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33rd Sunday - 15th November 2026

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable but it is rarely placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

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Masses This Coming Week:

No weekday Masses due to the Archdiocesan Clergy Retreat @ Galong

6pm - Sat Vigil @ OLOL, Lake Cargelligo

8am - Sunday @ St Joseph's, Ungarie

9:30am Sunday @ St Mary's, West Wyalong

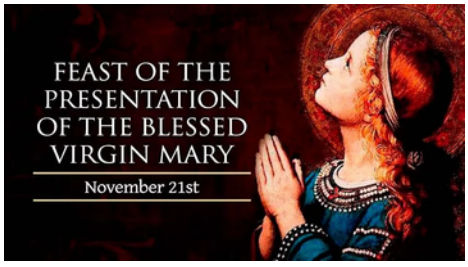
This Week's Feast Days:

Mon - St Margaret of Scotland

Tues - St Elizabeth of Hungary

Wed - Dedication of Sts Peter & Paul Basilicas

Sat - Presentation of Mary



We acknowledge the Wiradjuri peoples who are the traditional owners of the land where we gather today. We pay respects to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

Pray for our sick: Mary Gregg, Peter Campbell, Clare Devaney, Fr Paul Kumasaka, Colleen Goodwin, Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan. ***Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick.***

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries: Judith Ryan, Gary Peterson, Cecilia Irvine, Fr Troy Bobbin, Sr Marie Jean RSM, Patricia Smith, Joanne Cairns, Neale Daniher OAM, Ray Connellan, Irene Schmidt, Norma O'Neill, Maurice Doughan and Greg Brereton. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***

November Masses: Archie and Judy Boneham, members of the Walsh and Connellan families, members of the McCann, Doughan and McAnerey families, members of the Quinlan, Gorham and Grayland families, members of the Smith family, members of the Channon and Burke families, members of the Daly and Scully families and members of the Caldow family.. ***May they rest in the peace of Christ.***

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: The Lord God, entrust us with gifts to be used in love and service. Confident in God's provision to give us all that we need, we pray:

For Pope Leo and leaders of the Church. That they be like the perfect wife of wisdom, and help build a Church home that witnesses love and justice to our world. Lord hear us.

For our world leaders. That they recognise the power and resources they control are not theirs to use for themselves, but to be used for the good of all people and to help create a peaceful world. Lord hear us.

For the Church as it celebrates Vocations Awareness Week this week. May we all be conscious of what we have to offer in our vocation and which vocation will help us serve the kingdom of God. Lord hear us.

For our parish community gathered here today. That we be faithful stewards of the blessings we have and use them to build up each other in generosity and love. Lord hear us.

For those who have died. That they find the reward of peace and eternal rest in the loving arms of God. Lord hear us.

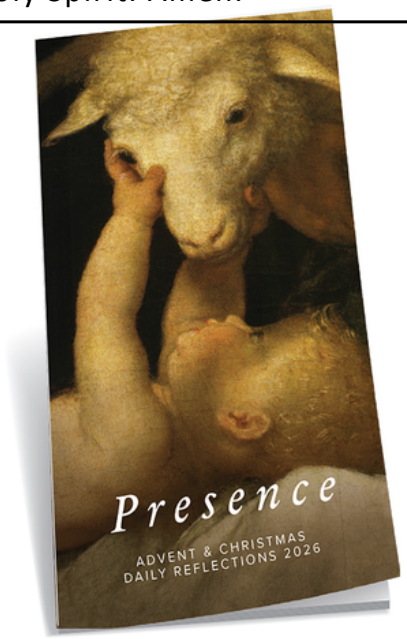
Conclusion: Lord God, hear the prayers we offer today and help us to live as wise and generous disciples in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

To remind us of this, there will be copies of ***Presence***, available from the end of November in each Western Mission Parish. ***Presence*** provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God, and come to know that Jesus is the whole reason for our being. Like Mary proclaimed in her *Magnificat:*

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." LUKE 1:46

The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.



Bellarwi CWA invites the Public to a free evening with:
Isabel Baker, Author of "A - Z of Dementia Care"
17th November 2026, St Barnabas Parish Centre, West Wyalong 7pm - 9pm
Sponsored by Evolution Mining with supper provided.
RSVP to Rhonda 0439 752 548 by 12/11/2026

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

The Western Mission is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and action. If you have any concerns, please contact; Parish Safeguarding Officers: Sue Buttenshaw & Louise Daniher.

Email: wyalongwest.safeguarding@cg.org.au or The Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Maria Hicks, can be contacted at ipss@cg.org.au.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs
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 ***Thanks be to God***

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 Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
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 ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4. 5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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***
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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A
Processional - Christ Be Our Light
Bernadette Farrell
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Offertory – I am the Vine *John Michael Talbot*

I am the vine and you are the branches
Live in me and you will never die.
I am the vine and my father is the keeper
Come to me let the Spirit bring you life.

Like a tree planted by the living waters
To stretch the fruits into the living stream
You will show no distress
In the heat of the drought
But still bear fruit and live

Come to me all you heavy laden
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle.
And through God's mountain you'll fly.



Reflection – The Feast Meant for Everyone
Sarah Hart and Tom Booth

Bread for the immigrant, bread for the poor
Bread for the hungry who beg at our door
Food for the outcast waiting to belong
Come to the feast meant for everyone

Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich
Those who need nothing but all Jesus is
Food for all people, empty we all come
Come to the feast meant for everyone

O, how great is the love of God
In this Body broken, this saving Blood
O, how great is the love of God
Here in the feast meant for everyone
Here in the feast meant for everyone

Drink for the brother thirsting for more
Drink for the sister who's run out of hope
This cup is healing more than just enough
Come to the feast meant for everyone

Gather the sinners, gather the saints
All souls in heaven and here in this place
This is the table where we are made one
Here in the feast meant for everyone

Recessional – 10000 Reasons *Matt Redman*

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons, for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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