



ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A **15th November 2020**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Proverbs

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.

ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*St Joseph's Malvern is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children,
young people and vulnerable adults.*

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 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."



Message from Fr Alan



Registering for Masses

There are currently three Masses being offered – Saturday 5.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and Sunday 10.00am. Thanks to those who have registered. My apologies to those who have missed out. There will be other opportunities.

At this stage registering for a Mass will be confined to just **one time only for the next 4 weeks** and this started from last weekend 7-8 November. This will enable as many parishioners as possible to attend should they wish to do so. Should you wish to attend Mass please use this Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMUYYB>

You must make an individual booking for each member of your family, so we get the details of ALL attendees attending, ie: name of each attendee, their address and their contact number.

This is a Government requirement.

Booking for next weekend's Masses will commence on Monday 16th November at 9.00am and conclude on Friday 20th November at 11.00am (or prior if masses are completely booked out beforehand). Based on current restrictions we can only take bookings for a maximum of 20 people per mass. Attendance at all the Masses will be by registration only. No one is able to enter the Church unless they have pre-booked.

If you are booked in and are then unable to attend Mass at your allocated time please contact Kerri Anne on 0403 572 440 so that your place can be allocated to another parishioner. Please give as much notice as possible.

Those attending Mass are required to be there 20 minutes before the commencement of each Mass. The doors of the Church will then be locked 5 minutes before Mass commences, and no further admittance will be allowed.

Prior to entering the Church on the day of the Mass all those attending will be required to undergo a temperature check and will be asked some screening questions by the first volunteer. Names will then be checked off on the list by the second volunteer upon entry into the Church. Please remember to wear your face mask. Attendees at Mass are required to use hand sanitizer twice: on entering the Church and before

Communion. Hand sanitizer will also be available for when you leave the Church should you wish to use it. Communion will be given by the Celebrant only and can only be received on the hand at this time.

Also, volunteers will accompany you to your seats. Seating will be arranged in such a way to facilitate the flow of movement when entering and leaving the Church. Allowances will be made to for family groups or those living in the same household to sit together.

At the conclusion of Mass all those attending will be asked by the Celebrant to leave immediately to allow the necessary cleaning of the Church to take place. To adhere to the rules of social distancing, directions of how to leave will be given at that time. Please follow all directions from either the Celebrant or the assigned parish volunteers for that day.

The decision to confine reopening to the weekend Masses remains the same for now. The weekday Masses will continue to be pre-recorded and uploaded to the parish website.

KiT – KEEP IN TOUCH

Missing Mass and contact with other parishioners?



If you'd like to catch up for a chat with some of your fellow parishioners, feel free to contact any of us below:

Rosie Coulthard	0422 611 522
John Davies	0418 596 983
Lucia Mac	0405 231 207
Damian Coleridge	0407 330 404

Safeguarding Matters



Safeguarding Committee – Code of Conduct and Volunteers Rights and Responsibilities

Over the next few days all parish volunteers will be written to asking them to sign the Code of Conduct and Volunteers Rights and Responsibilities Forms.

It is a requirement that both these forms are signed, witnessed and returned to the Parish Office by 1st January 2021.

REACHING BEYOND 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

FULFILLING OUR POTENTIAL

There is the story of a Chinese boy who came from a very poor family in Hong Kong who never dreamed that he would go far in life. His parents left him behind to do a housekeeping job in Australia. Gifted with talents for doing stunts and acrobatics, he developed and cashed in on these until he rose to become a famous movie actor multi-millionaire and Asia superstar. That is Jacky Chan, the Kung Fu kid.

Jesus in today's Gospel Parable of the Talents tells us a story of a wealthy landowner who was preparing for a long journey. He called his three servants and divided his money between them, each according to their ability and expected them to administer these. To one servant he gave five talents, meaning a sum of money, to a second two, and to a third one.

In other words, Jesus is telling us that God has entrusted us with so many talents, skills, graces, blessings, and gifts. Success is not about whether we become rich and famous but rather is about whether we have made the best use of those gifts that we have been given in service of others. It is about not selling ourselves short on what we can do. This is echoed by St Paul in this Sunday's Second Reading. He addressed the Thessalonians who were preoccupied with thoughts of when the world would end. St Paul reminded them that what was important was that they lived in the present moment with the utmost responsibility.

