



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."

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men  
which, taken at the flood, leads on to  
fortune;

omitted, all the voyage of their life

is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 November 2020

#### First Reading Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

*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 Thes 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

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 Jn 15:4. 5

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

#### Gospel Mt 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

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

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Noah Warren Zammit(baby), Bertha Officer

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Weekend Masses at 6pm Saturday, 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday will still need to be booked, either online through [www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au), by leaving a message on the Parish Office phone, or by email. Online Weekend Mass bookings open Tuesday prior to weekend of Masses at 9.30am and close Fridays at 6.00pm, or when filled.

Confessions are able to be heard from 30 minutes prior to each Weekend Mass, or by appointment.

Hand sanitisers are provided. Face masks must be worn at all times, except for when taking Communion. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### THANK YOU

There is much going on behind the scenes to bring Outdoor Masses to St Peter's parishioners each weekend. We especially thank the volunteers who are working hard in setting up the outdoor Mass areas and for all concerned in assisting at our Masses in any way. Thank you and May God bless you all.

#### LAST CHANCE TO ENTER 'ST PETER'S COMMUNITY ART SHOW 2020'

St Peter's Primary School are hosting a St Peter's Community Virtual Art Show with the theme being 'Advent & Christmas'. The children are busy creating artworks in their classes for the display and Parishioners are also invited to present a piece of Art Work. This could involve any medium: drawings, paintings, photography, sculptures, pottery or craft works. Please submit a digital photo of the Art piece with the name of the artist, the title of the piece and a short description (optional) to Mrs Seona Martin at [smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au) prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please consider sharing your wonderful artistic talents with the St Peter's Community.

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