

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

19th November 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Advent Retreat

Saturday 16th December
9:15am - 3:30pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday
November 23rd
10am –12noon

Memorial Mass

Monday 27th November
8.00 pm

Readings

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

Ps 127: 1-5

1 Thess 5: 1-6

Mt 25: 14-30

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25: 31-46

The Parable of the Talents: Don't Play it Safe



This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us, not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: “Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21). The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God-given gifts, used with “the fear of (respect for) the Lord.” In the second reading, Paul advises us to “stay alert and sober,” encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the “Day of the Lord.” Today’s Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: “Am I using my talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Am I doing everything I can to carry out God’s will?” The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

The parable is set in the last of Jesus’ five great discourses, today’s parable focusing on Jesus’ eschatological teaching. The three parables in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew (The Wise and Foolish Virgins, The Talents, The Last Judgment) are about the end times, the end of the world, and the end of our lives. Matthew’s account provided good advice to the early Christian community as to how they were to behave in the period following Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension while they awaited His imminent second coming. Whatever had been given to them; money, talent, opportunity etc., were meant to bear fruit for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. The same is true for all of us. Perhaps, Jesus was condemning the Jewish religious authorities. They were like the third servant, so carefully bent on preserving in its purity the tradition with which they had been entrusted that they had lost their openness for Christ. The Master was


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equated with Christ, his departure with the Ascension, and his delayed return with the delay of the Parousia or the "second coming." The parable teaches us that God gives each person different gifts. Everything is gift, and everything is meant to be given back to the Master in the form of loving service to Him in our brothers and sisters. We are only asked to make full use of what we have been uniquely given. The more that we are given the greater our responsibility. The parable also teaches us that even the person with only one talent (one who is apparently not too gifted) also has something to offer to others. If one fails to do some positive good work, he or she is answerable. If a person trusts the Lord, and so tries to use well the gifts God has given him or her, but fails, that person will surely meet the Master's compassion and forgiveness. In short, the parable outlines the result of the abundant, grace-filled stewardship of God's resources. A person who does not refuse a gift from the Lord, receives it, and consequently has more. The trustworthiness of the profitable servants ensures their share in the "joy of the Lord," because the wealth of life and talent given them has been invested to bear fruit in labours of faith, hope, and charity.

Through today's gospel Jesus invites us to take the risk for Christ with a clear awareness that we are not called simply to "believe" that Jesus is Lord and Saviour but we are also called to carry on Jesus' mission of love and forgiveness, using the physical and spiritual gifts we have received from God to make that happen. The third servant decided to avoid risk-taking and showed too much caution with his talent. His excuse was that, after all, he had not been given explicit orders about how to do his investing. Besides, any type of business was risky, and the Master might hold him accountable for any loss. He probably knew the long-standing rabbinic teaching that anyone who buries money that has been put into his care is no longer liable for its safety. God expects us to use our every talent for personal growth, and for bearing witness to the Goodness of God to all whom we encounter. As Pope St. John XXIII said, "We were not put on earth to guard a museum, but to produce new spiritual wealth from the talents God has placed under our stewardship."

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. Some of us are, clearly, very gifted with valuable abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children, or cooking meals, or repairing homes, or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. We should step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be exceedingly useful and fruitful!

Janakumbudramalika



Funeral Notice

The funeral of Des Fahey will be on Wednesday 22nd November at 2 pm. Please keep Des and his family in your prayers.


Stewardship Reflection for 33rd Sunday

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating.



The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Des Fahey, Pamela Wolf, Jim Argue, Dragan Pribanic, Kathleen Mary Kuchel, Stanley Blackford, Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Bernado Forgione, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington.


Anniversaries

William Rafferty, Mary Flynn, Anthony Peters.

Sick Parishioners

Josie O'Leary, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks

Advent Giving Tree



As you can see, the trees are loaded with cards ready for you to collect. Take a card to the value you feel comfortable giving. Buy the gifts, wrap them, and securely attach the card to the outside of the gift. Please return all gifts by Sunday December 3 to allow for sorting and distribution the following week. There is again a need to request that no used or second-hand gifts be included in this appeal, as this has been a problem in some parishes in the past. Thank you for your generosity and help in this worthy Christmas tradition in our parish.