The First Reading from the Book of Proverbs praises the quality of a good wife which is an expression of the overwhelming love of God. She was generous in her service towards others because she knew and understood how much God loved her. It is a reminder for all of us that dwelling in the love of God will help us bear fruit in plenty.

The gifts and talents that God gives us really belong to him. How does God want us to use the gifts that he has given us? What are those gifts and how can we better use them for the service of others so that God's kingdom becomes more visible here on earth? It is not a question of whether the talents that we have been given are significant or not. It is rather a question of whether we are trying our best to use them for God and for others.

St Joseph's Parish Malvern is a COVID-19—Safe Parish

We have been working hard to providing the safest environment for all our parishioners, office staff and visitors.

DURING THIS PERIOD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Regular cleaning of the Church is undertaken after all Masses
 - Pews
 - Door handles
 - Outside ramp rails
- Details of everyone who enters our premises for contact tracing purposes

IT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT OF ALL WHO ATTEND ST JOSEPH'S:

- Social distancing
- Wearing a mask
- Sanitising of hands upon entry, before communion and on exit
- Receiving of Communion on the hand only
- Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell

**Thank you for helping us to create a safe environment where
all people feel comfortable.**

We will advise you of any changes as they are made.

ST JOSEPH'S REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,
Due to COVID 19 restrictions all the 2020 fund raising activities for St. Joseph's Refuge Support Group were cancelled. Usually, within this parish we raised \$10,000 a year which immediately went to families our group supports, and to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) for their work with asylum seekers and refugees.

In the October BASP newsletter Sr. Brigid Arthur csb comments, "in September we paid \$114,070 for rents and emergency relief. Donations were \$68,854." This leaves a shortfall of \$45,216.

With no government support available for these people. St. Joseph's Refugee Support Group makes this one off appeal for 2020.

If you are able to make a donation the following details will assist you:

Cheques: made payable to "St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group", and sent to: St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group, St Joseph's Parish. If you require a receipt, please include your name and postal address.

Online: Bank details: St Joseph's Parish Refugee Support Group (CDF Account with NAB): BSB: 083 347 Acc.No. 392 506 587. Please provide your surname in the reference section. If you require a receipt, please email your name and postal address to Barry O'Reilly – barryoreilly2@bigpond.com

Envelopes can be left at the Parish Office, addressed to Refugee Support Group / Barry O'Reilly, Treasurer with your details for a receipt.

Climate Action Tips



Two more practical steps to consider this week for sustainability are as follows:

1. Skip the Christmas presents and use the money instead to help a poorer family save some energy this year through improving their home's insulation or lighting.
2. Shop local farm markets. Food is healthier when it does not travel thousands of miles.

THE TREE THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE

Michael McGirr

*God of the unexpected,
we thank you for trees that grow
where they are not supposed to.
Sometimes they frustrate us, putting
their roots in our pipes
and blocking our drains.
But they remind us that our ways are
not your ways.
They say that if you want to hear God
laugh,
Just say what your plans are.
Help us, Lord, to surrender to your
mystery.
To do what we can
and leave the rest to your grace.
You will make things grow in our
lives
where we least expect.
Amen.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—MASS ONLINE
Sunday—NO MASS

Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS
Tuesday—MASS ONLINE
Wednesday—MASS ONLINE
Thursday—MASS ONLINE
Friday—MASS ONLINE

Reconciliation

by appointment only

PLEASE NOTE!!

All Mass Intentions are being said by Fr Alan each morning at a private Mass.



Parish Office is closed until further notice.
Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

CHURCH OPEN

The Church is NOW OPEN for weekend Masses at 5.00pm Saturday and 8.00am & 10.00am Sunday.

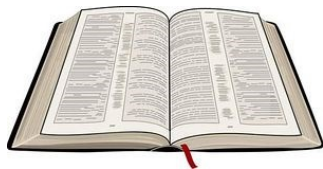
Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

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FIRST READING: Proverbs 31: 10-13.19-20.30-31

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30



Next Sunday's Readings

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Matthew 25:31-46

The Parable of the Talents



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BAPTISM:

THE SICK: John & Marie Horan, Mim Nerlich, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy, Mal Logan, Anne Peric, Br Paul Smith fsc, Fiona Egan

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Egan



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14 November People of the Parish

Sunday 15 November People of the Parish

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Tuesday 17 November

Wednesday 18 November

Thursday 19 November Bill Egan (an)

Friday 20 November

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention, please call the Paris Office on 9401 6390 or info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.