



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14-15 November 2020

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au. Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE MASS IN THE CHAPEL UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

THE Parish Office remains closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Gueho

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Beverley Camilleri, Margaret Rankin, John Beveridge, John Leyden, Oreste Barro, Maria Cataldo, Anne Condon, Brian Tankey and Stefano Fazzolari

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason

Readings this week: Prov: 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess: 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Dear Holy Spirit Parish,

With the further lifting of restrictions, Fr Arsenio will be able to celebrate **weekend** Masses with a small gathering of **TWENTY people in the CHURCH;**
and **weekday** Masses with **TEN people in the CHAPEL.**

These Masses will continue to be celebrated under very strict guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (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.

The restrictions are as follows:

- You must wear a face mask at all times.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Fr Arsenio will give instructions on receiving Holy Communion during the Fraction Rite.

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

It is a priority for us to be as fair to all when booking in for mass, you will need to phone and speak with Jacinta as we have questions and details to obtain from you.

All guidelines will be discussed with you when you book in.

The mass times we have at Holy Spirit are:

Wednesday 18th Nov at 9:30am to book please call on Tues 17th between 8:30—10:30am only.**

Friday 20th Nov at 9:30am to book please call on Thursday 19th between 8:30—10:30am only.**

Saturday 21st Nov at 6pm to book please call on Friday 20th between 8:30—10:30am only. **

Sunday 22nd Nov at 9am to book please call on Saturday 21st between 8:30—10:30am only.**

**** Please note change of time for bookings****

Please Do Not send an email it is phone bookings Only.

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video 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, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

Always Was,
Always Will Be.

2020 NAIDOC



Together in the Spirit

Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics during NAIDOC Week

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. In particular, we praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.



ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Jacinta will be leading an Advent discussion group via Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 11am—12 noon commencing Wednesday 25th November. Once again she will be using the Diocese of Wollongong resource “Adore”. If you can't join the zoom chat, you may like to get a booklet for private reflection during Advent. Copies of the booklet can be dropped into your letterbox. To register for the discussion group and request a booklet, please call Jacinta on 0434 224 483.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on **0434 224 483**

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic. We will advise you when we are able to resume. In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other (by phone etc.)

If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 18th November @ 5 - 5.30 pm

Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat on alternate Wednesday evenings.

It's a great chance to see familiar faces and catch up on news.

Holy Spirit Parish's Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Come alone or bring a family member or friend.

Please call Mary on 0410 654 357 for tech support if needed.

ALL WELCOME

PARISH LETTER & DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:
<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

During the month of November, the Remembrance book with names of those who have died, will be placed on the altar and all will be remembered in our prayers. If you would like to register the names of your loved ones who have passed into God's loving care to be included in the Remembrance Book for the month of November, please email or ring the Parish Office

Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 0434 224 483 .

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember the following family and friends of our parishioners in your prayers:

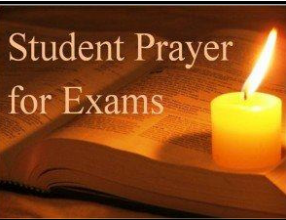
Bill Frangeskakis, Vladas, Elena and Kes Urmelis, Con Canty, Lilian and Raymond Pathe, Colleen & Leo Grasby, Family & Friends of M. Nordio., MaryAnne Scott and Elizabeth Scott, Roland Jacinto, Jane Jacinto, Marie Jacinto, Diana Gonsalves, Joseph Gonsalves, Grenwell Nunez, Belinda Rodrigues, Effe Rodrigues, Violet Demello, Vilma Tinda, Suzie Mascarenhas, Felix Pinto, Catherine Pinto Trevor Dsouza, Souls of the Jacinto, D'Souza, Pinto & Rebello families, Giovanni De Vincenti & Iolanda De Vincenti, Secondo Bettiol & Rosa Bettiol, Margaret Cuskelly and Barry Cuskelly, Yolanda Babanto Ladan, Osabel, Wilfredo Argawanon Osabel, Vicenta Osabel, Felix Osabel, Carneta Baterna, Donna Carreon, Jesus Argawanon, Romulo Ladan, Eugenia Ladan, Antoine & Eileen Gueho, Henry Strohaker, Santos Francisco Vasquez, Stuart Hurley

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Student Prayer for Exams



Loving God,

As our senior students prepare to sit their exams, please allow them to feel the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with them, through Peace, Wisdom and Understanding to complete their final exams.

