



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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19 November 2023 - 33rd Sunday (Year A)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
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WE COME THIS WEEKEND to what is effectively the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Though Advent does not begin for two weeks, next Sunday we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (otherwise known more simply as Christ the King!) in which the readings have a focus on this distinct image of Christ.

We hear the Parable of the Talents in our Gospel this weekend. On the surface, it appears to be a repetition of the lesson we learned last weekend; using our good works to prepare for the final judgement. Those who do not squander opportunities to show the face of Christ to others will be rewarded. However, this weekend's Parable of the Talents takes this idea of "being ready" and extends it by illustrating in a more explicit way how we are to use what God has given us to help the cause of our salvation when Jesus returns at the end of time.

The crux of the lesson in the Gospel lies in the servant who chose to bury the one talent (an ancient measurement of weight) he had been given by his master in order to preserve it, and then return that same single talent to his master on his return. This servant, out of fear and apprehension, did not want to risk what his master had entrusted to him, unlike the two other servants. The result: he suffers for his behaviour.

Like this servant, I think too often we are paralysed by fear in living out our faith. Certainly, we do not want to sin but, as I have often said, living out our faith based on simply (or not so simply) avoiding sin at all costs is not what is asked of us. From time to time, we need to take a risk to love as Jesus did. Timidity has no place in the life of a Christian. Jesus was never timid in his years of ministry; indeed, one could say that boldness was the hallmark of his life. Of course, Jesus never sinned. As we seek to love unconditionally as he did, making compassion, mercy, justice and charity manifest to others, we will get it wrong from time to time and, at the very least, make mistakes; at the very worst, sin. But as Pope Francis has noted, what is important is to try, and "getting our hands dirty" in the name of Christian love is not something to approach with timidity and fear.

In living our faith this way, we align ourselves not only with Christ but with the two servants in the parable who multiplied the talents given to them on trust. Just as Mary, in the Magnificat, stated with joy, "My soul magnifies the Lord", so too, we, through our loving actions towards others, magnify the Lord by making him known to all we encounter. This is why Jesus handed on his mission to the disciples. While on earth, Jesus was limited by time and space as we are. To make the Gospel known, he entrusted his mission to his disciples, and that extends to all the baptised, including you and me.

Let us commit ourselves to a boldness in our faith that is marked by living and loving like the Master.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession

The kingdom of God

1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice: be -
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal; in

1. Je - sus re - stores what sin would des - troy. God's
2. cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place, the
3. lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice! His
4. Je - sus be - gun, in hea - ven made whole. The

1. po - wer and glo - ry in Je - sus we know; and
2. out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share; and
3. love for us sin - ners brought Christ to the cross: our
4. heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call; and

1. here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
2. hope is a - wak - ened in place of des - pair.
3. cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
4. all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(all strike their breast, three times)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

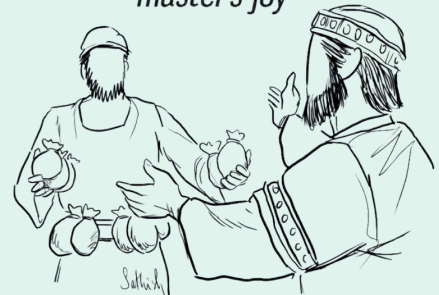
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Focusing the Word

*Come, share your
master's joy*



Key words and phrases

- The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.
- 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.
- Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
- Happy are those who fear the Lord.
- The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

to the point

We are familiar with this parable and its outcome: the industrious servants are rewarded, the lazy servant punished. We readily recognise this parable as a story of final judgment when the master (Christ) returns. But note: the parable begins with something wondrous - the master 'entrusted his possessions' to his servants. Similarly, the Christian life begins with unmerited and unimaginable blessing. When we are faithful it will end even more wondrously - we will enter fully into the 'master's joy.'

Connecting the Gospel

• to the first reading

What in the gospel is presented as a financial transaction ('entrusted his possessions') is, in the first reading, presented more intimately as a spousal relationship - the husband is 'entrusting his heart' to his wife (compare this with the parable of the bridegroom from last Sunday).

• to culture

In the corporate world people are rewarded with cash bonuses, profit sharing, trips, etc. The reward in the gospel, however, is far more than financial gain. It is sharing in our Master's joy.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Missa 'Pater cuncta'

Chant Mass XII

Cantor then ALL:

VIII

K -y- ri- e e- le- i- son. (repeat)

Chris- te e- le- i- son. (repeat)

Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son. (repeat)

Kyrie 11:00am

Missa 'Aeterna Christi munera'

G.P. da Palestrina

Gloria

Mass of St. Francis

P. Taylor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good - will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo-ry. Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God al-migh-ty Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa - ther.
You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Desc.

