

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time A
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.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

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. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. 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. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading
1 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.
The Word of the Lord
R. 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
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Befriending Time
God’s plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one’s talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible. In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: ‘There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.’

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master’s happiness.’

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES
Tues 17: 5.30 Mass
Wed 18: 9am Mass
Thurs 19: 9am Mass
Fri 20: 9.15am Mass
Sat 21: 9am Rosary/Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 22: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

ROSTERS 14/15 NOVEMBER
Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (16-20)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am L Page
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm P O’Kelly
9am A Brown
5pm S Ebejer
Readers:
6pm M Bridges
9am A Horsfall
5pm K O’Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm J Wain
9am C Schor
5pm Y Oerder
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O’Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm J Wain/J McCarthy
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm M de Smet
ROSTERS 21/22 NOVEMBER
Church Cleaning
Favetta/O’Neill (23-27)
Welcomers
6pm K Conway
9am J McClelland
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am M Lowe
5pm J O’Sullivan
Readers:
6pm A Jackson
9am C Lowe
5pm Sr Marie McAlister
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm M Bridges
9am A Skinner
5pm D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm T Jackson
9am T Priest
5pm M O’Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm G & M Weatherall
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm D & N Gorzalka

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

When we hear the word talent, we are tempted to think of artists, people who are skilled in acting, singing, and playing different musical instrument like guitar, violin, piano and the likes. We also think of the world of sports, especially gymnastics. At the time of Jesus talent meant a legal tender. This is implied in the parable of the talent as presented by Mathew in this weekend’s gospel. Talent could also mean a natural aptitude or skill equal to a birth right. Everyone has a talent.

In the parable of the talent, Jesus presented the image of the kingdom in the master who called his servants and entrusted them with assets equal to their human capacities. five, two and one. He hoped that upon returning from overseas, the individual servant would invest their assets accordingly and gain reasonable profits. Upon his return, the first two servants reported the gains made from their assets. The third servant who was crippled by fear buried his talent for fear of losing. What a wasted time, treasure, talent, and trust?

The master was delighted by the diligence and industriousness of the two servants who traded and made gains with their trusted talents. However, he was disappointed with the third servant for betraying the trust imposed on him by not using his talent. Like the three servants, entrusted with talents, everyone is born with a special gift, a unique talent that is yours and yours alone. We are gifted by God with different talents, capacities, capabilities, and opportunities for the common good (1Corinth. 12.1f) of the community, especially as we celebrate 2020 NAIDOC Week.

What is my talent? What am I doing with my talent to ensure the good of all in the family, in the school and in the community? The example of the two servants who used their talent fruitfully, challenges us to identify our talents and potentials and use them to enhance the community, knowing that *usefulness is the rent we pay for living on earth.*

Unfortunately, many human talents remain untapped and end up in the cemetery, because many talented people failed to develop and use their talents like the third servant in the parable for the fear of failure, criticism, lack of resiliency, courage and self-confidence, besides laziness, self-doubt, procrastination, giving up to distractions, anxiety, and depression.

May the parable of the talent, be a source of motivation to us, as we recognise, develop and use our talents and baptismal gifts.

Fr. Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We

commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Lunch Committee—Mon 16th Nov 1.30pm
Advent Retreat—Tues 17th 9.30am-12.15pm
Wrap With Love—Wed 25th Nov 11am-1pm
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30 am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am-12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am
Adoration—Friday 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30 am
Singalong Mondays 1pm in the Church + Zoom



We Remember Always

November is a special month for remembering who we are as a people and who we are as a church. On November 1st we gathered to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints

- a day which honours the more obscure saints as well as the saints each of us have known.

On November 2nd, we observed All Souls' Day.

The Church has always encouraged prayer for the dead. We believe that it is an act of Christian charity to pray for a loved one as a way of erasing any distance between us, even the chasm which death imposes. When we pray we place ourselves in God's presence in the company of those we love even if those persons have gone before us in death.

Our Prayer

Loving God, from your hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Accept the gifts we bring and let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the human family so that we may share with them all the gifts of time and eternity.

AMEN



NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISIT/ROSARY

Every Sunday of the Month at 12 midday

15/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS

22/11 OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY, Bent Street, Batemans Bay

29/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY

Rosary will be held rain or sunshine, bring umbrellas and a chair

MEMORIAL MASSES OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 5.30 pm
Maureen Noyeaux

Wednesday 9am
Evelyn Freiburger
(Terry Jackson's sister)

There will be the opportunity to offer memorial mass for our deceased loved ones this November. Kindly contact the Parish Office for further details.

This weekend at all Masses we invite you to write the names of those you have lost since last November, we will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.

Also memorial masses will be offered for our lost loved ones during this month of November.



Reaching beyond 2020—People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded. *Always Was, Always Will Be.*



CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn warmly invite you to:

The Pope's Revolution: The Implications of Laudato Si'

ZOOM Public Forum Thursday 26 November 2020 – 5pm to 6:30pm

Speakers: Dr Paul Collins (Canberra: historian, broadcaster, writer) and Dr Patricia Hindmarsh (former Director of Tasmanian Catholic Education: justice, peace and ecology advocate) No need to register. For more in info and to **connect to the Zoom meeting** visit: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events OR Mark on 0417 603 697



Sun 15th—Saint Albert the Great
Mon 16th—St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude the Great
Tue—17th—St Elizabeth of Hungary
Wed 18th—Dedication of the basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saturday 21st—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.

Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Ray Goodridge, Brian Jose

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community:Maureen Kinross, Nora Trompp, Ken Bow, Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Evert Ordeman, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Mato Katic, Hilda Muldoon, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Philip Lewis, P. Bernasconi

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk

Sessions 11am—2 pm

* Mogo Mall- Tues 17th November

*Nelligen Foreshore - Tues 24th November

RED CROSS

Bushfire financial assistance

Grants: Financial assistance is available for bushfire-affected people in financial hardship. People who have already received a Red Cross grant may be eligible for our new **additional support grant** if they are still facing financial hardship. This grant is open to people with a low income (who are receiving government financial assistance such as a pensioner, disability or health care card). Applications for this grant **close on 27 November 2020.**

<https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/recovering-from-emergencies/grants>

WORKING BEE AT THE CONVENT MONDAY 23RD NOV 9AM -12 NOON REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!!

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals</p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
<p>CARROLL COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4471 5600 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p>excell P 4472 1599 E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p>COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY</p> <p>02 4474 0320</p>	<p>Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p>EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre 4471 3400</p>