



## THE BULLETIN

19 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



*Parable of the Talents by Andrei Mironov 2013*

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

*This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13*

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# GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us! If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Our Lady of Dolours please contact us at 02 9410 9000 or email us at [chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) - we would love to hear from you.

Join us this Wednesday the 22nd of November at 7:30 pm for our Annual Red Mass. A celebration and commemoration of the suffering and persecution of Christians all around the world.

We remember Fr John Alt and Sr Ellen Cahill rsm who passed away recently and who were beloved figures in our community.

This week we hold our second Parish in Council! We look forward sharing the fruits of our conversations with the rest of the community.

The Financial Report is here! There will be copies of it at the back of the church or you can access it online through our homepage.

For any inclusions to next week's bulletin, please email your content to Olivia at [Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Olivia.Lee@bbcatholic.org.au) by the close of business on Wednesday.



Dear friends

This Sunday we will be honoured by a visit from the Governor of NSW, the Hon Margaret Beazley AC KC who will join us for the performance of the Bach Akademie. It will be special to welcome her to our church for the first time.

A very special thank you to all those who have prepared the Second Session of our Parish-in-Council that has occurred this weekend, on the afternoon of Saturday 18 November. Now our sessions focus on practical ways by which we can bring to life our Mission to Bring the Light of Christ to the City. Again, we have some 100 people involved and over a dozen children in Kidz-in-Council. That there are new faces that are participating is a great encouragement. During this session of Parish-in-Council we have also published our Parish Annual Report. This is available to everyone, as well, this weekend and is online. It is a wonderful showcase of so much that makes our parish community vibrant. Early next year we will come back to it particularly in respect to the question of how best to finance such a large enterprise.



**Fr David Ranson**  
PP VG  
Parish Priest

During the week we celebrated our first "Footprints" Mass to remember all those who have died in miscarriage and stillbirth. It was a beautiful and poignant celebration that we will now offer every November. A big thank you to Chloe, Olivia and Gen for putting everything together for the Mass.

Over the last few days we have learnt of the death of two people who have been very much part of our Chatswood parish story: Fr John Alt and Sr Ellen Cahill rsm. As Victoria Tubier recalls, *"Fr John came to Chatswood in 1974 as Assistant Parish Priest. Father Alt was always very kind. He was interested in every parishioner and made sure to get to know them. He was very fatherly for such a young man. Father Alt was a key member of the Paulian Association, which had been founded by Roy Boylan. A number of families in the parish would take turns to gather in members' homes and discuss scriptural passages but also the social aspects of problems in the world, and what we might do about them. On one particular occasion, however, his love of harness racing warred with his love of scripture, and he had a quiet word in the ear of the evening's host to see if we could pop the television on - just for a quick look at the Miracle Mile while we were having supper. Back in the 70s some of the priests still wore more formal attire, and were often invited to come into Our Lady of Dolours primary school and give a class. Father Alt would come striding across the playground in beretta and cassock, children hanging off him as he greeted them. In his robes, and with his imposing height made even greater by the beretta, the children described him as being 'at least seven feet tall', and reported to their parents that God had come to speak in their class earlier that day."* Fr John had also been Parish Priest of Meadowbank for many years.

Sr Ellen Cahill rsm was the deputy principal at OLD for many years across the 1970s and then was principal at St Mary's North Sydney. Her brother Jim and his wife Roma (both deceased) lived in East Roseville (now Castle Cove) opposite the former church there. Jim was an Acolyte at East Roseville for many years and also here at OLD when East Roseville was closed down. From memory, Roma only died in the last year or so and was buried from Chatswood. Sr Ellen was buried from Monte San Angelo College in North Sydney on Friday.

Eternal rest grant unto Fr John and Sr Ellen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

This Wednesday evening at 7.30pm Bishop Anthony will join us for our annual celebration of Red Wednesday Mass at 7.30pm. This is the Mass at which we remember the Suffering Church – Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. Do join us for this special occasion.

Please note that because of this celebration, there will be no 6pm Mass on Wednesday 22 November. Neither will there be 6pm Mass on Wednesday 29 November due to a special Carols Event in our church that evening. We will resume our Wednesday 6pm Mass in the first week of December.