"Do you love me?" (John 21:15)

VOCATIONS PRAYER VIGIL

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
Friday November 24



PROGRAM

5.15pm Evening Prayer in the Cathedral
5.45pm Mass – main celebrant, Fr Dean Marin
Vicar General and concelebrating priests
6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8.15pm Benediction

Supper provided in the Cathedral Hall at 8.30pm

All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at anytime during the evening to celebrate and discern God's Call.



CATHOLIC VOCATIONS CENTRE

More info: Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations – P: 8210 8122 | E: vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au
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Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

We have already reintroduced Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish,

an opportunity for them to gather, connect and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

Advent Books

Advent Books now available for collection from the Office for those who ordered them.
Cost is \$6.00. There are no spare copies available.

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to

adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.



November - The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

Josie Scicluna, Mary Richter, Pam Manuel, Willemina Bice,
Sharina Rabusic and Dennis & Darylin Cowling.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelope in your planned giving pack and place it in the second collection basket at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

November Mass envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who do **not** have a planned giving pack.

Special invitation to attend our
Annual Memorial Mass.
We gather together as a Community to
especially remember our nearest and
dearest, who have
passed away this year.

*Annual
Memorial
Mass*

**Monday 27th Nov
8pm Candlelit Mass**

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

Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church

Topic: "Don't Be Afraid, Mary;

The Day will Include:

Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent

Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240
by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Celebration of Mission Week at Star of the Sea

Last week our school celebrated Mission Week. The theme for this year was 'Reaching out with Love'.

Each day the students engaged in a prayer, song, activities and action to explore what it means to be missionaries of God's work.

We were very fortunate to have Terry Kluzek come and speak to our SRC reps about the work he does with the Vinnies group. Terry took the students over to the bunker to show them first hand where their donations go and what they are used for. This inspired our students to promote the need to donate goods which would go towards supporting Vinnies.

The response from our parent community was overwhelming as we collected bags full of clothes and boxes full of goods. A huge thank you to our Star Outreach group who also supported our mission by donating a generous amount of money which will go towards supporting Vinnies.

This is a fantastic example of how the school and parish community are working together to fulfill our ministry to the disadvantaged in our local and wider community - to do God's work - to be God's hands and heart on earth!



Gingerbread Houses

Ginger Bread Houses only \$35 each. "Please order yours now at the back of church after mass and they will be delivered to masses on the 9th /10th of December.

Gingerbread House Building day

On the 9th of December for those that would like to join in this fun filled, community day, please mark in your diaries. We would love to have you and your friends join us for a couple of hours!

Coffee/tea/lunch and snacks all provided!
Contact Cheryl Wedding 0427 351 008



Helping Us Grow in Our Christian Lives



There will be an Advent program for 2023 led by Cheryle Douglas, one of our parishioners.

The program will be at our church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road. Henley Beach.

Wednesdays: (22/11/2023, 29/11/2023, 6/12/2023, 13/12/2023, 20/12,2023)

Time: 7- 8.30 pm.

Followed by light supper.

Enquiries Cheryle Douglas, Ph 0423480440.

Cost by donation. Please register at back of church

Advent Reflection Group Meetings

A group of parishioners that have been preparing for Advent for a few years will meet for four morning sessions beginning at 10 am on Friday 1 December at the parish meeting room and subsequently every Friday of Advent till Christmas. We will be using the NSW Advent Book. Anyone wanting to join please contact Yvette on 0400 252 902.



The Living Waters Charismatic Prayer Group

Invites you to join them Thursday nights
7pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Enter via hall door, for evenings of singing hymns of praise and worship, two Scripture readings and commentary by Fr Michael Fallon, reflection time, shared refection, prayer, intercessory prayer, and prayer ministry.

Tea/Coffee and fellowship. All welcome. If you need prayer message your prayer requests, the phone number is 0435 899 572.

Christmas Mass Volunteers



If you would like to volunteer for a ministry for one of the Christmas Masses, please complete the volunteer forms at the back of the church. All masses will be held in the Church this year, so we will need lots of people to help us with giving a warm welcome to everyone who comes to the celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas with us.

Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.