

Parish News

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve Solemnity:

- * Fr. John cordially invites 30 boys and girls to play the 2017 Nativity at 6.00 pm, Sunday 24 Dec 2017.
- * Please, contact Fr. John (042 7777 500) or Josephine (0424 354 925) or Joelle (0422 183 050) or Tatiana (0434 605 909) or Lynne (0406 794 343) Brad (0418 791 790) as soon as possible to have your name recorded. The first birds will be in!

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, from the 4th century, taught the candidates for baptism: "You should make a throne of your hands, **laying the right upon the left** to form a throne for the King, forming at the same time a cross." (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI, *God is Near Us*)

The hand position represents three things to me:

- 1) begging, asking for Jesus
- 2) open, tender receiving of Jesus
- 3) offering myself to Jesus.

The little prayer I suggest you to say after Communion:
*I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours.
I take you for my all. O Jesus, give me your heart.*

All volunteers are required to return their completed paperwork to the Parish Office if you wish to volunteer in any way. This is an official requirement of the Archdiocese as set down by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



Weekly Diary : 20th - 25th November 2017

Monday 20 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 21 st	: 08.00 am. Memorial of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary, followed Eucharistic Adoration. :10.30 am. Anointing Service at Bayview Tricare
Wednesday 22 nd	: 09.30 am. Memorial of Saint Cecilia, virgin, martyr, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 23 rd	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 24 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of 118 Vietnamese Martyrs, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 25 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 25 th	: 5.30 pm. : 34 th Sunday of Christ the King A
Sunday 26 th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 34 th Sunday of Christ the King A 11.00 am 1 Child Baptism Celebration

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of December will be on the 03rd at 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Advent Year B.

Mass Duty Roster : 25th/26th November 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Pierrette Serra Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Julie Dakin Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Kristian Braeuer Asha Cameron	Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Debbi Vivian Julius De Luna	Pam Nelson, Jane Howard Marie Roberts, John Lynch	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (27/11/17)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
\$950.95	\$2491.20	\$77.00	\$70.20



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The Parable of the Talents

God gives men different gifts. It is not a man's talent, which matters; what matters is how to use it. God never demands from a man abilities which he has not got; but he does demand that a man should use to the full the abilities which he does possess.

We are not equal in talents; but we have to be equal in effort. Whatever talent we have, little or great, we must lay it at the service of God. The Scribes and Pharisees are like the man with one talent, were keeping the Law and the truth of God exactly as they were. In fact they did not keep the Law but sought to build a fence around the Law. There can be no religion without adventure, because God can find no use for the shut mind.

The reward of work well done is still more work to do. The two servants who had done well are not told to lean back and rest because they have done well. They are given greater tasks and greater responsibility in the work of the master.

The man who is punished is the man who will not try. The man with one talent did not lose his talent; he simply did nothing with it. Even if he had adventured with it and lost it, it would have been better than to do nothing with it.

The condemnation is for the man who, having even one talent, will not to try it, and will not risk it for the common good.

The parable lays down a rule of life. If we have a talent and fail to exercise it, we will inevitably lose it. If we exercise it, we are progressively able to do more with it.

The only way to keep a gift is to use it in the service of God and in the service of our fellow men. Rabindranath Tagore knew this joy when he found its path.

*I slept and dreamt life was joy.
I awoke and saw life was service.
I acted and behold service was joy.*

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.



LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

READING Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 *She works with willing hands.*

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 127:1-2, 3, 4-5 R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Happy is the one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. 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.*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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! But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See 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 24:36 – 25:14-30 *You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

"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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 72:28 To be near to God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elsa Hoerler, Denise Brosnan,

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Dwyer, Mary Kearney, Cecily Agnes Kehoe

SICK LIST: Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

NEW! MEMORIALS IN THE COLUMBARIUM

We can now offer spaces for a memorial plaque to honour a loved one or family who are buried elsewhere. Contact Jean Di Benedetto via Parish office for details.

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