This week I shall be in Brisbane delivering a retreat to the clergy of the Archdiocese from Sunday evening to Friday morning. Please keep me in your prayer. I shall be home for the Ordination to the Diaconate of Hien Vu for our Diocese of Broken Bay taking place at St Leonard's Naremburn on Friday 24 November at 7.30pm. We keep Hien in our prayer especially at this auspicious time.

## IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER:

### Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Antonio Marin Jr - November 6th (brother of Virginia Lagos); Sr Ellen Cahill rsm; Fr John Alt; Rinaldo Navarro; Ross Taylor; Peter Dwyer; Teresita Ortiga (mother of Joan Pitman and Jean Brady); Hector Naupari Belupu (brother of Dora Shipley); Warren Edward Farr; Nikola Mirošević; Aldrick Mitchell Habal Espinosa; Francis Ta.

### Our loved ones who are sick:

John O'Brien; Gerard De Leon; Carlos De Leon; Iris Wickert (sister of Chrystal De Croos); Mary Kin-Soon Ng (mother of Elizabeth Chung); Bonnie Leung.

### Our loved ones, at rest with God, whose anniversaries fall at this time:

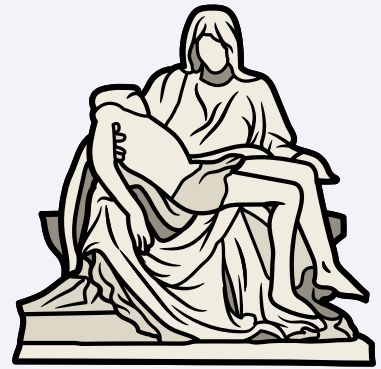
Phil Ryan - November 24th (Husband of Judith, father of Gerard); Ellen Sunjaya - November 17th (Mother of David Sunjaya); James Biddell (husband of Patricia Biddell); Poi Suen Hui; Paul Truc Le (5th anniversary), Margarita Tu anniversary and Jean Marie, Carmen Ventura; Johnson Pereira; Mr Hilary & Mrs Isabel Coutinho; Slava Julia Suplina; Maria Raffaele (mother of Grace Ann Raffaele); Joseph Syria Santio; Baby Faith Aylward; Chun Ying Cheng; Janet Coombs.



This week's church flowers are generously donated by  
Judith Ryan  
to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of  
her husband

*Philip Ryan*

*Our community would love to pray for you. If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin e-mail*  
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### Our Lady of Dolours, Pray for Us

*Rock of constancy,  
pray for us.*

*Refuge of the abandoned,  
pray for us.*

*Mirror of patience,  
pray for us*

*Mother of consolation,  
pray for us.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



**Deacon  
Kevin Hale**

As I was growing up my Dad often said to me "If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well". In other words, don't do a job in a half-hearted fashion, but give it all your attention and use all your ability no matter how lowly it seems.

The writer of the proverbs is saying the same thing. He uses a woman, one who would not normally be singled out, to emphasise his point. If he had talked about a king or a high priest his comments would not have had as much impact because, in those days, you couldn't criticise a king or a high priest. Therefore, everything they did was right.

There was probably no point talking about a slave because they had to do whatever they were told, so he chose the next lowest on the social ladder but someone that everyone was familiar with, a wife and mother.

Not only did she do her tasks well, but she made time to help the poor and the needy. And for this she was praised at the city gates. That was where the important people (the elders) sat to discuss town business and problems. You can imagine the elders saying to someone who comes to them for help, "Go and see Mary Smith she will look after you.

The wife in the story had particular talents and she used them for the good of her husband and for others. The gospel also talks about talents. While it is actually money that is being talked about it can also be applied to our talents (our gifts) given to us by God.

The first two men took what was given to them and used it profitably for themselves and the giver. The third man basically said "I don't have any gifts" so he hid what he had and did nothing. There are many people in the church



who do exactly the same thing. They are asked to do something and say I can't, I don't have the ability. They keep putting themselves down. Someone close to me is actually a good leader but will never willingly take leadership positions. Yet I have seen this person with a group of people and when he quietly suggests someone do something they do it without question. His authority is immediately recognised.

