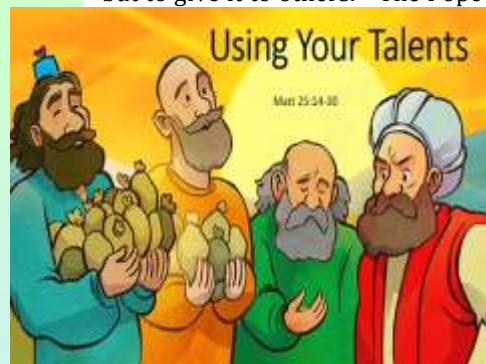
Gospel Reflection:

The Gospel this Sunday is the Parable of the Talents. 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. The master entrusts five talents to the first servant, two to the second, and one to the third. During the master's absence, the three servants must earn a profit from this patrimony. The first and second servants each double the initial value of the capital. The third, however, for fear of losing it all, buries the talent he received in a hole. Upon the master's return, the first two receive praise and rewards, while the third, who returned only the coin he had received, is reproached and punished. 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.

Pope Francis states that the meaning of this is clear. The man in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. The Pope reminds us that, in this parable of the talents, Jesus wants to teach his disciples (and us) to make good use of the gifts that God gives to every man and woman. He calls them to life, gives them talents and a mission to be accomplished using and sharing such gifts.

As the Pope states, this parable urges us not to conceal our faith and our belonging to Christ, not to bury the Word of the Gospel, but to let it circulate in our life, in our relationships, in concrete situations, as a strength which galvanizes, which purifies, which renews. The "talents of which Jesus speaks in today Gospel are not only the qualities or the abilities that God has given to each one of us but His Love and gifts of grace, strength and intelligence.

In this regard, Pope Francis asks: "Have you thought about how you can put your talents to the service of others?" then he says: "Do not bury your talents! Bet on great ideals, ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that will make your talents fruitful. Life is given to us not to jealously preserve it for ourselves, but to give it to others." The Pope reminds us that, in this parable of the talents,



Jesus wants to teach his disciples (and us) to make good use of the gifts that God gives to every man and woman. He calls them to life, gives them talents and a mission to be accomplished using and sharing such gifts. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect on what are my unique 'talents' or gifts or abilities and then to ask to what end I am using them? We are called to allow these talents, these gifts, these presents that the Lord has given us, to be, to grow, to bear fruit for others, with our witness.

Jodie Marziano

NEXT SUNDAY- 21st & 22nd November 2020

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King in Year A:

Our readings for next week are: **EZEKIEL 34: 11-12, 15-17;**

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 20-26, 28; MATTHEW 25: 31-46



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

13th November 2020

Remembrance Day, last Wednesday, was a time to pause and reflect. It is about remembering those who have given their lives, that we may have peace; and to be conscious of their selfless giving and conscious of the families of those many hundreds of thousands who did not come back. It is a time and a day to pray for peace in those troubled parts of our world today. Lest we forget.

Our transition from pre-recorded masses to live streaming will be from this weekend for a few weeks and then the pre-recorded masses will cease. We hope to still provide a great quality online option to those who do not attend mass.

It has been a relief to be able to offer baptisms to the many family who have been waiting and more great news came through this week with the “green light” for Confirmations. The Archbishop has delegated authority to parish priests to confirm on his behalf. There are many restrictions, which will make the celebration very different to the past, but I am sure that the Year 6’s will see this sacrament as a celebration of their Catholic faith.

Other sacraments like first Reconciliation and first Eucharist will be delayed until 2021.

St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians encourages the community to live in readiness for the Lord’s coming. That they are children of the light and of the day. As we embrace the easing of restrictions, we do so knowing that we are called to bring God’s light to all those we meet.

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross.... pray for us.
St. Louis.... pray for us.

St. Brigid.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

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Parish News:

NAIDOC Week ends this Sunday 15th November. The 2020 theme is "Always Was, Always Will Be" to reflect the richness of our oldest nations. (NAIDOC - National Aboriginal & Islanders Day Observance Committee) For more information on events on during NAIDOC week go to: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020



Child Safeguarding: Many parishioners have been sent a copy of our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct Declaration**.

Have you read and signed this declaration yet?

Signing the Code of Conduct is part of our ongoing Child Safeguarding Training and is a simple way to make sure that everyone understands what type of behaviour is expected by everyone in our Parish. All volunteers are expected to sign this but all parishioners (including children – there is a child friendly version on the website) are invited to do so as well. Simply by being aware of Child Safety you help make our Parish safer.



