

As we come and worship, we remember the wurundjeri people, the original custodians of this land

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Beato chi teme il Signore.

SECOND READING Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rimanete in me e io in voi, dice il Signore, chi rimane in me porta molto frutto. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$858.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$311.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$531.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/11/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
10.30am (SUN) – J Akinido & E Thompson

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
D Biasibetti, P Leggiero & S LoBartolo
U Strangis, J Iaria & J Tanti

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 20/11/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) – Sr Estelita & Sr T Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
A Sonza, M Piscioneri & G Barbaro
S Dakin, S Rottura & G Santinon

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/11/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

14/11/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
21/11/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lucy COCCO, Antonio INFANTINO

ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Nicholas CAUCHI, Caterina, Giovanni, Aldo & Giuseppe IOZZI,
Marianosa, Salvatore & Marianna COSOLO, Clementina MASCARO, Vincenzo Rosano, & Teresa TARANTINO,
Marianosa LAMBRAIA, Onofrio SCHINELLO, Antonio PASCUZZI, Giuseppe NAPOLITANO,
Bruno, Antonio, Rosa, Nicola & Domenica ARENA,
Giuseppe, Antonio, Domenico, Maria, Carmela, Bruno & Elisabetta SCHIPANO,
Mariana, Stella & Giuseppe GALATI, Luigia VALMORBIDA, Mariani CARLO, Pasquale & Laura MARIANI,
Francesco, Michela & Franca INDOMENICO, Antonio GIBILISCO

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English
Sun. 9.00am - Italian
Sun. 10.30am - English

Fr Emmanuel Bonello–Parish Priest
Sr Estelita Manabo-Pastoral Associate
Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal
Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. 9.10am Comm. Service
Tue. 10.00am Italian
Wed. 9.10am - English
Thur. 9.10am - English
Fri. 9.10am - English
Sat. 8.30am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

33rd Sunday of Year A

13 November 2011

Stewardship

In today’s gospel we hear of the “good and faithful” servant who made wise use of his five talents to make five more. (The ‘talent’ was not a coin, but rather, a unit of silver worth a significant amount.) the servant has invested the talents in fruitful ways; put them to use in ways that yielded as much again.

Here, the gospel is much more than providing insight into wise investment of money. Wise investment yes, but not necessarily limited to money. Whilst this parable has been interpreted in a number of ways, there is one key question it aims to answer: what we do with what we have been given; how do we use our resources?

In the second creation story in the book of Genesis, God took Adam and put him into the Garden of Eden to “till it and keep it”. To till and keep – God called Adam to stewardship; to use the land wisely so that it might give back as many times again, so that it might be there for all generations to “till and keep”.

Our Jewish ancestors took that commandment as providing valuable lessons regarding the use of the environment. Every seven years, they let the land lie fallow so that it might rejuvenate, and so allow rich harvests in the future. Using resources wisely might mean lying fallow for a time, so as not to keep on taking and taking. Giving and taking are central aspects of all relationships including our relationship with the environment.

For tens of thousands of years before European settlement, our Indigenous people have also shown us how to use the land wisely. They took only what they needed, and then moved on allowing time for the environment to rejuvenate. For tens of thousands of years the land has produced, again and again. But in a little over two hundred years, much of the land has been cleared and stripped, and ended being sterile and barren. And what of the resources the land yields? At these times as Australia rides on a natural resources’ boom, we could ask ourselves, how are these resources being used? What are they yielding? They are not infinite. And what of other resources that our environment yields, such as our food? Do we use food wisely? Australia produces huge amounts of garbage and much of this is wasted food. If talents were a measure of food, would we be the “good and faithful servant”? We are a nation of plenty, and we tend to take that ‘plenty’ and not always use it wisely. What in our everyday lives can we conserve? What of the many resources, including land, water, food, energy, can we use to yield five times as much again?