God has blessed each of us with gifts or talents. Consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation. They are given to us for serving and building up the body of Christ. These are all marvelous gifts that he wants us to nurture so that they can bear powerful fruit. The kingdom of God isn't built up only by prayer and fasting, miracles and healing. It also requires more ordinary, but no less useful, gifts such as compassion, curiosity, industriousness, kindness, and courage.

Remember, the Kingdom of God has been expanded by such common things as the invention of the telephone, advances in air travel, and even the work of some very creative authors and songwriters!

A young boy once offered Jesus his bag lunch. He certainly didn't think his few pieces of bread and two fish could make a big difference. But Jesus used it to feed a multitude!

God can do a lot with a little.

He has given us talents to further his kingdom, and he wants to work through us. Don't let them lie dormant, collecting dust. Be generous, be adventurous, and surrender them to him.

Miracles just may follow!

The unfaithful servant feared he could never please his master, so he didn't even try.

We do something similar when we wait for God to assign us some really important task and ignore the small ones he gives us every day, or when we turn aside from his prompting because we think we're not good enough. The reality is, God is already delighted with us!

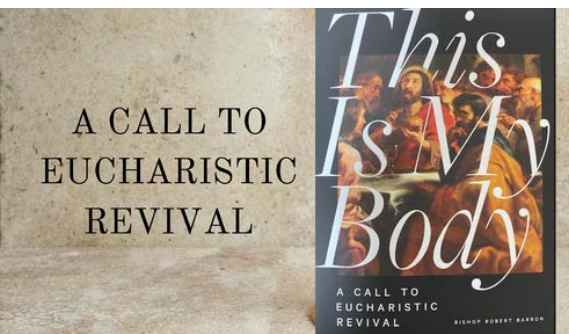
If we take our eyes off ourselves and simply start doing his will, he will multiply our efforts with an abundant harvest. But he cannot use our talents if they are buried in a hole marked "When I'm Ready."

I know that within this parish there are many people who are using their talents and we thank them for that.

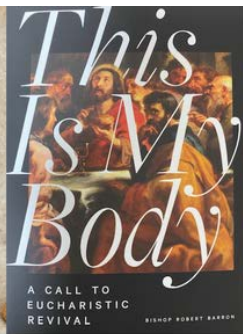
But for the rest of us – Have you allowed your gift to remain dormant? If so, now is the time to start using it.

我寧要智慧，而不要王權和王位；財富與她相較，分文不值。智慧篇 7:8

*I preferred her (Wisdom) to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her.  
Wisdom 7:8*



A CALL TO  
EUCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL



If you're interested in joining a study group sometime in February - March 2024 that will focus on this book, please register your interest by scanning the QR code

*Happy Reading!*



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## YOUTH GROUP

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month  
Magnificat room 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

## YOUNG ADULTS

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month  
PEW garden 6:30 pm – 9 pm

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# MASS & LITURGIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday  
20 November

- 11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:45am Rosary (Cenacle, MMP)
- **12:30pm Mass**

Tuesday  
21 November

**Memorial of the  
Presentation of The  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**

Wednesday  
22 November

**Memorial of Saint  
Cecilia**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00 Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **7:30pm Red Wednesday Mass** for persecuted Christians and the suffering Church. Please note there is no 6:00pm Mass.

Thursday  
23 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- **9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- 12:00pm Benediction
- **12:30pm Mass**
- **7:00pm Holy Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation also available**

Friday  
24 November

**Memorial of Saints  
Andrew Dung Lac and  
companions**

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **10:30am Funeral**
- **12:30pm Mass**

Saturday  
25 November

- 8:45am Morning Prayer
- **9:00am Mass**
- 9:30am Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Reconciliation, Rosary
- 10:00am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 10:30am Benediction
- **5:30pm Vigil Mass**

Sunday Mass  
26 November

**Solemnity of OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

- **7:30am Mass**
- **9:00am Family Mass**
- **10:30am Mass**
- **12:00pm Baptism**
- **5:30pm Mass**