We ask this in your name Lord. AMEN



EXTRA

SPIRIT EXTRA #12 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

[https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit Extra/spirit_extra_012.pdf](https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit%20Extra/spirit_extra_012.pdf)

Holy Rosary via Zoom- Tuesday Nights

The Holy Rosary via Zoom on Tuesday Nights is discontinued for now with the resumption of the Holy Hour of Adoration in the chapel on Wednesday Nights.



Holy Hour of Adoration - Wednesday Nights

The Holy Hour of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm.

The Hour is spent with the Holy Rosary, individual reflection, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and some music in between.

Because of Covid-19, attendance is limited to 10 people. If you wish to attend, you need to book with Dominic beforehand on 0434 841 907. Please note that bookings are a requirement of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Archdiocese for the purposes of contact tracing should someone unfortunately be infected with the Covid virus. Ah yes! Do not forget your face mask.



December Edition Spirit Magazine

Deadline for contributions **TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

1970 was the year of the Westgate Bridge collapse – Where were you on that fateful day and can you remember your reaction? What other events were significant for you in that year?

Students of all ages – Tell us how feel your current year has been. There are not many people around today who would remember the last pandemic so you are in a very unique time. What has it meant to you? Did you like spending more time at home? Was it good to have a parent/parents around every day?

And, EVERYONE else, tell us your unique story of the year like no other, or the special events and the unique ways you have had to celebrate them. Photos please! Artwork, your learning's from lockdown. We want to hear it all. Thank you for your ongoing support – This is your magazine – We want to hear YOUR story please.

Please send items to: helen@konynenburg.com

RCIA Journey 2020

This weekend will see the reception of our 2 Catechumens, Andrew Mitchell and Sam Philp, after many months of journeying through the RCIA program at Holy Spirit.

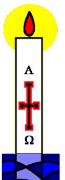
When we first met up in October last year, we had little idea of the challenges that would confront us as we moved through the program, but credit to our 2 Catechumens, they stuck through it and carried on to now be well and truly ready to become full members of the Catholic Faith.

The last third of the journey was completed online because of the COVID restrictions, which did present some challenges but the RCIA team now feels that they are more than ready to become part of the Catholic community.

Our 2 Catechumens deserve all praise and encouragement for their perseverance and single mindedness in wanting to be part of our community.

We would ask the Holy Spirit community to keep these 2 special men very much in our prayers and to welcome them wholeheartedly into our midst. The RCIA team

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults - 2020 – 21



We, the RCIA team of Tina and Lawry, have just recently commenced a new RCIA journey with our new catechumen Deborah....

As with so many things in 2020, this year's program has started out via Zoom, but we're hoping that if the situation improves, we will be able to start meeting face to face again in the not too distant future.

We ask the Holy Spirit community to please include Deborah in your prayers and thoughts as she embarks on this significant life journey on finding God.

We also ask for your prayers for the RCIA team, as we try to facilitate Deborah's journey via a virtual platform and also a completely new RCIA program (Symbolon), which will no doubt present its own challenges.

The RCIA team (Tina & Lawry)

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – *The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.*



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Once again, we are asking your help to supply Christmas Hampers to the families we visit. Included in this notice is a list of the hampers needed & a list of suggested items for the hampers. We understand what a hard year it has been for everyone but any donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you can't manage a hamper, donations of Groceries (as per list), toys & cash would be wonderful.

