



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."

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

omitted, all the voyage of their life

is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 November 2020

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

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.

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 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

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 Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

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

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We Remember: We remember our deceased family and friends; and Gwen Way Lee, Veronica Prichard and Thomas Hanh Truong whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick (Mary Buxton and Thina Raman) and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Parish Survey: During the week, parish and school families would have received a letter from Fr John regarding planning for our future and urging you to participate and complete a simple survey.

Survey responses will help to gauge parishioner views and expectations as we plan our future and renew our vision and mission for a fruitful missionary parish and integrate ourselves more fully with our surrounding parishes and look to the future with enthusiasm.

One survey per family was sent, but any parishioner over 18 years of age is welcome to submit their views.

To have your voice heard and counted, your response by November 18 is appreciated.

Meditation, Prayer and Chat: Connect with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by joining the liturgy via zoom to:

- ❖ **Friday Night Prayer** – will continue and will be hosted by Jo Ryan.
- ❖ **Meditation Group** – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.
- ❖ **Scripture Reflection** – 11.00am each Sunday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

Refugee Family Support: St Bridget's Refugee Action Group **NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Covid 19 has been a big challenge for the refugee families. They have no access to government financial support including JobKeeper or JobSeeker. It has been difficult for them to manage day to day expenses. Unfortunately the father of our first family is now ill and will be unable to work for the next six months whilst having medical treatment. Until he is well and able to return to work, we propose to assist the family in any way we can. We seek your financial assistance to support the family in this time of need. Please donate directly to St Bridget's Refugee Family Support Fund (Tax deductible). Bank account details are below. Please include your name in the "remitter" field.

Account name: St Bridget's Parish Refugee Action Group
 Bank: National Australia Bank
 BSB Number: 083-347
 Account Number: 34780 0103

A donation facility through Catholic Care is being set up. Details will be advised when available.
 Your generous support is appreciated. Thank you in advance. RAG.

Lector Roster for 21 & 22 November.

Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
Sr P Keogh	A Mariadason	S Beale

NOTE: Lectors please ensure that you book your attendance via Trybooking.

Mass Times at our Parishes from 17 - 22 November:

	St Bridget	St Bede	St Anne	St Joachim
Tuesday 17Nov		9.15am		
Wednesday 18 Nov			10.00am	
Thursday 19 Nov		9.15am		
Friday 20 Nov		9.15am	10.00am	
Saturday 21		4.30pm	4.30pm	
	5.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	
Sunday 22		8.00am		
	10.00am	9.30am	9.30am	
	5.30pm	11.00am	11.00am	8.00am

Parishioners are welcome to book in at any Mass across the affiliated parishes. Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass so that:

1. You can be temperature checked;
2. You have time to hand sanitise;
3. You are marked off the list as an attendee.

Parishioners must book in via Trybooking. The link will be sent out each Thursday. If you do not have the internet, then ring the parish office on Wednesday morning to be booked in. If you find – after booking – that you are unable to attend, please cancel so that someone else can use that place. There is a strict limit of ten people at each Mass. Social distancing applies, and no-one may be admitted unless wearing a mask (except people with a medical exemption).

It is important that we carefully observe the conditions set down for us to open up, so that further easing of restrictions can occur later.

Broadcast Mass: We will continue to offer the broadcast Mass each week, rotating around our churches. Online Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts. For this week the link is <https://youtu.be/GmTGgnuA1YM>

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November parishioners are invited to remember and pray for deceased family and friends by including their names in the our *Remembrance Book*, and they will be remembered at Mass during the month. This year due to restrictions, you are invited to forward the names of those you wish to be remembered to the Parish Office by email on greythorn@cam.org.au and they will be included in the remembrance book for you. If you wish to make a donation towards the remembrance Masses envelopes are available on request.

2020 John Wallis Memorial Lecture: Hosted by the Hobart Branch of Highways and Byways Community Services will be held via zoom on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm. The presenter is Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, who is a highly respected UK speaker on spirituality and a regular contributor to the BBC. In our current world of bitter divisions at so many levels, how do we build a genuine culture of encounter, collaboration and dialogue?

This is an online lecture so bookings are essential. Book at spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au by Sunday 22 November. Further information contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or www.highwaysandbyways.org.au/news

Donations: During the restrictions, donations to the parish can be made online direct to the Parish Accounts.
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