## HERE I AM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS VOCATION MINISTRY

*Deaconate  
Ordination*

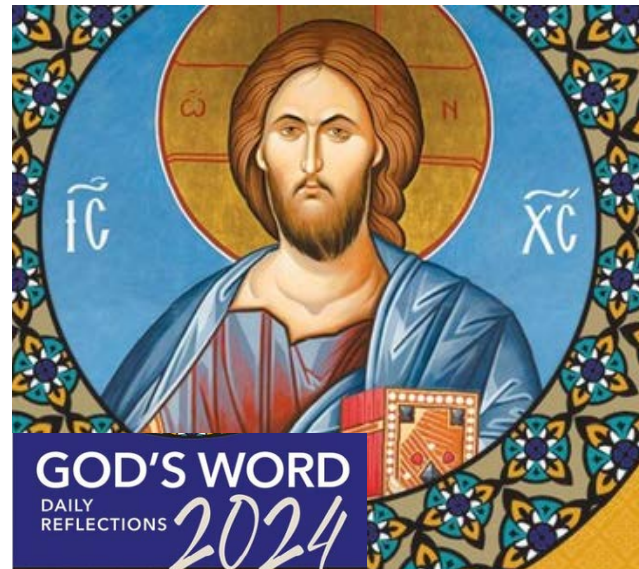


Joseph Martin Hien Vu

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023 | 7:30 PM

St Leonard's Catholic Church  
Cnr Willoughby Rd and Donnelly Rd, Naremburn

*If you would like to attend the ordination please email  
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to assist with the planning and catering following the Mass*



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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: 'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. / You will call upon me, and I will answer you, / and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**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.**

**R. 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 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.**

**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: 14-15, 19-21

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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." 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."

### The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.*

### HOMILY

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED *Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 72: 28

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### BEING READY FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD

At first sight, it seems hard to make sense of the choice of readings for this Sunday. How are we to understand and appreciate the combination of the description of the perfect wife from the book of Proverbs, Paul's advice on the coming of the Day of the Lord, and the warning contained in Jesus' parable of the talents?

The first reading comes from a world

where

the role and possibilities for a woman were

solely defined by her responsibility for the home. The key to understanding the reading is not the cultural expectations of the woman, limited as they were, but the qualities which mark her life – generosity, diligence, care for the poor and openness to the needy.

Paul sets out to help his community to prepare for the Lord's return by reminding them that they had no need to fear the coming of the Lord if they live good Christian lives. The most important thing is to live in the present moment well to be ready for the Lord's return.

Matthew's community is encouraged to prepare for the Day of the Lord by focusing on the need to make use of the talents and opportunities which the Lord had given them. One of the striking elements of the parable is that the tenants are judged in accordance with what they have been given on an individual basis.

Like the woman in the first reading, it is not what you have but how you use it that is most important.

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# GATHERINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| <p>Monday<br/>20 November</p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 year olds (Atrium)</li> <li>• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)</li> <li>• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)</li> <li>• 5:00pm Setting up for I Am Jesus (St Peter)</li> <li>• 7:00pm I AM Jesus (St Peter)</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Tuesday<br/>21 November</p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am Bible Discussion Group (St Paul)</li> <li>• 11:00am Staff Meeting (Magnificat)</li> <li>• 2:00pm OLOD Primary Graduation Practice (Church)</li> <li>• 3:00pm Bump in for the Red Mass (Church)</li> <li>• 4:00pm Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li> <li>• 4:00pm Atrium 6-9 and 9-12 year olds (Atrium)</li> <li>• 4:30pm Organ Practice Sunny (Church)</li> <li>• 7:00pm LIFE Formation (Magnificat)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Filipino Choir (Church)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Indonesian Legion of Mary (St Peter)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Wednesday<br/>22 November</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30am Lifestyle English Conversation Programme (Magnificat)</li> <li>• 9:30am English Speaking Class with Reg (St Peter)</li> <li>• 2:00pm OLOD Primary Graduation Practice (Church)</li> <li>• 3:00pm Organ Lesson (Church)</li> <li>• 7:00pm MenAlive Fellowship, Reflection &amp; Discussion (Magnificat)</li> <li>• Exploring the Faith (St Peter)</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Thursday<br/>23 November</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am Atrium 3-6 years old (Atrium)</li> <li>• <b>1:00pm Playgroup (Magnificat)</b></li> <li>• 3:45pm Organ Scholar Lessons (Church)</li> <li>• 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Friday<br/>24 November</p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am Meditation and Sharing (St Peter)</li> <li>• 4:00pm Organ Practice (Church)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Online Zoom Meditation and Sharing</li> <li>• 7:00pm Indonesian Community Choir Practice (St Paul)</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Saturday<br/>25 November</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Legion of Mary (Magnificat)</li> <li>• 11:00am Choir Practice (Church)</li> <li>• 2:00pm Organ Practice (Church)</li> <li>• <b>3:30pm Living Our Faith Today with Bishop David (Magnificat)</b></li> <li>• 5:00pm CIC Chatswood (Magnificat)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Christmas Carol's Practice (St Paul)</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Sunday Mass<br/>26 November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:45am Filipino Choir Practice (St Paul)</li> <li>• 9:30am Parish Choir Practice (St Paul)</li> <li>• 11:30am RCIA (St Peter)</li> <li>• <b>3:30pm Mothers Group (Magnificat)</b></li> <li>• 6:30pm Cornerstone and Keystone youth groups (Magnificat, St Paul, St Peter)</li> </ul>  |



