

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Come and join in Your master's happiness

shalom, means fullness of life. Thus the psalm begins and ends on a similar note: 'Happy are those who fear the Lord' and 'Peace'.

Today Paul links the two Greek words for time, 'times and seasons' (chrónos and kairós). The first word denotes successive, measured time; the second refers to a decisive moment in time. Paul seems to imply that the first kind of time needs no explanation, and the second kind has no explanation. Paul then discusses some characteristics of the 'Day of the Lord'. He employs two very powerful metaphors to describe this day. It is like a thief in the night, or like the birth pangs of the Messiah. The first image refers to the sudden and unexpected appearance of that day; the second points to the suffering that will precede it. Though thief is negative, 'birth pangs' suggest new life.

The initial behaviour of the man who goes on a journey indicates that he has great confidence in all three of his servants, for he gives each one a significant amount of money. A talent equalled 6,000 denarii, and one denarius was a day's wage. Therefore, even the servant who received only one talent was entrusted with a sizable sum of money. Two servants were very industrious; the third made an excuse for himself. The parable throws light on the meaning of preparedness. It consists of active engagement, of creative growth. One's eschatological future does not rest on the extent or quality of one's talent, but on how one uses that talent as one waits for the master to return.

The first reading praises a woman who traditionally has been described as virtuous or worthy. However, the much stronger Hebrew adjective denotes might or strength, the kind of valour found in armies. The woman is an example of industry, versatility, trustworthiness, constancy and general goodness. It is in the last verse that we discover the basis of her virtue and the real reason for the praise given her. She is one who fears the Lord, a characteristic that is the basis of wisdom (see Prov 1:7). She is the model, not primarily of the good wife, but of the wise person generally. She is virtuous and successful because she possesses the wisdom that flows from fear of the Lord.

The wisdom psalm begins with a formal statement designating a person or group as blessed or happy (v.1) and identifying the basis of the happiness. The blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in God's ways (vv.1,4); the blessings are material good fortune and a large and extended family (vv.2-3). The last verses of the psalm (vv.5-6) redirect the focus from the good fortune of the individual to the blessing enjoyed by the nation. The final statement (v.6b) is less a prayer than an exclamation: 'Peace upon Israel!' Peace,

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
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ROSTER

Weekend of 18/19 Nov

Weekend of 25/26 Nov

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	Sun 7.30am	J Miles	J Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McIlheney	Sandra McIlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Mary Overton	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	John Collins
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar

Nov Mon 20	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 21	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 22	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 24	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (34th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 26	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (34th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (34th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday (Chinese Mass 34th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church



Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



Seniors Christmas Lunch

The last Seniors lunch for 2023 will be our Christmas lunch on Thursday 14 December 12.00 to 2.00pm

Please put your Name, Contact and total coming on the list in the Foyer so that we can prepare enough food for all

Social Committee



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



Getaway Weekend

Young Hearts, Strong Faith!

Join us for an exciting weekend with other young adults from around Perth. There will be lots of social activities, talks and discussion, music, and prayer, as we come together to explore what it means to live a strong faith filled life.

1st to 3rd of December 2023

Advent Park, 345 Kalamunda Rd
Maida Vale WA / Cost: \$100 per person
Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/getaway-weekend-2023>



You are warmly invited to the Advent Retreat 2023

O COME EMMANUEL

In this day of reflection we will join ourselves to the vision of justice, peace and flourishing given in our scriptures as the prophets of old looked towards Emmanuel, God with Us.

Friday 1 December, 9.30am – 2.30 pm at Catholic Education Centre (Chapel - South Transept) 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville WA 6007

Morning Tea/Lunch provided Cost \$25

Facilitator Dr Pina Ford 08 9380 1722 / 0429 804 847 / Mildred.Rego@cewa.edu.au

Please register by Friday 24 November



Save the Date for an Advent Event on Modern Slavery

Did you know Modern Slavery can be hidden in parish & school supply chains as forced labour? To find out more about this and participate in the Parish Modern Slavery Initiative contact wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au.

In partnership with Catholic Mission, the WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office and the University of Notre Dame Australia, the Redemptorist Monastery is hosting the Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery in Word and Music at 7pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023.

For more information contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au. on 08 6234 1760 / Mobile 0419 958 140 / ww.catholicmission.org.au

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 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.

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

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.

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."

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 25/26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the master praises the efforts of the first two servants, who used the talents they were given and improved upon them. The master criticises the action of the third servant, who hid the talent, did nothing, and was paralyzed with fear.

- When have you been like the first and second servants, using your talents in a way that benefits yourself and others?
- When have you been like the third servant, not using your talents and not bringing benefit to yourself or others?

Casting Call for Christmas Eve Nativity

If you would like your primary aged child to be part of the Nativity for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve - 24/12/23 at 7pm. Please contact Karen on 0412 266 703

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