

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

19 November 2023

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

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.

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND-RAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church



As at 31Oct2023	Sponsored Already	Pledged	Money Paid
Pews	31	46,500.00	40,561.60
Stations of the	10	40,000.00	28,600.00
Bricks	54	13,750.00	14,152.40
Gold Sponsors	8	80,000.00	60,000.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		88,821.56	88,821.56
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		284,385.56	247,449.56

Mass Times

Monday	9.30 am (Liturgy of the Word & Communion)
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	9.30 am (Mass followed by Reconciliation and Exposition) and 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 & 5.00 pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH

Stewardship envelope (1st Collection) \$1284.00 and cash: \$1017.00 Presbytery (2nd collection+Baptism) \$1081.60
If you would like to donate online:

St Patrick's Parish Pakenham – Donations

Bank: National Australia Bank, BSB: 083-879

Account Number: 75 577 0740

Flower Arrangement Roster

This weekend: 18th/19th Menaka Mendis

Next Weekend: 25th/26th Dwayne Dingle

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

18th/19th Nov	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Volunteer	Trish A, Andrea M
9.00am	Chrismeen F Prymani F Jilsa G	Mary O Volunteer
10.30am	Christine P Wanguii G Chiara R	Annette T Maria Duque
5.00pm	Anne B	Lawrismis G Nisha G
25th/26th Nov	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Marlene B	Jonathan M Joanne M
9.00am	Cecilia M Pam M Johanna S	Mashenka W Ben W
10.30am	Paisami S Annette T Jane E	Chiara R Patricia C
5.00pm	Matthew F	Grace B Kevin M

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.



Children's Liturgy

Every 2nd and 4th weekend

Chandima & Volunteer 6.00pm Sat25

Trent & Volunteer 9.00am Sun26

St. Patrick's Parish Centre Phone: 5941 7315

Presbytery: 5941 3874

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan Lewis, Patricia Halion Margaret Gudgeon, David Lopez, Christian Dela Cruz, Bruce Moss, and Evie Minnis

Recently Deceased: Joyce Pillanayaham,
Death Anniversaries: Robert Nulliah

“Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Mason Pettit and Sonny Millar and parents Michael Pettit & Amber Buttigieg and Andrew and Laura Millar. Parents who would like to have their children baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. The next one is on Wednesday 6th December 2023 in the church at 6.00 pm. Please enrol through the parish website/call Andrea 5941 7315.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-5pm. Contact Tresa Andrews or email on stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com

MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursdays at 7.00 pm— Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursdays of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Year 4-6 kids on 2nd Fridays of the month from 7—8.30 pm.

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP : Years 7-12 3rd Friday of the month 7-8.45 pm

HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP: Every Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. Additionally, our choir performs on the **first and third Sunday** of every month during the 5:00 p.m. mass. For further details, contact Dominic Thomas at 0425 742 254

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Parish—Help Line is 1300 305 330.

SEWING GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office.

MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY: Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION: 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (Concerned adults can call for advice)



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Different View – ‘To everyone who has will be given more.’

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says ‘more is better’; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular ‘gospel of prosperity’ hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God’s love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus’ vision of the Kingdom.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why did the servant who received one talent hide it in a hole instead of investing it?
- Q. Why was the master so angry with the servant who received one talent?
- Q. How is a measure of money like a special natural ability?
- Q. Why do people hide their natural talents?
- Q. What talent do you have that you could use to make a difference in other people’s lives?

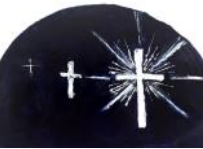
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CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE FOR MIDNIGHT MASS will be conducted 7:30 to 9 pm in the church on Wednesday, November 22nd, Wednesday, November 29th, Wednesday, December 6th, and Wednesday, December 20th. All are welcome, including newcomers. Practice will also include songs for the Christmas Carols on December 1st. For further details, see Liz or Leonie after the Mass.

DRESSED UP LIKE SAINTS: Families, kids, teens, and youth of St. Patrick's Church, Pakenham, celebrated All Saints Day on Sunday, 12th November, at the 10:30 am Holy Mass. It gave an opportunity to reflect on the lives of saints so that we all aspire to be a saint someday. Thank you so much, everyone, for your time to dress up. Special thanks to Sumy, Rochelle, and Melissa for coordinating the program. Kathy, Grace, and Winnie for the food arrangements.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TICKETS: Can be purchased using the QR Code provided on poster. Tickets will be available for purchase in the foyer after the Mass. **Only very few tickets are available now.**

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: We are called to be children of light not darkness. Today our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Pray for its end and find out what you can do by reading the resources available at:



<https://www.cdsale.org.au/sal>. A video message by Bishop Greg can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/GkmGulAFJtY>.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) invites you to join in **Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022** to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public

display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

"MARANATHA" COME LORD JESUS

We invite all Parishioners to join us for an evening of

Christmas CAROLS

at St Patrick's School Hall, Pakenham

Friday, Dec 01, 7:00pm-10:30pm

Bring your family and friends for a real community gathering to bring the Christmas cheer

Book your entry tickets today:

Adult : \$15
Children (5-10) : \$10
(Includes 1 main meal and a dessert
BYO drinks)



A perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey: a series of virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars, Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the

readings for the week. WHEN: Tuesdays – 28 November and 5, 12, 19 December 2023, TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*, WHERE: Via Zoom meeting, COST: Free For more information and registration please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2pkez5pp>