Gloria 11am Missa 'Aeterna Christi munera' Palestrina

The Gloria is sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory to God in the highest,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
and on earth peace to people of good will,
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
We praise you, we bless you,
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
we adore you, we glorify you
Gratias agimus tibi
we give you thanks
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
for your great glory,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Lord God, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
O God almighty Father.
Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
you take away the sins of the world,
miserere nobis.
have mercy on us;
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
You take away the sins of the world,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
receive our prayer;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
miserere nobis.
have mercy on us.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
For you alone are the Holy One,
Tu solus Dominus.
you alone are the Lord,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
with the Holy Spirit,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

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.

 Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

**A reading from the book of Proverbs
(31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)**

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

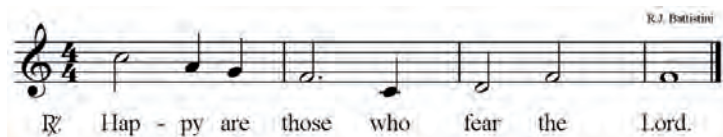
A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
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.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5 5



Second Reading

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians (5:1-6)**

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.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

✠ **Alleluia.**

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(25:14-30)**

*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 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.**

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',
all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

At this time, gifts of offering are brought
to the altar and collection plates are
passed along the pews.

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Offertory Motet 11:00am

Richter, mich Gott F. Mendelssohn

Defend me, O God, and plead my cause against a godless nation.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, O God.
Since you, O God, are my stronghold, why have you rejected me?
Why do I go mourning oppressed by the foe?
O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.
And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down my soul, why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still, my saviour and my God

Psalms 43

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Missal Tone

ICEL

*Cantors * All* *Mass XVIII*

HO - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

ICEL

WE pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

Amen

Missal Tone

A - men

Agnus Dei

Chant 'ad lib. II'

Kyriale IV

vi

A - gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-ré-re
no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
dona no-bis pa-cem.

Agnus Dei 11:00am

Missa 'Aeterna Christi munera'

Palestrina

Communion Antiphon

Domine, quinque talenta

(Mt 25:20,21)

"Lord, you delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more." -
"Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a little,
I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your Lord."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

The Voice of God

1. The voice of God goes out through all the
2. The Lord has said: "Re - ceive my mes - sen -
3. The brok - en reed he will not tram - ple
4. A - noint - ed with the Spi - rit and with
5. His touch will o - pen eyes that dark - ness

1. world: his glo - ry speaks a - cross the u - ni -
2. ger, my pro - mise to the world, my pledge made
3. down, nor set his heel up - on the dy - ing
4. power, he comes to crown with com - fort all the
5. held, the lame shall run, the halt - ing tongue shall

1. verse. The great King's he - rald cries from star to star:
2. flesh, a lamp to ev - 'ry na - tion, light from light":
3. flame. He binds the wounds, and heals with his strong hand:
4. weak, to show the face of jus - tice to the poor:
5. sing, and pris - 'ners laugh in light and li - ber - ty:

1.-5. with pow'r with jus - tice, Christ will be the way.

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Prayer after Communion

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.

Blessing

Dismissal

The Deacon sings:
Go forth the Mass is ended.
All reply:
R Thanks be to God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17: You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6: R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28: He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Mt 25:31-46: He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.



Willem de Poorter: *The Parable of The Talents* (1608-1649/1668)

8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

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

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

125th Anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral Organ



The Gala Concert, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the St Patrick's Cathedral Organ, was a resounding success. Renowned Australian concert organist, David Drury, graced the occasion as the guest soloist. The highlight of the evening was Drury's masterful performance of the "Organ Concerto in G minor for Organ, Strings & Timpani" by F. Poulenc. This magnificent piece echoed through the cathedral, marking a milestone in the rich history of the cathedral's cherished organ. The concert not only commemorated the anniversary but also showcased the organ's splendid sound, a testament to its historic journey and restoration.

Many thanks to Bernard Kirkpatrick, Cathedral Director of Music, Cathedral organists Michael Taylor, Eric Grella and Patrick Newman, visiting organists David Drury and Bailey Yeates, Adriel Sukumar whose organ composition was featured in the concert, members of the Cathedral Choir and all involved behind the scene in the planning and running of the concert.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal - Sunday 26 November

Next weekend, our parish community is invited to support the Catholic Care chaplaincy services. The fifteen chaplains play a crucial role, ministering to the sick in public hospitals and visiting individuals in prisons across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, offering comfort to those feeling isolated and seriously ill.

