

St Therese's Parish Essendon

14 and 15 November 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



First Reading - Prv 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.

Gospel - Mt 25:14-30 - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 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."



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

This Sunday is the 33rd in Ordinary Time and a day which signals the end of a rescheduled NAIDOC Week. We celebrated the week later this year due to the Pandemic, but take this opportunity to acknowledge that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly. Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

Sisters and Brothers, let us pray for the needs of our world, especially the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples during this challenging time.

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the clergy, religious and laity May they be faithful to Christ's teaching of truth, justice and peace. **Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. That all will recognize the Creator Spirit in their culture and the cultures of all newcomers which will allow all Australians to live fully, grow strong and be proud of their heritage. **Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For a world filled with peace and security, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the speedy development of a successful cost-effective vaccine for Covid that can be distributed to everyone the world over. **Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For ourselves: that we may be conscientious in the smallest of duties and given the support we need when the burdens weigh heavily. **Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all students sitting their exams and finishing up at school this year. May they all have the strength and resilience to confidently make their way to independence.

Lord, hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our own special intentions: **Lord, hear us - Lord, hear our prayer**

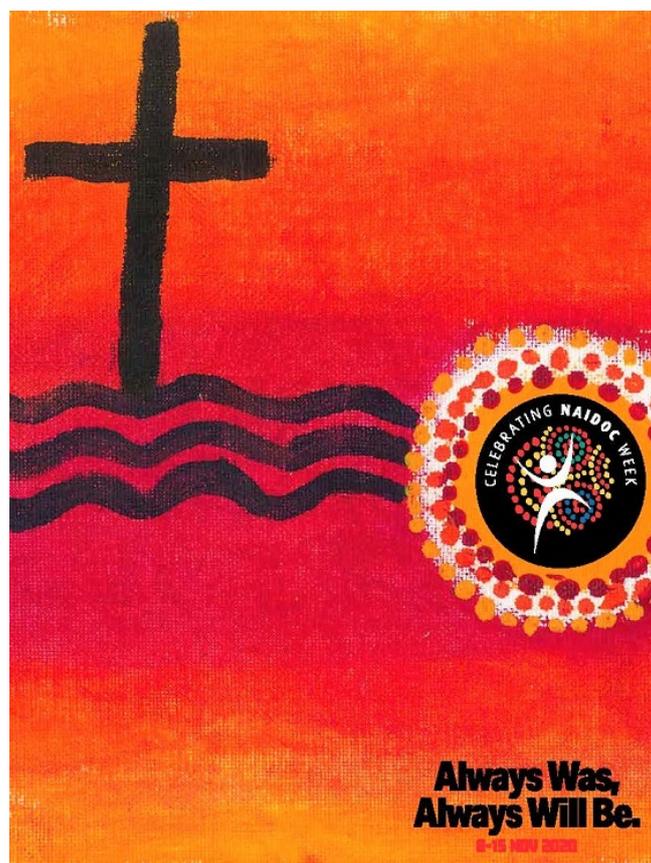
We pray for those who are ill, especially Marty O'Donnell, Lolita Fajardo, and Jane Phelan

For those who have died recently, Joan Kennedy, Lachlan Millet, Elsomina Lopez, Austin Eastburn, Marie Lithgow, Annie Finn, Joseph Julian Fernando,

And those we remember at this time especially Val Lee, Frances Hogan Sweeney, Adrian Hughes, Margaret Phelan, Albie Torr, Fortunato Monardo, Rosa & Caterina Monardo, Orazio & Giuseppina Giampiccolo, Gaetano Giampiccolo, Maria & Bruno Donato, Vincenzo & Marianna Monardo, Katherine Moloney That they will rest peacefully in God's loving care. **Lord, hear us - Lord hear our prayer**

Dear God, you have given us many gifts so that we may work for the coming of your Kingdom. Hear our prayers and help us to remain faithful to you. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Jubilee Prayer and Statement of Commitment

Father our Creator

You created all things, seen and unseen,
Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.

As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons,
Back to those days where my people walked.

The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the
earth

and their images become real to me.

I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong,
warriors of long ago.

