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Dear friends,

The master in the story is the Lord and the servants are we, the people who receive their talents and skills from the Lord. The message is clear from this story. We should be like the third servant. He knew his master well and did not use his talents and skills to avoid the master's retaliation. But the master was happy about the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. He praised them for they were faithful in little things. In the parable, the focus is on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The master expected him to take risks and obtain results with his talents, not to play a safety role by hiding the talents in the ground.

This may appear greedy or ambitious, but there is a truth in it. In life, if one does not take risks, then one eventually becomes a loser. This may be true in acquiring eternal life. Jesus, himself has shown us the way of taking risk in his life. He is careless about his life and reputation by associating with sinners and outcasts, by healing on the Sabbath day, by criticizing the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by his word and examples that one cannot save anything without risking it? So let us take Jesus as our model and make use of our talents and skills that the Lord has entrusted to us, by taking risks to gain eternal life. Hence the Lord will praise us like the first two servants.

- Fr Neville.

**ACRATH- Taking action against slavery and human trafficking in Australia** - Did you know that slavery and human trafficking exists today, here in Australia? Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes in various industries. We can take action to give them a voice. ACRATH stands for the *Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans* and is endorsed by Catholic Religious Australia. ACRATH works towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and globally. The ACRATH website seeks to tell the stories of victims of slavery so that we can make a stand against the abuse of human rights. The ACRATH website allows users to discuss and respond to human trafficking and slavery in our country and region. Together, we are called to respond to this injustice. The ACRATH website provides a wealth of resources and information parishes and communities can use to work toward solving this problem. Visit website: [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au)

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence**

ACRATH has developed resources to mark the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence from November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**. The campaign calls us to work together to stop the trafficking of girls and women, which is an extreme form of violence. Many face forced marriage or forced labour in hazardous conditions with no chance of an education and no chance to escape from a cycle of poverty. Please remember all women and girls around the world who are trafficked for sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude and the production of pornography. Find more about the campaign at [www.acrath.org.au/16days](http://www.acrath.org.au/16days)

**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Tania Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, and John McKenzie

**November Anniversaries:** Anthony Allan, Frank Fleming, Ben Tannahill, Lucy Dwyer, Johan Gagel, Carolina Gagel, Joe Vogels, Corry Vogels, Margaret Dundon, Ted Stokes, Jack Hunt, Trudy Arnold, Paul Brick and Haigh Smethurst.

**Recent Deaths:** Laurence Dillon, Gerard Robertson, Geraldine Anne Marie Lourey, Pat Delaney



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

TIMETABLE				
Timboon				
1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Church closed	Assembly of W & C 10 a.m.	Mass 9 a.m.	Assembly of W & C 10 a.m.	Mass 9 a.m.
Simpson				
Mass 9 a.m.	Assembly of W & C 9 a.m.	Church closed	Assembly of W & C 9 a.m.	Church closed

Timboon	November 19 Mass 9:00 a.m.	November 26, 10 a.m. Assembly of W & C	December 3, Church Closed
Welcome	L Tregua	G Delaney	
Leaders		C Marr R Hoffmann	
Statue	D & M Moloney	G & A Vogels	G & A Vogels
Reader	K Currell	A Vogels	
P.O.F.	D Denny	L McInerney	
Gifts	Bullen Family		
M of C	T & E O'Connor	P Martin	
Church Cleaning	M van Nieuwkerk	M Van Nieuwkerk	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel	A McMeel	A McMeel
Simpson	November 19 No Service	November 26, 9 a.m. Assembly of W & C	December 3, 9 a.m. Mass
Statue	K & J Robertson	J Wetemans	F & B Wouters