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19 November 2017 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

For All the Faithful Departed

Almighty Father, You made everyone in your own image and likeness, and when that image was defaced by sin, you restored it through Christ:

Hear our prayers, we pray you, for all our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection, and show them the glory of your face. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

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.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord..

2nd Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

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

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.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am – 3:30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest
Fr. Vincent John CMI
Parish Deacon
Charles English
Parish Secretary
Josephine Thomas
School Principal
Karen Wilson
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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm
Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Filipino – 4th Sun: 12:00pm
Polish – 1st Sun: 3:30pm
Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun: 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:30am
Wed: 8:30am & 7:00pm
Sat: 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: After 7:00pm Mass
Sat: After 9:15am Mass

DEVOTIONS

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction
Fri & Sat morning after Mass & Sat afternoon at 2.30pm
First Friday: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Morning Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon to Fri: 8:00am
Sat: 8:30am
Next Healing Mass
3rd Dec 17, 2:00 to 4:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed after 7:00pm Mass
Rosary
Mon to Fri after Mass
Sat before Mass and at 2.00pm

BAPTISMS

3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday
10:30am or 2:15pm
Baptism Formation Meeting
1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

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ALL QUERIES

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Gospel
Mt 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion To be near God is my happiness, to place my
Antiphon hope in God the Lord.

Next Week's **Ezek 24:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28**
Readings **Mt 25:31-4**

Feasts of the **Presentation of the**
Week **Blessed Virgin Mary** **Tue, 21 Nov**
St. Cecilia **Wed, 22 Nov**
Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac
& companions **Fri, 24 Nov**

PROMISED WEEKLY AMOUNT: \$4236.00
ENVELOPES/CR CARD/BANK CR: \$3564.35
LOOSE MONEY: \$1110.00
PRIESTS: \$1226.20
CHAPLAINCY:

ROSTERS

Money Counters 26 Nov 17

B. Coghlan / P. Mulquiney / A. Sipiliano / P. Francis

Readers – 25/26 Nov 17

6:00pm	E. Dalton
8:30am	KSC Reader
10:30am	Rosemary Hibbert
5:00pm	Sherwin Simangan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 25/26 Nov 17

6:00pm	E. Mills / S. Martis / Josie T. / Michelle N.
8:30am	KS Minister / L. Jones / Kevin McL / VOL
10:30am	M&Z D'Mello / Vanina IDA / Sally DiB
5:00pm	I. Simangan / E. Behrouzi / S. Joseph / VOL

Music Ministry 25/26 Nov 17

6:00pm	Mater Dolorosa
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Domini Chorum
5:00pm	KNK

PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL MASS 7:00PM ON TUESDAY 21 NOV 2017

A reminder that there will be a Memorial Mass on Tuesday, 21 Nov at 7:00pm for the families who have lost loved ones in the past year - **November 2016 to date**. You may bring a photo of the deceased to be placed on a table in the church and Mass will be offered for repose of the souls of our dear departed. All are welcome to attend the Eucharistic celebration and are requested to bring a plate for shared fellowship in the hall after Mass.

GIVING TREE – ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

To help with our Christmas Hampers for people in need in our parish area, please take a tag from the tree at the front of the church and return your gift of food by 10th December. A Christmas card to a family is very welcome as many lonely people do not receive a card at Christmas. Please return the TAGS for RE-USE next year. Please DO NOT stick them to the package as this prevents us re-using them. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM

Taking off from the Melbourne Archdiocese Year of the Youth Program, our parish intends to start a youth program for youth aged between 18 to 29 years commencing December 2017. If you would like to join the leadership team, please call Royden on 0426 071 375.