I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit
moves within me.

They told me of the emus fighting; picking the scent of
our hunters.

The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.

I can hear the cries of my Grandmothers as they cry
for their children.

Grandfather, You can see me as I stand here and feel
this hurt.

Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here?

Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once
again the proud race it once was?

Let me walk with you and my Grandfathers towards the
dawning of a proud and new nation.

I thank you for my Sacred Being.

Amen.



WEEKDAY MASSES

On Wednesday 11 November we reopened for WEEKDAY MASSES ONLY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Weekend Masses remain online until we can have at least 50 attendees at indoor religious services.

WEEKDAY MASS GUIDELINES AT ST THERESE'S ESSENDON

- No more than 20 persons may attend Mass as well as the priest.
- Entry to the church is via the Lincoln Rd door located in the west transept.
- The church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. There will be no access before this time.
- You must check in at the entry door. Door attendants will have a list of names which will be ticked off as people arrive.
- All persons attending Mass must use the hand sanitiser provided as they enter the church.
- All persons attending Mass must wear a mask unless a lawful exception applies
- Seating areas in the church have been marked as per social distancing requirements and some areas of the church are off limits. Every second row of the pews is out of use.
- Only recorded music is allowed until attendance numbers increase.
- The sacristy is off-limits unless there is an emergency.
- There will be no sacristans required and Fr John will set up for Masses.
- There will be no Offertory Procession during Masses.
- There will be no Eucharistic Ministers at Masses.
- Fr John will distribute communion. Before communion hands must be sanitised. Masks must be worn until you reach the front of the queue.
- There will be no Altar Servers at Masses.
- There is no collection during weekday Masses. PSP envelopes can be deposited in the drop box at the front office door.
- All doors will be closed during Mass to prevent public access.
- Attendees are asked to leave the church immediately after Mass has ended.
- Prayer candles are not available for use.
- There is no holy water available at Masses.
- There is no contact permitted with any of the statues inside the church.
- Exit from the church is via the Lincoln Rd door in the west transept. No other doors will be open and attendees must not open them.
- Public toilets at the rear of church will remain closed. The PACE disabled toilet may be used in an emergency.
- Following each Mass, the church and PACE toilet will be cleaned in accordance with routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community guidelines.
- Excepting the disabled toilet, all areas of PACE are off limits to Mass attendees.
- There will be no access to the church between Masses.
- No gatherings are permitted outside the church following Mass

BOOKING GUIDELINES

- Bookings can be made by phoning 9401 6330 or emailing essendon@cam.org.au
- Bookings will be made on a first come, first served basis.
- When booking you must supply the first name and contact number for EACH person attending.
- Include any children attending in your booking (infants under 12 months of age not counted in attendance numbers.)

IMPORTANT BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

Please read the [Weekday Mass Guidelines at St Therese's Essendon](#) and make yourself familiar with the expectations of attending Mass at St Therese's.

WAITLIST

Anyone missing out on a booking will be placed on the waitlist and will have priority for the next available Masses.



CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS **As at 9 November 2020**

Information is now to be understood as Statewide. The restrictions in place are compulsory. The Chief Health Officer of Victoria has issued a lawful direction as part of the current State of Emergency.

Face coverings/masks must be worn indoors and outdoors for everyone over 12 years of age, unless there is a medical exemption.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: Indoor religious ceremonies: Allowed for up to a cap of 20 people plus one faith leader. Infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap. Indoor religious gatherings have a maximum service length of 90 minutes, with a recommendation for 30 minutes in between services to ensure that groups do not congregate in front of and around places of worship

WEDDINGS: A wedding indoors or outdoors at a place of worship can have the couple, celebrant and a photographer, then ten others (witnesses are included in the 10 guests) - making a total of 14 people allowed. Infants under 12 months of age are not included in this cap.

FUNERALS: Allowed indoors with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap.

BAPTISMS: may be celebrated indoors with up to 20 attendees plus the celebrant. Infants under 12 months are not included in the cap.

VISITATIONS: Homes: Faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life.

HOSPITALS or CARE FACILITIES: Faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. Strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary.