This might mean we need to move out of our comfort zones and think in new creative ways about how we use all that has been given to us-what perhaps we have taken for granted for too long. What ways of conserving the environment do we need to explore? Matthew gives us much to think about in this parable. This parable itself is a resource – what can we do with it?

SIR U

NEW MINISTRY ROSTER

The new ministry roster is being prepared.
We are looking for volunteers to assist in any of the ministries
(Readers, Special Ministers, Overhead/Data Projectionist,
Hand out Bulletins at 10.30am Mass and Church Cleaners).

The main area we need assistance in is the overhead/data projectionist.
If you can volunteer, training will be provided.
Please call the Parish office on 9460 3013.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries or be removed from any of the ministries
please contact the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Please pray for Gabriel Gasbarro, Gabriella Labombarda & Carlos Rocha, who will make their First Holy Communion at 10.30am Mass on Sunday November 20th.



CUPPA

There will be a Cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING

The Parish Liturgy Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2012 Columban Calendar is NOW available at the Piety Stall for only \$8.00. By buying one of these calendars you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also makes an excellent gift for family or friends.

ADVENT FAMILY PROJECT

Bring out that creativity and artistic talent in the whole family. You can make a lovely Manger using old Christmas cards. Contact Sr. Estelita for the patterns of the manger if your family is interested to do one. Tel: 9460 3013

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

The month of November is dedicated by the Church as a special time remembering all the faithful departed. At the doors of the church there are slips of paper in both English and Italian to write the names of deceased family and friends.

These will be put together and brought up in the offertory procession at all weekend Masses during November.

FOUNDATIONS IN ADVENT

'Foundations in Advent' – Youth Advent Preparation with Bishop Tim Costelloe Thursday 17 November, 7.45pm-9.30pm.

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) is running a course to help young people prepare for Christmas. Bishop Tim will present on "The Birth of Jesus". Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. Registrations: aoy@cam.org.au www.cam.org.au/youth

MARIAN MISSION OF OUR LADY OF TEARS

The Committee of Madonna Delle Lacrime of Siracusa in Melbourne invites everyone to the Marian Mission in honor of Our Lady of Tears which will be led by His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo from SIRACUSA SICILY. From Sunday 13th November to Sunday 20th November 2011. All are welcome to participate in this Marian Mission in honour of Our Lady of Tears. Also guided by Rev. Fr. Antonino Siringo of SIRACUSA.

Sunday 13 November – Commencement of Mission

St Brendan's – 103 Wellington Street, Flemington

2.30pm Holy Rosary & Confession

3.00pm Holy Mass, Procession (Melita Band), Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Refreshments.

Monday 14 November – Social Night

Meet His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo & Rev. Fr. Antonino Siringo

7.30pm St. Brendan's School Hall

Wellington St, Flemington (behind school)

Refreshments Provided. All Welcome.

Tuesday 15 November

St Joseph the Worker – 79 Wilson Blvd, Reservoir Nth

9.30am Holy Rosary & Confession

10.00am Holy Mass & Anointing of the sick

Wednesday 16 November

St. Mathew's – 75 William r Street, Fawkner North

7.00pm Holy Rosary & Confession

7.30pm Holy Mass

Thursday 17 November

St Martin's – 158 Military Road, Avondale Heights

7.00pm Holy Rosary & Confession

7.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 19 November – Gala Evening

With His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo Oakville Receptions – Cnr High St & Oakover Rd, Preston.

5 course meal including drinks & coffee

For further information contact Tina Forte 9460 2682

Sunday 20 November – St Patrick's Cathedral

St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

2.30pm Holy Mass, Procession & Bellini Band.

COURAGEOUS

Courageous the movie opens in cinemas from 10 November for limited season.

Courageous is a Christian film particularly recommended for parents. With action, drama and humor, Courageous embraces God's promise to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers,"

COURAGEOUS trailer: <http://www.courageousthemovie.com.au> Cinemas and tickets: <http://www.courageousthemovie.com.au/tickets>