PIETY STORE

Come and see our **Nativity Sets**, ornaments, etc. All are very reasonably priced. Divine Mercy and Columban Calendars, Religious Christmas cards and Advent calendars are now available.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARISH

Sundays	6:15 – 8:15pm HSI School of Discipleship in Community Centre.
Tue 21 Nov	7:00pm Annual Memorial Mass for family members deceased from Nov 2016 to date.
Sun, 26 Nov	Feast of Christ the King. End of Ordinary Time
Sun, 3 Dec	1 st Sunday of Advent

FUNDRAISING

Next weekend 25/26th Nov, the Ladies Auxiliary will hold another cake stall (until sold out). This time the ladies will be featuring Christmas cookery. Margaret and her team will also have their Sausage Sizzle. Both will be held after all Masses. Thank you for your support.

JOSEPH'S CORNER FUNDRAISING

There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall to help raise funds for Joseph's Corner (a free counselling service for Families of Persons suffering with addiction). This will be held after all Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December. You may find that Special Christmas gift you are looking for. Many thanks Sr. Jean.

CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection at all Masses this weekend 18/19 November for the Catholic Deaf. We thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL WERRIBEE

Community Day on 26 Nov 17 is a chance for people to take a "behind-the-scenes" look at the hospital before it opens to patients in January 2018. The Tour will include the Maternity Ward, Special Care Nursery, Operating Theatre and Hospital information including maternity bookings, volunteering and employment. Highlights include the Hospital tour, Kids activities and Sausage Sizzle. For employment <https://svphw.org.au/employment/work-for-us>, Volunteering to deanna.finn@svha.org.au General enquiries to julie.wain@svha.org.au.

ST. PETER'S CHRISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will have their Christmas break up on Saturday, 25 November. It will commence with Adoration as usual and then proceed to the Community Centre for the Christmas celebrations. Prayer Meetings will resume in the first week of Feb 2018.

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE, 15 NOV 2017

Any change to marriage law must include protections for religious freedom

Parliament must work to unify Australians by respecting different views on marriage, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Denis Hart said today in the wake of the result of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. "The Catholic Church, and many others who sought to retain the definition of marriage as it has been understood for centuries, continues to view marriage as a special union between a woman and a man, which allows for the creation and nurture of children," Archbishop Hart said. "A change in civil law does not change the Catholic understanding of the nature of marriage. "The Catholic Church continues to respect the dignity of LGBTIQ Australians and our ministries will continue to care deeply about the dignity and value of all people we encounter. "Parliamentarians must recognise and respect the concerns of the more than 4.8 million Australians who opposed a change to the definition of marriage by putting in place strong conscience and religious freedom protections. "These protections must ensure that Australians can continue to express their views on marriage, that faith-based schools can continue to teach the traditional understanding of marriage and that organisations can continue to operate in a manner that is consistent with those values."

INSPIRING QUOTE

"Moral Principles do no depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong even if everybody is wrong. Right is right even if nobody is right"

Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

It is Pope Francis' wish that Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance with the poor this week

END OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM – SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

The last day for the Sunday School classes is this Sunday. Enrolments for next year open Sunday 4th Feb 2018. A big thank you to Bernice and her team for their hard work and dedication in teaching the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation to the children attending government schools in our Parish

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Anne Dela Rosa and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Michael Lewis, Claude & Avis Barber, Brenda Harper, Luigi D'Angelo, Andrew Dang, Franco Stroschio, Edward (Ted) Palmer, Joseph Vella, Lewis Vella, Christobel Herft, Winston Ephraums, Dollar Sharman, Kevin Eastmure and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Shirley & Leo Linehan, Angela O'Brien, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Peter McGlade, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Diane Cameron, Edith Street, Georgette Maalouf, Jamilton Dabu, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Barbara Grogan, Sr. Eileen Brown, Eugenie Rinaldi, Keith Gill, Imelda Rundell, Brian Jones, Carmen Sherri, Melissa Caroline, Carmen Agius, Josie Tabone, Geff Grech, Carmel Negline, Dot Mulquiney, Virginia Kallio, Edwinda Francisco, Frank Fazio, Alwyn White, Hamish Stott, Marcus Lyngdoh, Elizabeth Slee, Excelsa Tejada and all who are ill in our Parish.