**Cultural Community Mass:**  
 Filipino: 12:00pm, 1st Sunday  
 Spanish: 12:00pm, 3rd Sunday  
 Indonesian: 7:00pm, 3rd Sunday

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Thank you for the many ways in which you already support our parish!





This week students from Piux X College and Mercy Catholic College came together to learn how to be a Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and they did a wonderful job!



The remembrance table at the Footprints Mass was filled with the names of our babies that we remember and love.



Big smiles at *Shop for a Cause* last week!



Have you seen Fr Marek's beautiful memories from PNG? Pop in and you can see the beautiful display!

## PIETY STALL

**Put Christ back into Christmas!**  
How to do this? Let the Piety Stall help you!

- Send a nativity-themed Christmas card. Packs of 8 cards available at \$4.00 each. Loose cards from \$1.50 each.
- Advent wreaths available at \$35 each. Packs of tall nativity candles (3 purple, 1 pink) at \$10 each pack.
- Give your child a nativity ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. From \$4 each.
- Display a nativity scene in your home. Place an all-in-one very cute nativity set in your child's room. From \$7.
- Give a gift that lasts all year long. Columban religious art calendars, available at \$10.00 each.
- God's Word 2024 daily readings and reflections at \$18 each.



## OLOD PLAYGROUND CLOSED



Please note that the play equipment area in the primary school is off limits as repairs need to be made. There is also work being conducted on the growers corner because of the damage to plants. If you are part of parish activities that take place in the playground please keep to the area near the chessboard and above (towards Pius X School). Thank you for your cooperation!



# LET'S HELP END MODERN SLAVERY

Baptist World Aid this week published its 2023 Ethical Fashion Report. In it they identify fast fashion companies that provide cheap clothing by continuing to exploit the 80 million women and children who work in the garment supply chain around the world. Their 2023 report finds that Australians are more likely to change our behaviour to purchase ethically than any other people in the world but our problem is, we don't know which are the ethical companies to buy from. Also the rise in living costs makes it harder to resist cheap attractive clothing even though we suspect that its low price means that we are supporting modern slavery in buying it. The good news is that annual reports like the one published this week by Baptist World Aid are bringing about change. For example, Kmart and Target which ranked among the worst companies when the Ethical Fashion Report was first published has moved up the ranks since and is now in the top 20% with a score of 53 out of 100. Big W is only at 34 which at least is an improvement on previous years in contrast to companies like Decjuba which is unchanged at 16 and Billabong which still scores 5 out of 100 and is in the bottom 20% of companies assessed. You can find out how ethical your favourite clothing company is by putting Baptist World Aid Australia/Ethical Fashion Report into your browser and typing in the brand name. It's our behaviour as consumers that can bring an end to modern slavery. Let's do it.

*Our Lady of Dolours Community Action*

## The Children's Atrium

of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children aged from 3 to 12 years.