Mass online is celebrated Wednesday to Friday along with our weekend Mass.

PACE REMAINS CLOSED as it is classified as a community venue. Hospitality rules do not apply.

PARISH OFFICE OPERATES REMOTELY Phone us weekdays 9am until 3pm or send an email. For those needing to speak to Fr John, appointments can be made over the phone or via email..

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS contact number for Fr John: 0490 956 610

For the full details of Step 3 restrictions you should visit the [DHHS web site](#).

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE provides regular pastoral updates on the COVID-19 situation on their new website: melbournecatholic.org



ST THERESE'S ROADMAP TO REOPENING

All going to plan, we will resume **WEEKEND MASSES ON SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER AT 6PM**

This plan relies on us reaching the [Last Step in Victoria's roadmap for reopening](#). Victoria is expected to move to Last Step from 11:59pm 22 November 2020.

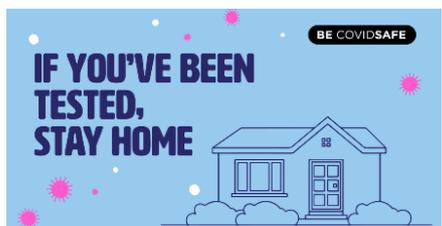
Bookings will open on for weekend Masses on Monday 23 November at 9am. No bookings will be taken before that time so there is no need to contact the office yet. Mass guidelines and the process for booking will be published in next week's bulletin.



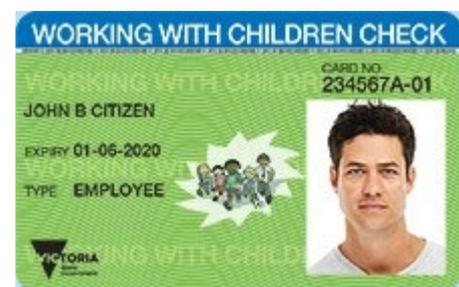
A SWEET WELCOME BACK TO MASSES Parishioners attending our first weekday Masses on Wednesday and Thursday were treated to a sweet surprise courtesy of Grade 6 student, Julia Egan. A note on the bag of goodies reads *"My Passion Project for grade 6 involves my passion for baking! ... I thought you may enjoy a treat with a cuppa following being back at St Therese's Mass after lockdown. Hope you enjoy as much as I have enjoyed baking them for you!"* And Julia didn't just bake for our parishioners, she also baked for police officers at Moonee Ponds station, delivering more the 80 treat bags in all. 'After having a good discussion with my family, I came up with the idea to bake some treats and cakes for the local community, in particular the school parish and the Police at Moonee Ponds station.' Parishioners and police officers were all grateful and two members of the Police force presented Julia with a certificate of appreciation along with a gift bag of goodies.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Getting back to Mass means our church and toilets need cleaning and sanitising after each Mass. At the moment this is a one-person operation and we need help! If you are willing and able to help out please let the parish office know. We will provide training on what is required and will roster you on for a particular Mass. If you can't make it to weekday Masses but can help out on weekends once we resume please also let the office know.



Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy or Deacons, (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: IS YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK UP TO DATE?

As we return to Masses and our parish life slowly turns to a new 'Covid Normal' it is a timely reminder that **ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HOLD A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**. There are no exceptions and we are required by law to enforce this requirement. Please update your WWCC to include St Therese's as a location where you volunteer, or apply for a new WWCC at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>



READY, SET, PRAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Join Audrey and Greg as the explore the kingdom of heaven. The Ready, Set, Pray! series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space. The series runs each Sunday until Christmas. Series produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal.

Click the image to watch this week's video



OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is now published online and a hard copy has been placed in our church where it will remain throughout November.

Book of Remembrance

2020



Click the picture to go to the online book

NOVEMBER OFFERING: Envelopes for November Masses can be placed in the drop box beside the parish office front door. Fr John will remember our deceased friends and family at all Masses in November.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2021 Our St Vincent De Paul Society conference will be selling Columban Art Calendars this year. If you would like to purchase a calendar please contact the office either by email essendon@cam.org.au or by phoning 9401 6330 during office hours. A representative from our SVDP Essendon conference will be in touch to arrange pick up or delivery. Proceeds from sales support the works of our SVDP Essendon conference.