If you are able to supply a hamper please contact Joan Ward on 0400 621 022 or email joanward@optusnet.com.au to tell of your selection. It won't be a problem if 2 people select the same family it will all be sorted out when we organize the deliveries.

Time & date for donations to be dropped off will be advised later.

Many thanks

Christmas Hamper Suggestions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Noodles | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegemite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Cereals | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muesli Bars | <input type="checkbox"/> Potato Chips | <input type="checkbox"/> Jam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lollies | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Chips | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Salsa | <input type="checkbox"/> Sultanas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Savoury Biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried Apricots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Milo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Spaghetti | <input type="checkbox"/> Le Snack Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea |
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To add that extra touch of Christmas you may wish to include Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Mince Pies, bonbons and one or two small decorations. Please do not include your name on any greeting card or tag. You can however write 'From the Parishes of Holy Spirit, St. Anne & St Gerard if you wish.

If you have any queries, please contact Joan on:
0400621022 or email: joanward@optusnet.com.au.



Thank you again and best wishes to you from the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

VINNIES HAMPER FAMILY LIST

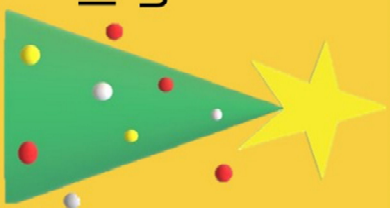
Adults 1+1 means 1 adult & an older teenager.

NO	ADULTS	Male child	Female child	DETAILS	NO	ADULTS	Male child	Female child	DETAILS
					56	1			DSP (M)
20	1+1	10		Jobseeker (F)	57	1			Pensioner (F)
22	2	12	Baby	Parenting Payment	58	1			DSP (F)
23	1			Jobseeker (M)	59	1+1	13,12		Sole Parent
					60	4			DSP
25	1			Jobseeker (M)	61	2			DSP
26	1			Jobseeker (M)					
27	1			Jobseeker (M)	63	3+3			Disability Pensioners (M&F) invalid relative (M)
					64	1	2		DSP (F)
30	2			DSP	66	1			DSP (F)
31	1		Baby 2	Jobseeker (M)	67	1+1			DSP (F)
32	1			DSP (F)	68	1			DSP (F)
33	2			DSP	69	1			DSP (F)
34	1			Jobseeker(F)	70	1			DSP (F)
35	1			Age Pension(M)	71	1			DSP (F)
36	2	14		Parenting Payment					
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					74	1+2			Jobseeker (F)
39	1			DSP (F)	75	1			Jobseeker (F)
40	1			DSP (F)	76	1			DSP (F)
41	2			DSP	77	2			DSP (F) & son
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					81	2			DSP
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49	1+1			Jobseeker (F)	86	1			DSP (F)
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51	2			Son & Elderly father DSP	88	1+1	14		Low income
52	2+3			Low income family	89	3			DSP (F)
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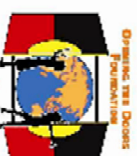
By purchasing a \$30 Christmas Ornament

you are supporting Aboriginal Children
to reach their full educational potential



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Visit www.OpeningTheDoors.org.au/Christmas



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organisation

Opening The Doors Foundation Christmas Ornament Order Form

Name _____

Shipping Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Postcode _____



How many \$30 Individual ornaments would you like to purchase? _____

How many \$360 Christmas Packs (contains 12 ornaments) would you like to purchase? _____

Postage and Handling Prices

1-6 ornaments	\$10
7 or more ornaments	\$20
Christmas Pack	\$20

Total cost including postage and handling \$ _____

Payment Method

☐ Cash

☐ Cheque

☐ Card

Cardholders Name _____

Card number _____

Expiry date ____/____/____

Billing Address _____

Postcode _____

☐ Same as Shipping Address

Please return this order form to the Foundation at:

Opening The Doors Foundation
PO Box 1088
THORBURY VIC 3071

OR

enquiries@openingthedoors.org.au

For more information go to www.openingthedoors.org.au or visit our Facebook Page.