*A place where children come to be with God to discover and explore God's love for them.*

The Atrium is a specially prepared room, where children spend time with God so that they can nurture their relationship with him. The program is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of Education. Run in three age groups, each room is prepared for them based on their stage of development and their religious needs and capacities at each stage. The age groups and times available for the children to come to our Atrium at Chatswood are:

**3-6 year olds**  
Mondays 10am-11.30am  
Mondays 4.00-5.45pm  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm  
Thursdays 10am-11.30am

**6-9 year olds**  
Mondays 4.00-5.45pm  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm

**9-12 year olds**  
Mondays 4.00-5.45pm  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.45pm

To find out more watch this video or contact Angela or Rose at: [old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com](mailto:old.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com)



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## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

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WHAT WOULD BE YOUR CHOICE?  
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A PILGRIMAGE IS BEING ORGANISED IN 2024 (MAY OR SEPTEMBER) TO POLAND AND EITHER MEDUGORJE OR ITALY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO JOIN, PLEASE CLICK ON THE QR CODE TO RESPOND TO A SURVEY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE TO BE ABLE TO FINALISE THE PROGRAM AND TO GET A FIRM QUOTATION FOR THE PILGRIMAGE. THANK YOU!



### Statue Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like to take home the statue of Mary? This statue is available to be picked up from the church to stay in your home for one week.

A booklet of prayers will be provided to help you venerate our Blessed Mother during the visit of the statue to your home.

If interested please sign up on the list at the statue's table, or call Ditas on 0405 999 510.





**NOVEMBER 25 | Living Our Faith Today Magnificat Room**

A series of talks with Bishop David Walker exploring what it means to live out our faith in this day and age.  
3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Magnificat Room, 96 Archer St, Chatswood - entry from Kirk St  
Bookings not needed. Just come along and enjoy the session!

**DECEMBER 6 | MEN ALIVE END OF YEAR MASS AND BBQ**

6:30pm Mass at Mercy College Chapel 101 Archer St, Chatswood  
7:30pm BBQ in the PEW Garden on the side of the church  
\$25 - no EFTPOS  
RSVP by December 2nd to Peter: 0433 030 016

**DECEMBER 8TH | ZOOM Rosary 8:00pm**

Join us to Celebrate the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the rosary online together.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88286954718>  
Meeting ID: 882 8695 4718 No password required

**DECEMBER 9TH | Launch of Novena Masses 7:00pm**

That wonderful season of Christmas is just around the corner! We are excited to announce the LAUNCH of our Novena Masses for Christmas.  
Fellowship and a short program follow for 8-9 PM. This launch not only graces our parish but initiates the nine-day series of Masses for Christmas across the entire Diocese of Broken Bay.

**DECEMBER 12TH | Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

All are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:00pm where there will be a blessing for expectant mothers and music on the forecourt after!

**FEBRUARY 11TH 2024 | Chinese Lunar New Year**

The Chinese Catholic Association invites everyone to celebrate Lunar New Year 2024 by attending 10:30am Mass together and then joining the celebrations on the forecourt which include: Lion dancers, raffle prizes, luck dips, food.



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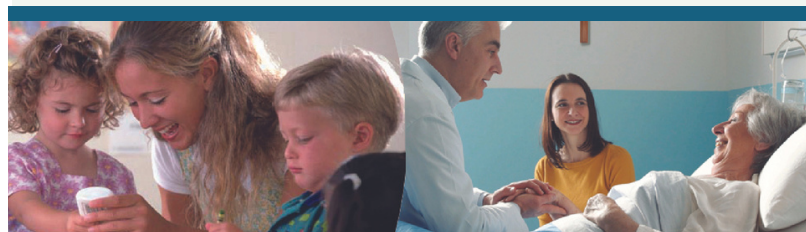
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**Regular Mass Times:**

Monday	Mass 12:30pm.
Tuesday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Wednesday	Mass 9:00am, 12:30pm & 6:00pm.
Thursday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm. Reconciliation: 7:00pm.
Friday	Mass 9:00am & 12:30pm.
Saturday	Mass: 9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am. Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
Sunday	Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30am</li> <li>• 9:00am</li> <li>• 10:30am</li> <li>• 5:30pm</li> </ul>



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