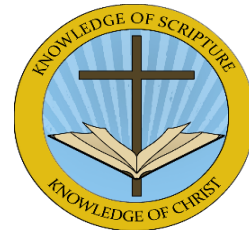


ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 15th November

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FIRST READING: *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 hand to the distaff; her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hands to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let
her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 127 1-5 R.v. 1*

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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**

SECOND READING: *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. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John: 15:4, 5*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:14-30*

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.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

Mature disciples

A man “summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability.” (Matthew 25:14-15)

The man did not give just a little: he gave “his property”. The whole thing. God entrusts us with everything. His whole power is made available to us.

Let us do some maths again, to get the proportions of what Jesus meant.

1 talent (a weight of silver) = 6,000 denarii.

1 denarius = 1 day's wages. “He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into vineyard.” (Matthew 20:2)

1 talent = 16.4 years of wages.

5 talents = 82.2 years of wages.

Jesus means that we received great and valuable gifts. God is not stingy. **We have valuable gifts, given to us by birth (natural talents) and from the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation (spiritual gifts/charisms).**

We may not be aware of the gifts we carry, as is often the case. We may have a low opinion of ourselves compared to others who are impressive in our eyes. If we do not know the gifts we have, we can trade them. And we need to trade them: if we do not, we lose them. We cannot hope to just be left alone. We carry precious gifts. And there are ways to discover them. **Called and Gifted** is a programme meant for that purpose. All who took it found it extremely affirming and empowering. It was a huge step towards **being mature disciples**. See the relevant notice in this newsletter.

I am given charisms - gifts - to be used for the work God gave us. Am I aware of them? Would I consider taking part in Called and Gifted, and discover my gifts?

Celebration of the Solemn Vows of Brother Sheldon Burke

It is with great joy that I inform you all that on the 21st November, the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I will make my Solemn Profession with the Somascan Fathers. Due to the restrictions of COVID, this occasion is not possible to be a public event, however, I invite you all to join me via the live-streaming on the day which will be available via **the Somascan Movement Australia Facebook Page at 10.30am on Saturday 21st Nov**. In your charity, please pray for me.

God bless you! Br Sheldon Burke.

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

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Thursdays 9am to 12pm

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING ON THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire: As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.



THE **ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIKELINK** is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. 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 your 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 donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope & donation during the Special Collection this weekend or at any time over the coming weeks. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au

RED WEDNESDAY

On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith.

Find out more: www.redwednesday.org.

CALLED AND GIFTED - A GIFT DISCERNMENT PROGRAMME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rockingham

Open to all people over 21 years. Thursdays, 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

Initial Discernment	Gift Interviews	Discernment in Depth
Jan 7	Three weeks' time	Feb 25
Jan 14	No group sessions	Mar 4
Jan 21		Mar 11
Jan 28		Mar 18
Feb 4		Mar 25

We need to know who wants to commit by 6 December, as we need to get enough materials for all. The cost the materials will be 50 dollars per person.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, John Alvarez, Marina & Rita Papalia, Sid Gaspar, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14/11/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Souls of Maria & Vitto Billotta	Tues 17/11/20	7am	
				9am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)
Sun 15/11/20	8am	Soul of Jerry Abreu Soul of Giuseppa Mollica Soul of Teresa Della Madalena Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton) Soul of Anica Ilich	Wed 18/11/20	7am	Souls of George & Armando Correia 9am Soul of Sandra De Faria Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton) B'Day Int. Paulo Da Silva Abreu B'Day Int. Jenisa Sandon Soul of Cosimo Garaffa
	10am	Soul of Alfredo Perestrello Soul of Vitorino Nunes Soul of Lily Rieger B'Day Int. Fr Chris De Sousa Thanksgiving Int.	Thur 19/11/20	7am	9am Soul of Arthur Rieger Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)
	6pm	Souls of Carmelo & Antonia Acquado B'Day Int. Fr Chris De Sousa	Fri 20/11/20	7am	9am Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)
Mon 16/11/20	7am				
	9am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton) Souls of Giacomo & Vincenza Monastra Special Int. Suneeth Fernandez B'Day Int. Pasquale Catanzaro	Sat 21/11/20	9am	Special Int. Bro Sheldon Burke Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton) Soul of Nathan De Abreu

Thank You

A Huge Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave up their time and helped with the Parish Busy Bee this weekend. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and effort and may God bless you all.

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