The purchase of these ornaments is not tax deductible as a donation to charity.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++

She works with willing hands.

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

- 10 A capable wife, who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels.
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
17 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128.1-2, 3, 4-5 (R.1)

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

- 1 Happy is the one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.
2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**
3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table. **R.**
4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
5 The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING

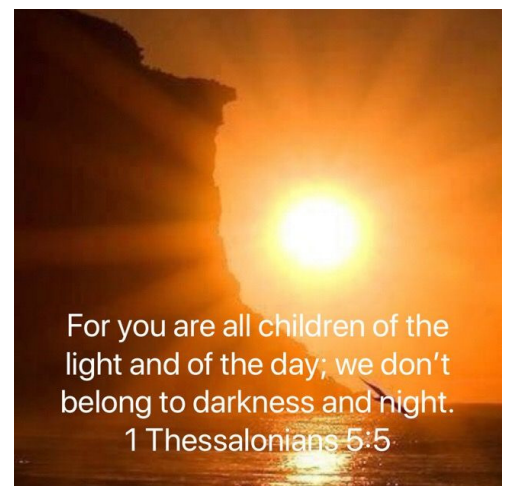
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.

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

- 1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape!
4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness
for that day to surprise you like a thief.
5 You are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.
6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.



For you are all children of the
light and of the day; we don't
belong to darkness and night.
1 Thessalonians 5:5

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 24.36; 25.14-30++

You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples,

36 "About the day and hour of the coming of the Son of Man,

no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,

to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

16 "The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

21 His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 "And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,

'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

23 His master said to him,

'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 "Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,

'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

26 "But his master replied,

'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

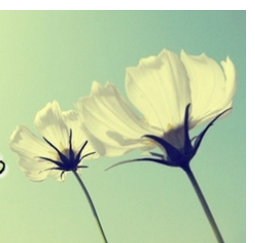
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



Reflection.

There is a side to us which identifies with the insecurity of the man who is severely punished for his laziness in not using God's gifts. He was so wrapped up in himself and his personal concerns that he failed to face up to his responsibilities. At the end of his day he had nothing to show for his years on earth because he did not avail of the opportunities that came his way. His life was not a success story as he was mean in the service of God and showed little or no enthusiasm for Christian living.

The gospel is reminding us that the gifts of God are not ours to dispense with as we please. Neither does to hide them away, leave them unused or allow them to wither. Christ came to serve and service of others helps us to grow in his image and likeness. Whatever our gifts happen to be, and we all have a variety, we are expected to make full use of them for God's glory. ~Fr. Arsenio



Prayers of Intercession

Wisdom is a grace of God that gives us understanding and insight and the power to live life well. This grace is found most fully in Jesus. With this in mind, we bring our prayers to the Lord for his blessings on the world.

We pray that we will have the courage and strength to live in the way God has taught us and faithfully give ourselves in loving service to Him. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for freedom; that we may live free of fear and intimidation and follow courageously wherever God may invite us. **LORD HEAR US.**

For all husbands and wives; that they may recognise the gift that they are to one another and continue to grow in their dedication and love for each other. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray that Australia may be united and peaceful, respecting the land all people from every background. May we provide justice and equity for all. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for our First Nations Christians. That they be empowered to take up leadership roles to enable them to share their gifts of faith, spirituality and culture within the Catholic Church in Australia. **LORD HEAR US.**

Loving God, as our senior students prepare to sit their VCE exams, please allow them to feel the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with them through Peace, Wisdom and Understanding to complete their final exams. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Eileen Gueho, those remembered in the November Intentions and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Beverley Camilleri, Margaret Rankin, John Beveridge, John Leyden, Oreste Brro, Maria Cataldo, Anne Condon, Brian Tankey and Stefano Fazzolari. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **LORD HEAR US**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION,

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