Bernard Ellis, Catholic Care Chaplaincy Coordinator, highlights the vital role of chaplains in providing support and companionship. Your prayers and support for our Bishop's Christmas Appeal are crucial in helping them bring light and love to those in dark times.

We appreciate your generosity towards the Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Your contributions foster faith, hope, and charity across our community.

Please give generously!



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

Meeting of all Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers are asked to attend a special meeting under the guidance of our new Coordinator for Liturgy, Fr Tom. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all of us to get acquainted with him and understand his vision for the Cathedral's liturgical practices.

Date: Sunday 19 November at 3:30pm

This meeting is vital for the smooth functioning and continued sanctity of our Cathedral services. Your presence and insights will greatly aid in ensuring that we all work cohesively under Fr Tom's guidance.

Please make it a priority to attend. Your commitment to the ministry and to the Cathedral community is deeply valued.

Thank You - Refugee Table Talk Event

We extend our warm thanks to all who attended the Refugee Table Talk. With about 45 participants, including parishioners and students from Catherine McAuley and Parramatta Marist, the evening was a significant success. Special appreciation to the JRS refugee speakers whose insights enriched our understanding. Your engagement and thoughtful reflections made the event not only successful but deeply meaningful. Thank you for your support and participation in this vital community conversation.

Mass - Monday 04 December

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a special Mass here at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Monday, 04 December at 7:30pm** to mark the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of the landmark Vatican II document, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*).

This Mass is open to everyone, of course, but will be of particular interest to all those in the parish, and around the Diocese, who assist at the Mass and other liturgical celebrations, be it as readers, musicians, ministers at the altar, extraordinary ministers of communion, and so on. Refreshments in the hall to follow the Mass.

RSVP to 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

Two Concerts for your diary

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra will be with us once again for their popular Noel! Noel! concert: **Tuesday 12 December at 7:30pm**. Go to their website for tickets.

River City Voices will celebrate the "Blue Sky Country Christmas" concert here on **Friday 08 December at 7:30pm**. See the flyer in the Cloister Cafe for details and tickets.

"St Pat's Matters"

All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

If you wish to write an article for the magazine email submissions to M Polizzi — balmapp5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat's Matters*. Deadline for submissions is the **end of November**.

Gearing up for Advent - Season of Hope

Advent begins on **Sunday 03 December**. As the year winds down and the festive spirit start to envelop us, we invite you to partake in a series of meaningful events designed to enrich this special time of year.

• Awaiting the Light: A Festival of Advent Carols

Join us for a luminous evening of song and spirituality at our "Awaiting the Light: A Festival of Advent Carols." As the days shorten and we edge closer to the celebration of Christmas, this festival offers a moment of communal reflection, joy, and anticipation through the power of music.

Date: Friday 01 December

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Cathedral, followed by festivity in the cloister

Our cherished Advent Carol Festival is a beloved tradition, bringing together voices from across our parish community in a harmonious countdown to Christmas.

This year's program will feature a selection of classic Advent carols and contemporary hymns, interwoven with readings and meditations that echo the themes of waiting, hope, and the coming of the Light of the World.

We encourage families, friends, and individuals of all ages to come together for this special event. Let us raise our voices in celebration and "Await the Light" as one parish family.

Advent Giving Tree: We kindly ask those who are able to bring along non-perishable food items to support the JRS food appeal.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful Advent tradition with you.

• Weekly Advent Reflection Group

To deepen the understanding of Advent and to foster a communal spirit through weekly guided discussions focused on the themes of the season.

The group will meet weekly:

- Tuesdays at 9:30am, beginning **28 November**
- Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning **29 November**

Please register with the Cathedral office to ensure that we have sufficient resources.

• Youth Carols at Arcare Retirement Village, Oatlands

Friends, we're looking for parishioners aged 16-35 to join a Carolling Group to provide an afternoon of carols for the residents at Arcare Aged Care Facility, Oatlands, on **Saturday 16 December** from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

You don't need to be an amazing singer, just someone who is ready to spread the joy of Christmas with the elderly in our community.

To sign up or for more details, please contact Pat on 8839 8412 or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Prayer Intentions

November Masses

November is the month in which we traditionally focus on praying in a particularly special way for our deceased relatives and friends. All names will be published in the special Book of Remembrance on display in the Chapel throughout November. Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We also pray for...

