

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings continue last week's theme: the best use of our time before the coming of the Lord.

The First Reading (Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31) illustrates this in its praise of the energy and industry of a good wife. It also clearly shows the Old Testament sense of a wife as basically the possession of her husband, whose honour is at stake in all that she says and does. The stress upon industry and competence, the negative remarks about charm and beauty, show up the absence of any positive evaluation of sexuality in a way that a sacramental sense of marriage could build upon. So, while it is appreciative of the gifts of a good woman, it is an interesting, if problematic, reading. Clearly in family, society and the Church we need to honour and receive the gifts of women.

The Gospel (Matt 24:14-30) has the second of the series of three parables dealing with time of waiting. Matthew's telling of the Parable of the Talents asks how we might live before the coming of the Lord. The master is a businessman who doesn't want his wealth to lie unproductively idle while he is away. So, he entrusts its management to three servants in line with his estimation of each one's business acumen: five talents, two talents, one talent respectively. N.B. Even one talent is a very large sum of money.

The failure of the third servant who simply went and hid his single talent in the ground, is that he didn't do what his master asked. Seeing his master simply in terms of strict justice and paralysed by fear, he thought he would be secure if only he could give back the exact sum with which he had been entrusted. Though he has not been in any way dishonest, he incurs a severe penalty because he has been concerned simply with his own security rather than with the task entrusted to him.

The parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, even today in the Church flows from a fearful image of God. It is simply concerned with not doing anything wrong so that God will not find anything for which to punish us. Yet, what God really wants of us is an enterprising, risk-taking practice of the 'weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' (23:23). All the gifts of mind and body God has entrusted to us need active exercise if they are not to atrophy and wither.—*Blessings, Greg*

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

A special retiring collection is being held this weekend 14/15 November

If you did not collect Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave and read his message, or, use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews for you today. We urge you to give generous support to help the work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies and help people in need.

You can mail your gift in the reply paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32)



AN INVITATION TO YOU PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are now open. Nomination forms are available in the foyer. If you have qualities which you feel would enable you to take a leadership role in the parish, then please seriously consider nominating yourself. If you wish to nominate, please complete the form and return to the parish office.



If you know of somebody you think would make an excellent parish councillor, then please approach him/her to consider nominating. Nominations close on THIS Monday 16th of November.

Annual Community Meeting Monday 23rd November at 7pm At parish hall

You are all invited to come and join your parish community for the annual community meeting.



The reports from our Parish Priest, Fr Greg, school principal, Paul Hille, Finance Committee chairperson, Bob Burns and Parish Pastoral Council chairperson, Nevellene Linquist will be presented and the floor opened for questions. Please come and take an interest in what has happened during the year and see how our parish has been going. After the meeting, you are invited to stay for light refreshments.

PLEASE NOTE: Reports from parish ministries/groups coordinators, PPC, Parish Priest and Finance Committee are available from this weekend.

OPENING OF W.A BORDERS – WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR PARISH

With the opening of our borders on 14 November, the need to revisit our commitment to the Phase 4 COVID-19 regulations is of paramount importance.



- While family groups will be able to sit together, a distance of 1.5 metres between a family group and the next person needs to be observed. Please follow the distancing measures on the pews.
- At communion time, please follow the floor measures and maintain a 1.5 metre distance between you and the nearest person.
- ALWAYS sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
- Observe the designated entrance and exit doors.
- After each WEEKDAY Mass and WEEKEND Mass, please assist in sanitising the church by spraying the pews with disinfectant. The bottles are kept in the flower room.
- The toilets need to be cleaned after each Mass by spraying with alcohol based disinfectant. Volunteer your help with this.
- Sanitise your hands whenever you visit the parish centre and follow the floor markings for appropriate distancing.
- If you are a group or ministry co-ordinator, ensure your group or ministry members are aware of the requirement to follow Phase 4 regulations.

Together, we can ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members. The opening of our borders will cause increased anxiety amongst many of our parishioners. Please help by doing everything you can to ensure that we are all safe.

PROCLAIMER MINISTRY

Have you considered serving as a proclaimer (reader) at Mass??? We are in urgent need of proclaimers to build our team. All you need is a desire to serve and a commitment to preparation.

You will be well supported through training, practice, mentoring and ongoing support. Your availability is built into the roster.

If you wish to know more please speak to Marina MacLean on 9276 8500.



Garden FUNraiser

We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a Mother's Day Garden Fair, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.



Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at gardenfunraiser@gmail.com or phone the parish office on 92768500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.



Thanks to Chris Lambert for offering to co-ordinate the Garden Cafe and Carol Smith who is co-ordinating the raffles.

We would love someone to offer to co-ordinate the Children's activities and the craft section. If you think you could help in these areas, please email us on the address above. Thanks—and let's get planting!

URGENTLY WANTED

After giving our parish 15 years of faithful service, our donated 2nd hand-freezer finally packed up last weekend. We urgently need a freezer for our parish centre. Please if you have an unwanted upright freezer or donations for a new freezer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Billie in parish office on 9276 8500.

Adore—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

Inspired by the Shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, **Adore**, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son. Adore is available from piety stall after Masses and from parish office for \$4 a copy. Christmas cards and 2021 Columban calendar are also available.



In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

Our Parish Team

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NEXT WEEKEND — 22 November 2020 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Eamon Delaney	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Abigail	Jamie and Mary	Crissanto and Cesar	Tim and Dan
Proclaimers	Donna Marie and Marian	Joanne and Sjen	Mike and Barbara	Marion W and Margaret K
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Yvonne and Kerry	Tanya and Annette D'O	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Rose and Mavis	Joan and Patrick	Joanne and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team D — Friday, 20 November @ 10.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Sebastiano Trusso,

Deceased: Geoffrey Gomeze, Tony Redden, Ashley Silver

Anniversaries: All the Holy Souls, Francesca Panaija, Lija Sokil, Anna Sokil and Mike Sokil;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summersett and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord."

PILGRIM STATUE



This week in the home of Mrs Clair Harris;
26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella. Ph: 9276 9124

Climate Change Prayer Vigil

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) in WA is holding a Prayer & Meditation Vigil for our Climate Crisis:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/380981273029229>

It will be held on the steps of Parliament House on Tuesday 17th November from 6:30 pm.



Acceptance Perth invites Catholic LGBT+, their family, and friends to attend Mass and/or Dinner on Saturday 28th November at 5PM. Further details can be found by emailing us at acceptanceperth@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/4492511784152545/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE

Commencing on Tuesday, 1 November, Sr Shelley RNDM will be presenting the following faith formation talk on: **Welcoming Advent 2020: A Divine Visitation** Tuesdays 1, 8 and 15 December, 7- 8.30pm, St Peter Church's parish hall.

ALL WELCOME, Sr Shelley

**PLEASE STAY SAFE
COVID-19 SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY**

- ◆ If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu, stay at home.
- ◆ Upon entering, sterilize your hands using the hand sanitiser provided.
- ◆ Keep a safe 1.5m physical distance.
- ◆ Please follow directions of staff/volunteers.
- ◆ Be patience and be respectful to people around you.



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