

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A ~ 14th & 15th November 2020

Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers

Anniversaries:

Faye Geisler; Maria Cordoma; Irene Reedy;
William Wells; Katalina Pasilio; Frances J Nolen;

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;



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COVID SAFE PLAN:

St Mary's Robinvale & St Patrick Manangatang



- No more than 20 people indoors/50 outdoor, practising 1.5m social distancing at one time.
- Please wear mask.
- Record your details in the book.
- Sanitise your hands and sanitise your contact surface.
- Please avoid interactions in the indoor space before or after the service.
- If you are sick or unwell, do not attend, get tested & please contact Parish Office or Mary Knight 0438 627 920

Parish Updates

Parishioners are patiently waiting for attendance numbers at Mass to change. Mass will be celebrated for groups of still only 20 people this coming week.

6:00pm Wednesday, 18th November

6:00pm Saturday, 21st November

Please call 0438 627 920 to book your seat for either of the above Masses. Hopefully attendance numbers will increase after next Sunday. You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

Please note that **ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS** require a Working With Children Check. These (WWCC) can be completed on line. If you need assistance please call the Parish Office on 50 263 068.

Parents are expected to attend a Baptism Information evening before their child is baptised. The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 19th November. For more information please call the Parish Office on 50 263 068.

Congratulations to

*Hugo Giofrelle
who will celebrate his Baptism
this weekend. His parents,*

*Melissa and Brendan Giofrelle
along with his godparents,*

*Donna and Steven Scullino,
plus extended family will
support him on his Faith
journey.*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

Thes 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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 25:14-30

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION

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.

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Catholic Care Victoria

Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of Catholic Care Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and Catholic Care Sandhurst, to form a new entity, Catholic Care Victoria from January 1, 2021. Statements and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

School News

It has been a very busy week and a half here at St Mary's. Last Thursday we held Book Week. Our students dressed up in their favourite costumes or book characters. This year's theme was 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.



We have started our Kinder Transition this week. Due to the current restrictions, we can only have small groups of students at one time. It is still not too late to enquire about 2021 enrolments. Please phone the office if you have any inquiries (5026 3483).

We have also celebrated NAIDOC Week which has included learning about Australian Indigenous culture, art, music and dreaming. In Art class with Ms Mitchell the Year 7 students created a totem that is displayed out the front of the school



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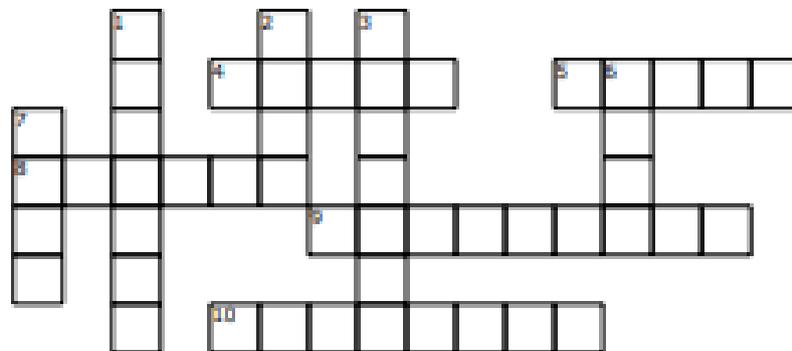
DISCIPLES SERVANT THOUSAND
 COINS COUNTRY MASTER
 MONEY EARNED MORE
 WONDERFUL FAITHFUL HAPPINESS



The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
5. To divide or use something with others
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

AFRAID	HAPPINESS	LAZY	JOURNEY	FAITHFUL
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