



Sunday 19th November 2017

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

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Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

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Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at
St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am

Parish School Principal

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25th & 26th NOVEMBER 2017

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: C. Garcia, B. Greaves, J. Pittle, A. Keenan, P. Keenan.

Reader: Y. O'Brien **Commentator:** A. Pieper **Welcoming:** M. Dunn **Set-Up:** M. Farrell, P. Keenan

Counters: P. Guatta, G. Ind **Cleaners:** P. Leonard

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Special Ministers: H. Edmonds, P. Leonard, R. Nicolaisen.

Reader: P. Keenan. **Commentator:** E. Gittins. **Set-Up:** C. Chetcuti.

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE 6:00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6:00pm: W. Watson, K. McMahon, C. & L. Leahy, M. Bedford.

Special Minsters 10:30am: A. Kerr, R. Piccolo, J. Millar, J. Jamieson, E. Sutherland.

6:00pm: **Reader:** B. Bedford. **Commentator:** S. McMahon.

Set-Up: M. McKenzie.

10:30am: **Reader:** 1st Eucharist Candidates. **Commentator:** T. Williamson.

Set-Up: C. O'Brien.

Counters: D. & D. Haesler. **Cleaners:** 25th November; Karyn, Coen, Kate. Coen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 6th Dec - Seniors Moments Christmas Lunch Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 12pm

Friday 8th Dec. Annual Anointing Mass 11am Sacred Heart followed by light lunch.

Tuesday 12th Dec. 7pm St Thomas Reconciliation Service

8pm Liturgy meeting

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale & June Saunders.

Greensborough North: Maureen Elks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, A Young Parishioner.

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of November, that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo, Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel, Bishara,

COMMUNITY LIFE

REMEMBRANCE BOOK will be available during November in the Gathering Space at both churches. You **are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends in** the book and it will be taken to the Altar at each Mass with the Gifts. November is a time we remember and pray for our loved ones who are no longer here with us.

SENIORS MOMENTS Wednesday 6th December 12pm Christmas Lunch in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

THANK YOU TO THE GARDNERS AT ST. THOMAS: a big thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to help keep our grounds neat and tidy. A special thanks to those who have undertaken extra work over the past couple of weeks to tame the spring growth. If you would like to spend some time outside on the ride on mower cutting the grass or doing other gardening tasks around the Parish please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE INTER CHURCH CAROLS ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER will be held on Wednesdays: 22, 29 November from 7:30-9 pm at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres would be made very welcome. Contact Megan on 9435 1551 or email: mamitchem@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this event.

THE COLUMBAN CALENDAR is available in the Gathering Space at St. Thomas at **\$9 per copy**. If we have run out please let the Parish Office know and we will obtain some more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that depict different scenes of Bethlehem are available in the Gathering Space of both Churches.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: thank you to all who supported the collection for the Deaf Community, we have sent off over \$350.

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP the final activity for the year is a trip to Noorlim Estate Homestead with lunch at Nagambie Lakes entertainment Centre on **Dec. 13**. More information and bookings ring Geraldine 0438148896.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Stall after the 9am Mass next Sunday 26th November.

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

MESSAGE FROM FR STEVEN

16th November ,2017

Dear Parishioners

It is my pleasure to announce that a panel representing our community of St. Thomas the Apostle has selected our new principal. I can also say that the decision to appoint this person was unanimous and was an expression of our great confidence in the leadership qualities and professional competence of this person.

David Delaney will take up the position at the beginning of 2018. David is an experienced principal who currently leads Holy Name Catholic Primary school in Reservoir.

I welcome David to our community and thank all of you in the way you as parents, as well as staff of the school, have contributed to his selection through the feedback you have given and in particular, I would like to thank those members of the panel who represented you so ably throughout the process.

I would also like to this opportunity to thank Gail for her leadership through this time of transition as well as the way in which she has guided our community to be the vibrant Catholic learning community that we have today. I trust that David will build on the contribution Gail has made in her leadership.

With gratitude for your support of the school,



(Parish Priest)

Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 November 2017

First Reading

Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

*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.

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

*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 Acclamation

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
(or shorter form Mt 25:14-15. 19-21)

*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."'



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. 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.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. 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. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

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