Copies of the Declarations are also available on the Church Doors near the Bulletins.

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. *Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community*



If you have any questions please contact one of our Child Safeguarding Committee. See our Parish website or Church noticeboards for their contact details.

Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop

Memorial Book: will be present at each Mass this month with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any names to this Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office. These names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.



Scripture & Friendship Group: are now meeting fortnightly via Zoom with their next meeting on this **Thursday 19th November** at **10am**. All welcome.

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363841283> (password: 3195)

Prayer Time (via Zoom): with Bernadette Carr is on **Tuesdays at 11am**.

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666>



Ready, Set, Pray! is a Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series created for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday Gospel. The series consists of ten (15-20min) weekly sessions leading up to Christmas.

We encourage families to view this series. Go to <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

Australian Catholics: The Summer edition has arrived. Copies are available near the Bulletins on the Church doors or contact the Parish Office to have a copy delivered. This is a special Pilgrim edition '**Finding God on the Journey**'. It includes many pilgrim stories including Mary MacKillop, How to Visit the World's Holy Places from Home, Praying with Pope Francis and much more.



Don't forget to keep checking our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

33rd Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Rae Kresinger (mother of Amanda Waters)
Sue Hill (manager of Chelsea Heights Vinnies Store)



Anniversaries: Frank Arundell, Harry Bugden, Ellen Dowling, Barbara Hall, Clare Lang, Leslie Laughlin, Kenneth Osborne, Paul O'Toole, Margaret Booth, Savier Camilleri,

Alfred Ellul, Marie Evans, Alan Lee, Margaret Mellan, Barry Rainer, Concetta Rizzo, Nella Costanzo, Arthur Griffith, Antonio & Sarina Paola, Eucaristica Borg, Faava Kwan-Him, Pina Merlo, Maria Mota, Lorraine Iwanow, Bill Whyte, Guy Anquetil, Bernadette De Maskens, George Dowker, James Moloney

Healing Prayers Asked For: Michael Smith, Tony Del Prete. Soula Paliouris, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Rebecca Walker, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Jean Phillips, Helen Pedrazzini.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)

Parish News:

Restrictions Eased: Restrictions have been eased to allow **20 parishioners** to be present at Mass but you must book first. *(We hope to be able to welcome more people at Mass soon)*

Booking is now available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMGLK>

or contact the **Parish Office 9580 7981** or mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au

Our usual Masses have resumed but there is a limit of 20 parishioners allowed at each Mass and you must book to attend Mass. This week Masses are on:

Tuesday at 9.15am at St Louis'

Wednesday at 10am at St Brigid's

Thursday at 2.30pm is the Sunday Mass recording and is at St Brigid's this week

Friday at 11.30pm at St Brigid's

Saturday at 6pm at St Louis

Sunday at 8am at St Brigid's, **9.30am** at St Louis' & **11am** at St Brigid's

Sunday Mass will still be available online via the website



Live Streaming of Masses: Our Parish is going to trial live streaming of Masses this weekend at **6pm** and **11am Masses**. To view the Live Stream Masses go to: <https://youtu.be/ZLpZTuEVV0U> for 6pm Saturday 14th Nov and for 11am Mass on Sunday 15th Nov go to - <https://youtu.be/ZzuzN7uvEEQ>

Parish Pastoral Council: The term of some of our Parish Councillors ends soon so there is the opportunity for new members to join this group. Parish Councillors usually serve a 3 year term with several members changing each year.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Fr Andrew



Calendars & Christmas Cards: 2021 Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are now available from the Piety stalls after all weekend Masses or from the Parish Office. 2021 Calendars are **\$10 each**

and Christmas Cards are **\$3.50 per pack** (5 cards in a pack).



Advent Reflection Book: The Diocese of Wollongong have published a Daily Advent Reflection booklet, entitled 'Adore'. It is a beautifully presented full-coloured pocket size resource containing short daily reflections. Copies available in the Church foyer or from the Parish Office for only **\$5 each**.



Vinnies Stores: are now open again for shoppers and donations.

Chelsea Heights cnr Hartwood Crt & Wells Rd, Chelsea Heights

& **Mentone** 34 Nepean Hwy, Mentone



Anyone needing assistance from St Vincent de Paul in this difficult time can call: **1800 305 330**