

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: 14-15, 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.

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.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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BEING READY FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD

At first sight, it seems hard to make sense of the choice of readings for this Sunday. How are we to understand and appreciate the combination of the description of the perfect wife from the book of Proverbs, Paul’s advice on the coming of the Day of the Lord, and the warning contained in Jesus’ parable of the talents?

The first reading comes from a world where the role and possibilities for a woman were solely defined by her responsibility for the home. The key to understanding the reading is not the cultural expectations of the woman, limited as they were, but the qualities which mark her life – generosity, diligence, care for the poor and openness to the needy.

Paul sets out to help his community to prepare for the Lord’s return by reminding them that they had no need to fear the coming of the Lord if they live good Christian lives. The most important thing is to live in the present moment well to be ready for the Lord’s return.

Matthew’s community is encouraged to prepare for the Day of the Lord by focusing on the need to make use of the talents and opportunities which the Lord had given them. One of the striking elements of the parable is that the tenants are judged in accordance with what they have been given on an individual basis. Like the woman in the first reading, it is not what you have but how you use it that is most important.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Prov 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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 Thess 5: 1-6

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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Alejandro Yepes, Fr John Alt, Fr Ken Sargent, Monsignor Bill Mullins, Tony Brown, John Francis Mockler, Sr Margaret Mary Birgen OLN, Rita Bartolo, Bruce Skippen, Beverley Greene, all the holy souls in purgatory and all those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Anniversary: Dr Ralph Baccash, Desmond Edeyer, Josephine Evans, Jennifer Blackmore, Carmen Farrugia, Georgette Ghosn, and Fr Peter Maher

The Sick: Carmel Kennedy, Maureen Maron, Barry Dalton, Sandra Russell, Bishop Peter Ingham, Ange Portelli, Ha Oi Lan, Mario Assini, Sam Strano, Josephie Regan, Mary Vella, Beatriz Visperas, Michael Victor, Marcus O'Dean, Angela Beveridge, Marie Cullen, Merley Nate Fien, John Sarniak Thomson, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Santa Viselli and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.

Prayers for: Bridie Culleton and care of the World Environment.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 25 November 2023 - 5.30pm St Agnes Matraville (Supply)
Sunday - 26 November 2023 9.00am St Andrew's Malabar (Livestreamed) (Supply)



Greetings dear parishioners and visitors of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew's & St Agnes' Malabar-Matraville.

This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, where have all the weeks gone in 2023? Next Sunday we will celebrate the last Sunday of the Church's Year and the Church places the feast of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God has triumphed over all darkness and vulnerability by love. He has shown it in his only Son. Let us joyfully approach this wonderful feast as God does have for us. One day we hope to set our eyes on our Universal King in the fullness of time in person. (Sadly, I will not be with you next week as I have an Air Force Banner blessing in Canberra on Saturday, and Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, with Archbishop Anthony with the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher on Sunday).

This Tuesday we celebrate the Memorial Feast Day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to tradition, Mary spent her life at the Temple in Jerusalem from the time she was a little girl. Her parents, Joachim, and Anne presented their daughter to the Temple for service and study, in thanksgiving for the great gift God had given them through her. We may wish to attend Mass on Tuesday either at St Agnes's Matraville at 7.00am or St Andrew's, Malabar at 9.00am and pray how we can better prepare ourselves more fully bring Jesus alive in our lives as our blessed mother Mary did so beautifully in her life of Service and Love.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal will take place at all our Masses in each of our Churches this weekend. Your giving will assist greatly with the Archdiocese works. Your giving can attract 100% tax deductibility, please use envelopes provided.

God bless,

Fr John

**CONGRATULATIONS FR JOHN
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ORDINATION 37 YEARS
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We welcome into our Parish Community **Thomas Christopher Dennis** and **Mila Izabella Sienkiewicz** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St. Agnes Matraville. **Congratulations.**

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding.enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.