

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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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."

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**19 November 2023****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

Pina Vella-Byde (in England)

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenza Pitruzzello, Marita Refalo, Tadeusz, Wanda & Marek Gorecki, Rudolf Iskra, Dorothy Curtain, Antonio Di Stefano

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 19th November 2023

**Noreen Tuimauga
Cassius Jr D'Rozario**

Please pray for this family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 22 Nov	St Cecilia
Fri 24 Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for purchase in the narthex or Parish Office - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey or Adele before Mass.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION: Solemnity of Christ the King – 25/26 November 2023

After the 6.00pm Vigil Mass next Saturday, we will have a Eucharistic Procession. Please come and join us to adore Our Lord, Our King.

MASS TIMES There will be **no** 9.15am morning mass on Saturday, 25th November.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On **Saturday 25 November 2023 at 10.00am** in **St Patrick's Cathedral**, 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 keep our newly ordained priests in your prayers.

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL – 19/11/23

This weekend at all Masses, we will have a Special Collection for the Catholic Deaf. Please support.

VOLUNTEER TRAFFIC WARDENS NEEDED FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

As part of the St Peter's Parish and Primary School Traffic Management Policy, we need volunteers to be Traffic Wardens for morning Traffic Management on school days. Under the new Policy, Traffic Wardens must be present at the Church car park entrance at Parkside Avenue from 8.50am-10.15am on school days and for funerals, as required. We hope to set up a roster so that it does not continue to be left for 1 person to manage 5 days a week. Please contact the Parish Office, or speak with Fr Anil or Bob Morley.

FR AROCKIA SEBASTIAN 'THANK YOU'

The collection held for Fr Sebastian last weekend and envelopes received, came to a total of \$2,353. Many thanks for your kind contributions which have been received most gratefully by Fr Sebastian.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The annual update and reprinting of the Parish Remembrance Book will take place shortly. Parishioners are invited to submit the names of their loved ones and the dates of death to the Parish Office no later than 8/12/23.

ST PETER'S 2023 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

The annual **Christmas Carols** will be held on **Wednesday 6th December** from **5.00pm-9.00pm**. Gates open from 4.30pm

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols. There will be a Barbecue, Vietnamese & Indian food stalls, a cake stall, snow cones, fairy floss, children's disco, a raffle, tea & coffee, fun and laughter!

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 23rd November** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Centre Meeting Room**. Please let us know if you can help and attend the Meeting if possible. Church gates will open from 7.15pm. Please come along!

1ST AID VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We need at least 2 qualified First Aid volunteers to assist during the Christmas Carols Event. If you can help please speak to Fr Anil or contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now available. It would be appreciated if each Parish family takes home a book to sell. Great prizes to be won including shopping vouchers, Nokia phone, Apple wireless charging dock for iPhone/iPods/iWatch, plus more great prizes. \$20 a book of 10 tickets or \$2 each. Please return all money & stubs by Sunday, 3rd December. Prizes will be drawn on Carols night. *Thank you to those who have kindly donated prizes for the raffle.*

EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY – INTERNATIONAL PARISH RENEWAL

Holy Spirit on the Move - Making Faith Matters! There is a combined programme coming up on **Saturday 25th of November 2023** from **10am-2pm** at the **Parish Hall, St. Martin de Porres, 158 Military Rd, Avondale Heights**. It's a great and free event. Please let us make use of this wonderful opportunity to listen to Ron Huntley, an international speaker. **All Welcome**. Kindly RSVP if you are attending this programme by **22nd November 2023** through Email: niddrie@cam.org.au or call 9337 9994.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass
6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday
(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2023 Christmas Carols

Wednesday 6th December

Friday 15th December

End of year Mass @ 9.15am

End of Term @ 12.30pm

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.