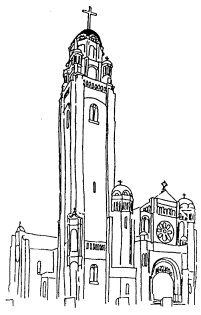

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at a glance

Today's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
1Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Thirty-Third Sunday Year A 18th/19th November 2017

In a Nutshell

On hearing the parable of the 'Talents' we can jump to the conclusion that the master was unjust in his dealings with the servants.

We have all been given gifts. If we use them for God's glory and do the best we can, we will fulfil God's desire for us. If we don't use our gifts, we are not being true to ourselves, and we will feel unfulfilled.

"Come and join in your master's happiness"

This parable is one of a sequence of three found only in Matthew's gospel. These three are the final parables before the passion narrative, so today's parable of the man going on a journey, who leaves his servants in charge of his property and then later returns, is particularly poignant in the light of Jesus' own journey to Jerusalem.

As in all good stories, the plot is simple. This parable is about a man who leaves and returns. Before leaving, he entrusts his servants with his affairs. His instructions are not very specific, and this gives us leeway in interpreting the text. All we know is that he gives five, two and one talents to servants according to each one's ability. The first two trade with what they are given, and double the amount. They are clearly adventurous in their trading. The third man, however, plays safe and buries the talent he has been given. This was regarded in Jesus' time as the prudent thing to do.

Parables speak to us today, however, and we may wonder how this one can do so. Perhaps the clue is in the reward. Those who took risks are not given extra talents: they are praised identically for being good and faithful servants, and they are invited to come and share their master's happiness. The one who played safe, risking nothing for his master, is deprived of his talent and cast out.

The emphasis is on the positive, however. This parable reminds us that we have been given much by God. We don't have the option of not using our gifts to build God's kingdom. Whatever we invest, the promised reward is to share in the happiness of the master's kingdom. It is a lovely idea to pursue during this month when our prayers are for those who have died. We pray for them, and for ourselves, secure in the promise that if we invest in the kingdom of God, we can look forward to a life that takes us into the fullness of God's life itself. It is the perfection of anything we could ever hope for.

The Living Word 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.
Response to the psalm:	Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me, and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Readers

Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)
November:	John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
November:	Charlie Robinson and Gerry Walker
December:	George and Nick Attard / Carol Miller
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

November 19th:	John & Margaret Betros
November 26th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglow
December 3rd:	Paula O'Connor
December 10th:	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas

Money Counters- Parish Office
(more help required)

November 19th Group 4 **November 26th: Group 1**
December 3rd Group 2 **December 10th: Group 3**

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
November:	June Ferguson, Sr. Gabriel.
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost **,** Garry Keating, and Charlie Robinson.
Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
November:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty.
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

Gardeners
Susan & Kevin Bradley

If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts— Sat 18th November: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass.
Bernice Ralston

Offertory Gifts— Sunday 19th November: 7.00 am Mass
Vicki Attard & Family

Mass Offerings:	***Your prayers are requested for the following:***
Recently Deceased:	**Joe McMonagle** (in Ireland)**, Helen Corbett, Lesley Clifford, Anthony O'Sullivan,** Joy Logan, Fr John Shallvey msc, Matt Callander, James Hunter, John Neenan, Teddy O'Sullivan, Bill Patterson.
Other Deceased:	**Rose McMonagle,** Rob Borg, Noreen & Cyril Fletcher, Peter Callanan Peggy Crawley, Muriel Knight, Lesley Clifford, Jack & Shirley Michael, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Sherry Jackson, Bill Jack, Jack & Alma Saidey, Fitzpatrick family, Kit & Bill Sanders and Helen Reid.
Anniversaries:	
Sick:	**Sean Gallagher, Barry du Bois,** Alistair Ross, Lyn Taylor, John Miller, Maureen O'Connor, Esteban Ovelar, Trish Chadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steven Elias, Win Wallace, Dillon Lynch (Dawson Family), Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Roslyn Hutton, Sr Kath Conlan.

Baptisms This Weekend

We congratulate the following children received into our Parish Community this Sunday:

Darragh McCarthy, son of Karl & Michelle

Julien & Charlotte Lombardo , son & daughter of Maurizio & Jessica

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:** 9.30 am (no Mass on Wednesday, unless special feast)
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month.
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday— 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562)**

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November - Cana Communities Appeal.
Volunteers and friends from Cana Communities will be with us next weekend seeking our help.
Cana Communities provides family type support for people from the streets. Cana is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. Volunteers from the community will be holding an appeal at all our Masses. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th - Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2018 Enrolment will take place on Tuesday 28th November, 1 –3pm & Wednesday 29th November, 2.30pm -4.30pm (Parish Office)
Please ensure you bring a copy of your baptismal certificate plus $30 enrolment fee.

Sunday 3rd December—Following **11am Kindy 2018 Welcoming Mass**, we will have our annual Parish Picnic, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle—all welcome.
(No 9.30am and 6pm Masses on this Sunday; but normal 5pm Vigil and 7am Masses)

Wednesday 6th December -St Brigid's School Carols Concert at 6pm in the Church, all welcome.

Saturday 9th December - "Carols by the Sea" at 6pm at Grant Reserve.

Sunday 10th December—last Children's Liturgy for the year at 9.30am Mass

Tuesday 19th December– Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Rite) at 7.30pm in the Church.

Christmas Mass Times:	Sunday 24th December:	5pm Xmas Vigil Family Mass; 9pm Mass with Choir and Carols.
	Monday 25th December:	7am Christmas Mass; 9.30am Christmas Family Mass.

November Masses for the Faithful Departed
During November, we remember all our faithful departed relatives and friends. Please add names to our Remembrance Book in the church foyer. November Mass envelopes are also in the foyer.

St Vincent de Paul: Christmas Cards are available and are sill only $6.00 for a pack of 10 Cards. Our St Brigid's Parish Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be the weekend of the 9th and 10th of December . We thank you for your generosity in the past and appreciate any help you may be able to give . Donate to help rebuild Lives .

Fr Phil

St Brigid's Christmas Choir

Choir practice for Christmas will commence this **Wednesday 22nd November**. We would like to invite parishioners from the congregation to join the choir. The first session will be on at 7.30pm. Each session will go for about 2 hours and we will practicing every week leading up to Christmas. Please call Jeremy on 0414 540 439 or Angeline on 0405 420 159 for further details.

The choir will be singing at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses.

Monday 4th December **Family Gingerbread House Event in the Parish Hall 6.30-8.30pm**,

Join in for a evening of fun while you build and decorate your Gingerbread House for Christmas. The cost is $35 per house and includes everything you need to make and decorate your house.
Order forms in the church foyer.

All proceeds will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas family appeal

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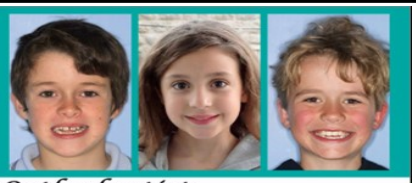

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