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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

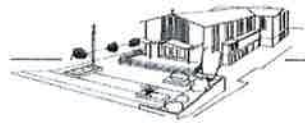
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.*



**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently deceased:** Carmen Farrugia, Christine O'Meara and all those who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

**Anniversary:** Throughout November we are praying for 'All the Faithful Departed' especially those listed on the November envelopes.

*Let us remember all those who lost their lives serving in the armed forces.*

**Communion for the Sick or Elderly**

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

*We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church*

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** *this weekend.*

Your donation supports the work of charitable agencies and social services in the Catholic archdiocese of Sydney. Please see the list in the Special envelopes. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf).

**Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

**November Masses**

November is the month of special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for deceased family and friends. Throughout November the envelopes with names will be placed near the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased loved ones.

*No need to put your details on the envelope, just the names of the deceased.*

*November is a good time to think about how concerned we are about our eternal future.*



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

We continue to welcome our Confirmation candidates for 2020 as they prepare for this special Sacrament.

**Special Session for all Matraville Confirmation candidates  
this Thurs.19 Nov.4pm to 6pm. in St Agnes Church.**

**(Wed.25 Nov. 4pm to 6pm for all Malabar Candidates in the hall at Malabar)  
Confirmation Dates: 21 Nov. 7pm at Matraville & 28 Nov. 6.30pm at Malabar.**

*Please let others know there's plenty of room.*

Churches are now allowed to have more than 100 people attending each Mass as long as we keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles. **Those who are unwell or at high risk are encouraged not attend.**

*We are not called by God to do extraordinary things,  
but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.*

**Live Streaming Our Masses**

Many parishes are live streaming their masses and so are reaching many people who are not with us in our church. If you have the "tech know how" and would like to help the parish to set up the live streaming, please contact Fr Laurie. You would be doing a great service to our Catholic community.

**SVDP** would thank you to all the parishioners who signed the **Social Justice Housing Petition**. All this helps a worthy cause. Here is a segment from the latest newsletter dated 20 Oct.2020: "This morning, SVDP Society CEO, Jack de Groot, and Vice President Social Justice, Brooke Simmons, delivered our **Build Homes, Build Hope** petition of 11,733 signatures to NSW Parliament.

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!

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."

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Longer form, Mt 25: 1-4-30.*



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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 NOVEMBER 2020

## RISK TAKING FOR GOD

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, the focus remains upon the second coming of the Lord. Once again, the Gospel provides a parable (the Talents) instructing us how to live in view of that expectation.

The master in the parable is pleased with the enterprising first two servants. Having realised substantial gains on the amounts entrusted to them, they are welcomed 'into the joy of their master'—that is, into the banquet of the Kingdom.

But the third servant, who simply hid his single talent in the ground, displeased his master because he didn't do what was expected, namely, trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued some interest. Paralysed by a fearful image that he has of his master (an image of God that the parable does not endorse but actually refutes), he sought security in giving back, in strict justice, the exact sum entrusted to him. This, however, was not what the master wanted. Hence the severe penalty.

The parable challenges believers not to rest content simply with not doing anything wrong so that God will not be able to find anything to punish. Such an attitude mistakes the nature of God and neglects what God really wants, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the 'weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' (Matthew 23:23). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise if they are not to atrophy and wither.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

## 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.

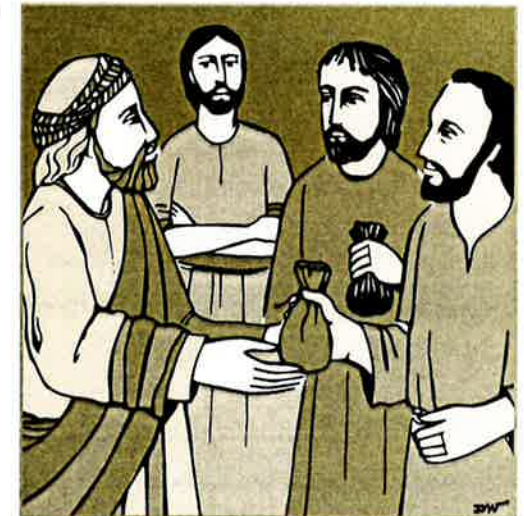
■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

### R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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