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**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
DUE TO CURRENT COVID
RESTRICTIONS**

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

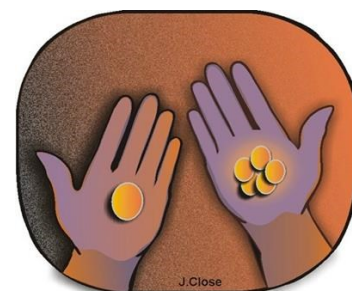
Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they

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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LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

DIFFERENT VIEW

'To everyone who has will be given more.'

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says 'more is better'; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular 'gospel of prosperity' hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God's love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom.

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Pray for the Sick

Pauline Bourke, David Fist,
Cindy Setia, Rita Maguire

Anniversaries

Gerald O'Reilly, Peter Fardy,
Bernadette Hutchings,
Peter Tesoriero

The Church Scattered and Gathered

On 9 November we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome). The Basilica was built in the fourth century and is especially significant as the first place of public worship for Christians, after an edict by Emperor Constantine granted Christians the freedom to practice their religion. The Basilica has seen various changes throughout history, having been attacked, destroyed, vandalised and rebuilt many times over. This feast, however, is not simply about a building, important though it is. As the Mass readings illustrate, the feast is a reminder that we are God's pilgrim people—his "living stones"—called to be God's holy temple here on earth. The Church is about our individual and collective faith. This is a timely reminder as we continue to journey through this pandemic. And as our local places of worship begin to reopen and life slowly resumes, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminds us that we are the Church not by virtue of a building, but by way of our baptism: 'The Lord has invited us into his life. We are a part of the Body of Christ.'

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RECOMMENCEMENT OF MASSES AT ST FINBAR'S

Mass Schedule during Covid Restrictions

Saturday: 4.30pm, 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.00am, 11.00am, 5.00pm

Weekday: 9.00am, 11.00am

Location: Inside the Church, MAX NUMBER: 20

Bookings must be made via: **<https://www.trybooking.com/BMSAN>**
or call *Carmel 0422 385 136*

MUST HAVE A VALID BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS - WALK IN'S NOT ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME AS COVID BREACHES INCUR HARSH FINES TO BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

STARTING MONDAY NOV 23RD, THERE WILL BE ONE WEEKDAY MASS AT 9.30AM. WEEKEND TBA.



STILL CONTINUING

Live telecast of 11am Sunday Mass,
Ch 44 or online

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635700>

Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Finbar's Catholic Church during these difficult times.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

16th St Margaret of Scotland

17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

18th The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.