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The festive gum nut decorations are made from Australian timbers. Each one is 7.5cm in diameter and comes in a giftbox. As every tree has unique markings, each ornament has a unique colour and pattern. Each ornament is signed by the Foundation on the back. Ornaments cost \$30 with every dollar going to support Aboriginal students to reach their potential by providing them with important educational needs. To purchase go to <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/christmas> or phone the foundation on 9443 9070.

PARISH GIVING DURING COVID19 If you usually support the parish with envelopes at Masses and would like to continue your payments, you can deposit your PSP donations directly to the parish accounts. Note there are separate accounts for church and clergy.

Contributions to the church account:

Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, Account number: 67640 1701

Contributions towards supporting the clergy:

Account Name: St Therese's Church, BSB: 083 347, A/C number: 67616 4988

Any deposit should be referenced with your FIRST INITIAL and SURNAME so that we know that the money is a PSP payment attributed to you.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Bookkeeper: Irene Fritsche irene.fritsche@cam.org.au

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Child Safety Officer: Olivia Metcalf essendon.safeguarding@cam.org.au

Office opening hours - Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm

Office Telephone: 9401 6330 – after hours Fr John: 0490 956 610

Office email: essendon@cam.org.au Website: www.stthereses.org.au

School email: principal@stessendon.catholic.edu.au

St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10am–3pm

Tiny T's Playgroup: stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com

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St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

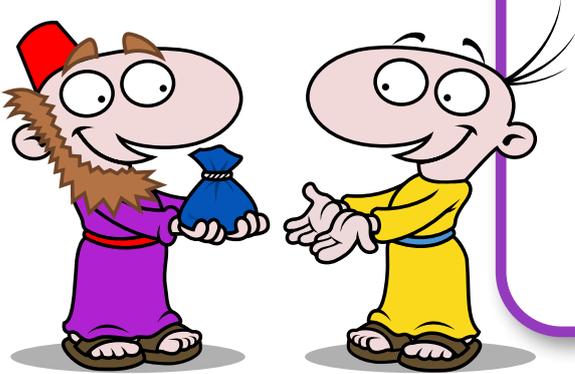
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to Elders past and present.

Come and share in my happiness



In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of his servants responsibility for a large amount of money.

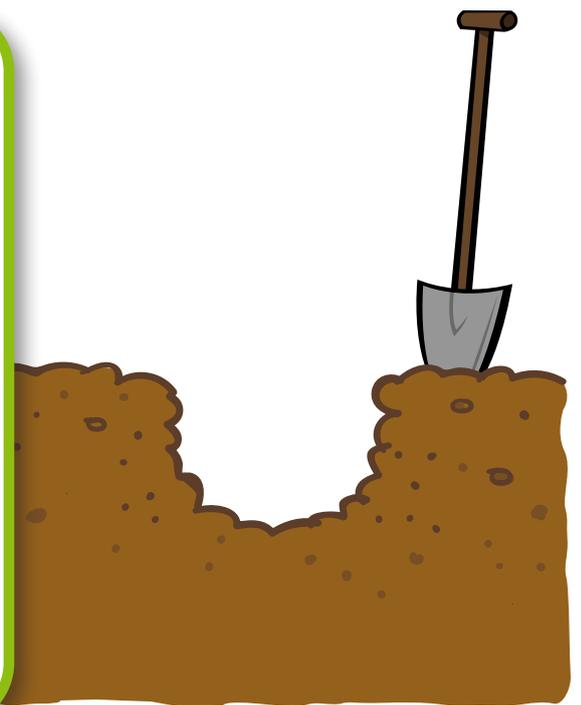
Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.



The first two servants doubled the talents they were given by their Master. Draw the extra talents for each servant and draw the single talent that the lazy servant buried in the ground.

$$5 + 5 = 10$$

$$2 + 2 = 4$$





Come and share in my happiness



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

START

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FINISH



Gospel

Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

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