



Please pray for: Frank & Alice May Purcell (deceased)

Mass Times in St Benedict's Church:

Sunday 15th November 2020 – Thirty-Third Sunday, Ord Time (A)

Sunday, 15 Nov	10.30 am	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 15 Nov	6.00 pm	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 16 Nov	12.35 pm	Sts Margaret and Gertrude (Optional)
Tuesday, 17 Nov	12.35 pm	St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)
Wednesday, 18 Nov	12.35 pm	Dedication, Basilica Sts Peter & Paul (O)
Thursday, 19 Nov	12.35 pm	Thursday – Week 33, Ordinary Time
Friday, 20 Nov	12.35 pm	Friday – Week 33, Ordinary Time
Saturday, 21 Nov	No Mass	Presentation, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)



Regular Confession Times in St Benedict's Church:

Monday to Friday: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm (before 12.35 pm Mass)
Sunday: 5.30 pm (before 6.00 pm Mass)

Mass at St James' Church, Forest Lodge:

Saturday Vigil: 5.00 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 9.30 am & 11 am
Wednesday & Friday: 9.00am
Saturday (morning): 8.30am

Confession at St James' Church

Saturday: 4.15pm - 4.50pm,
ahead of Vigil Mass
(No Confession on Sundays)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. *Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.*



A VOCATION VIEW: 'Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things.' *Pope Francis*

November Masses for Holy Souls – please consider having Masses offered for your deceased loved ones this November. As an intercessory prayer, a Mass offered can help souls in purgatory to be purified and grow in sanctifying grace. November envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the collections baskets – these envelopes will be faithfully given to Fr Dominic, or can also be directly handed to any of the priests celebrating any Mass you are attending.

Return of Break Open the Word Readers books for Year A (2020) & Request for Year B (2021) books
Could all readers who hold a Break Open the Word (Year A) book please return it to the sacristy by the feast of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd November (last day of the current liturgical year) – and for anyone who is wishing to receive a (Year B) Break Open the Word book for the new liturgical year, commencing on the 1st Sunday of Advent, Sunday 29th November, could you please be in touch with our Reader Co-ordinator, Liliana, by Sun 22nd Nov – and a book for the new liturgical year will be left in the sacristy for you. Many tks.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal – Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's CWF Appeal, helping those most vulnerable in Sydney, including our local Aboriginal community, single mums facing homelessness and people struggling with mental health issues. Appeal envelopes will be at the back of the church over the next few weeks. You can also make a donation at – www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

Support for the House of Welcome – (for asylum seekers and refugees) – please see the church noticeboard for information about the **House of Welcome Foodbank** and how you can help.

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.

Communion Antiphon:

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

Saint Margaret of Scotland – Margaret was born in Hungary in 1046 while her father was in political exile from William the Conqueror. The family returned to England and then to Scotland where she married King Malcolm in 1070. Margaret was an exemplary queen and devoted wife and mother of eight children. Concerned for religion and social justice, she did much to help the poor of Scotland. She died in 1093.

Saint Gertrude – born in Saxony in 1256, Gertrude was taken to the Benedictine Abbey of Helfta which was a centre of culture & learning. She studied & wrote all her life. At age 25, she reported special revelations from the Lord & wrote extensively about them. A great mystic of the thirteenth century, Gertrude died in 1301.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary – born in Hungary in 1207, Elizabeth was fourteen when married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia. For the intense Elizabeth, it was a happy marriage. The family followed the ideal of St Francis of Assisi, then living. As she was expecting their third child, Ludwig died in the Crusades. Elizabeth became a Franciscan tertiary, founded a hospital in honour of St Francis and dedicated herself to the care of the poor. Only twenty-four when she died, she is the patron of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities.

Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul – the tombs in Rome of Saints Peter and Paul have been places of Christian veneration since the second century. Around 330, Emperor Constantine built a great basilica on the site of Vatican Hill over the grave of Peter, and shortly afterward, a more modest basilica over Paul's tomb. Both basilica's have been rebuilt and stand as magnificent testimonials to the importance and memory of the Princes of the Apostles.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – this memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from her conception.

A message from the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know has been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak with your Parish Priest who will also be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Parish Safeguarding Volunteer Online Induction Training, Working With Children Check & Code of Conduct St Benedict's Parish, Chippendale (Broadway) requires all of our volunteers to complete the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer online training, obtain a Working With Children Check and sign a Code of Conduct. It is MANDATORY that volunteers in all parishes comply with the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office training. Please contact Julie in the parish office on 8204 4378 or email – enquiries@stbenedicts.org.au to obtain the link to the online training and required forms which will be sent to you via email. Thank you.

Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (15th November 2020) – <https://youtu.be/N3vC5bEnfH4>

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

GOSPEL

Mt 25: 14-15, 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

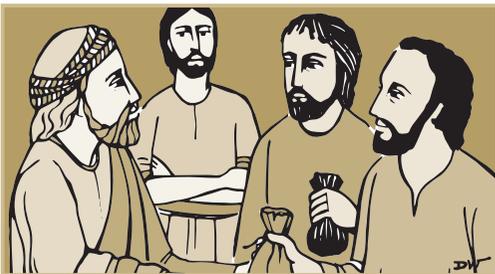
Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

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.

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."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Linger form, Mt 25: 14-30.



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 NOVEMBER 2020

RISK TAKING FOR GOD

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, the focus remains upon the second coming of the Lord. Once again, the Gospel provides a parable (the Talents) instructing us how to live in view of that expectation.

The master in the parable is pleased with the enterprising first two servants. Having realised substantial gains on the amounts entrusted to them, they are welcomed 'into the joy of their master'—that is, into the banquet of the Kingdom.

But the third servant, who simply hid his single talent in the ground, displeased his master because he didn't do what was expected, namely, trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued some interest. Paralysed by a fearful image that he has of his master (an image of God that the parable does not endorse but actually refutes), he sought security in giving back, in strict justice, the exact sum entrusted to him. This, however, was not what the master wanted. Hence the severe penalty.

The parable challenges believers not to rest content simply with not doing anything wrong so that God will not be able to find anything to punish. Such an attitude mistakes the nature of God and neglects what God really wants, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the 'weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' (Matthew 23:23). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise if they are not to atrophy and wither.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

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.

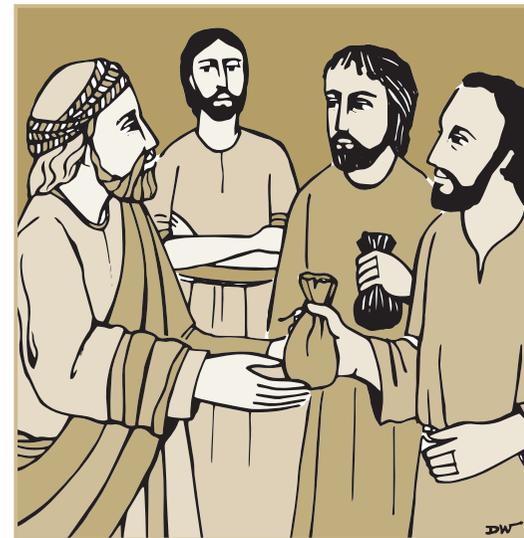
■ The word of the Lord.

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 Thess 5: 1-6

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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.