Sick: Baldo Polizzi, Nicole Slatter, Nasr Nasr, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, Debra Thomas, Ashley Brown, Martina Soh Tin Thio, Michael D'Penha, Serg M., Habib Nohra, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Deborah L John, N.N, Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon, Agnes & John Patacsil, Naveen, Tian, Raveen, Harry Perrottet, Dra Julie Lee, Nima, Jorge & Lyn Vargas Patacsil, Franz Tito, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Terry Joseph, Michael Perez, Tian, Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, Patrick & Stephen, Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro

Noel! Noel! Concert - 12 December



Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on **Tuesday 12 December, 7:30pm**, here at St Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert, Noël! Noël! Gather your loved ones and join us for this beloved festive tradition, as the Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dyer.

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BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

Francesca Clarke & Cassian Dugal
Archie Ayson & Leo Ferrarelli

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple who were recently married here...

Adelin Bayeh & Marc Ishac
Amanda Robertson & Mitchell Sancandi
Esther Egbo & Chibuike Duru

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for November



For the Pope

"We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 15 November*

"In today's confused environment, we may find ourselves living our faith with a subtle sense of renunciation, believing that the Gospel is no longer heard. Instead, this is precisely the time to return to the Gospel to discover that Christ is the constant source of newness."

Saint of the Week

22 November - St Cecilia (early 3rd century), Virgin, Martyr

Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the Passion of Saint Cecilia, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

As with early martyrs, nothing much is known about Cecilia except her existence and her name; with the additional complication that so many stories have grown up round her that any remaining historical facts are obscured. No-one knows quite why she should suddenly have become popular in the middle of the sixth century, some 200 years after her death, and her association with music is also a mystery. It may be real, or it may come from the description in the Passion of Cecilia singing to God "in her heart" while the musicians were playing on her wedding day, or it may come from a linguistic confusion: where the Passion describes her being stifled to death *candentibus organis*, "with the pipes glowing red-hot," this could have been misread as *cantantibus organis*, "with the organ playing."



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"Quote of the Week"



"There is victory for all who love; all who have gone out from themselves, who have lived beyond themselves for the sake of the Gospel, for the weak, the suffering, the poor. There is victory for all who have love in their hearts, who have carried the cross with Christ, and there is joy without measure in the kingdom prepared for us and all his friends."

From "The Tablet"
British Catholic Weekly Magazine
01 November 2014

Did You Know...?

...that the word "talent"., mentioned repeatedly in this Sunday's Gospel, refers not to a gift or skill but rather a large amount of money?

In fact, "talent" refers to a unit of mass, as well as corresponding units of value equivalent to these masses of a precious metal. According to Wikipedia, the Roman talent in the ancient world was equivalent to 32.3kg. We can see then what sort of value just a few talents was, to say nothing of the ten thousand mentioned in another Gospel passage!

(Matthew 18:23-35)



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The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19th, 2023



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They

can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

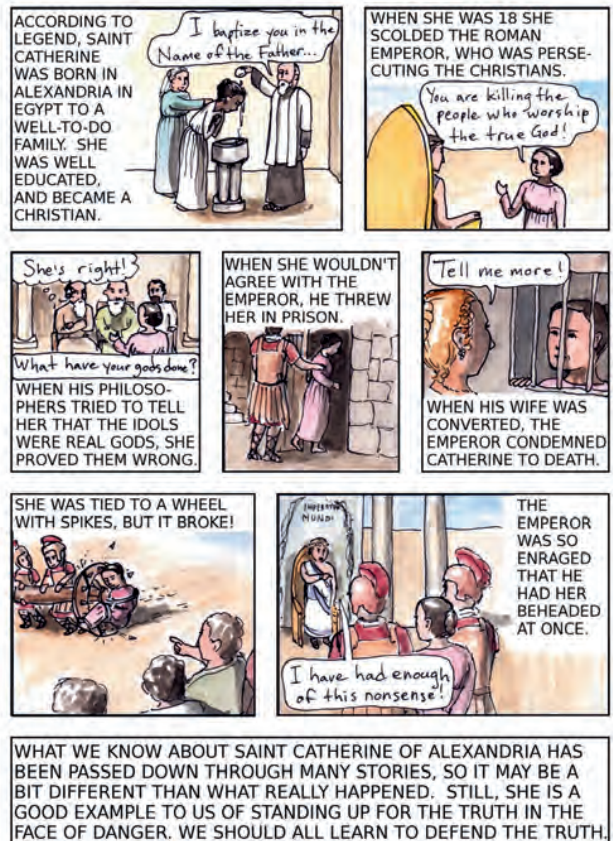
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Using the Master's Talents - sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



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