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33rd Sunday
of Ordinary
Time

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
14th/15th
November 2020

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.

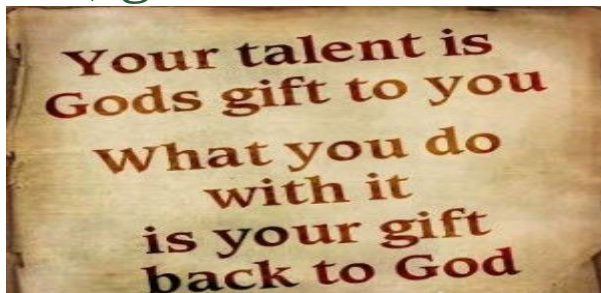
We have all been given gifts. If we use them for God's glory and do the best we can, we will fulfil God's desire for us.

If we don't use our gifts, we are not being true to ourselves, and we will feel unfulfilled.

Today's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Give her a share in what she has worked for.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
Matthew 25:14-30 Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom a rich man entrusted his fortune. Imposing loans on people was common in ancient times as a profitable way to deposit cash. Two of his employees were delighted to have such trust placed in them. After all, a talent was a coin of value, and he had lent them five and ten talents apiece. Eager to please him, they showed enterprise in their use of his money; unlike the third servant, who wanted to save himself any trouble or anxiety. He simply dug a hole and buried it. God does not exploit people; nor was Jesus a financial advisor. He was interested in a different kind of treasure.

God is rich in kindness and we are distributors of that grace. What God bestows is not meant to be hoarded. God give us wisdom and skills that we may be of service; God forgives us that we might treat other people generously. Such is the “commerce” of God's kingdom: a reckless investment of ourselves with no certainty of return, other than to increase the circulation of love in this world.

Jesus had harsh things to say of the servant who buried his one talent. All of us have some ability, however modest, and to hide it away or use it only for ourselves is more than laziness. What we have is not gifted, but *loaned to us*: we are trusted stewards of a grace intended for everyone.

The Living Word, 2020

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. Alleluia.

Saturday Vigil November December	Readers Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) John Betros Chelsea Albert	Ministers of Communion Vigil 5pm November Sunday 7.00 am November December	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost Gary Keating
	Sunday 7.00 am November:		Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost Gary Keating
	Sunday 9.30 am November 15th		Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen Sunday 9.30 am November: Sunday 6pm
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor.	
Money Counters—Parish Office November 15th Group 4 November 22nd: Group 1 November 29th: Group 2 December 6th: Group 3		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass)	

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Wilma Baldwin, Joyce Masson, Bernadette Anderson, Elizabeth Khoury, John Weber.
Other Deceased:	<i>Masses throughout November are offered for all the faithful departed listed in our Book of Remembrance in the Church Foyer.</i>
Sick:	Anna Zabourek, Lyn Sweeney, Hayley Connery (Ireland), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell.

Something to Think About God has given every person some special abilities and gifts to honour God and serve others. Jesus reminds us that we should do our best with the talents God has given us. Each of us must decide if we are going to use our gifts for God, and how we are going to do that.	
The Story In today's story, the master gives some of his money to each of his three servants to look after. Then he leaves on a trip. The servant who was given 5000 coins was able to earn 5000 more coins. When the master returned, he was very happy with the servant for working hard to grow the gift he was given.	

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	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Baptisms This Weekend - We congratulate and welcome the following children who will be baptized this weekend after our 9.30am Family Mass : River Graham and Tiger Passfield

St Vincent de Paul - We are pleased to announce that we are going to rebuild and reinforce the St Vincent de Paul conference in our parish. In order to run this successfully we will rely on the valuable volunteers in our parish. If you interested in learning more please contact - Joanne Smyth sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com

Please pick up a copy of the Summer Edition **Australian Catholic** Magazine, with some interesting reads for the family. *(in the Church Foyer)*

November Masses It is a strong Catholic tradition to pray for all our deceased family and friends during the month of November; and Masses are offered each day for your intentions. Please write names in the Memorial Book in the Church Foyer.

November Mass envelopes are also provided, and any donations received in these envelopes are sent to assist overseas MSC missionaries, who also offer Masses for your Intentions.

Pastoral Plan 2021-2023—If you would like to be a part of St Brigid's Pastoral plan please go to our website, then parish pastoral council, where you will find a document to fill out, and drop it in the box in the church foyer.

Forever Johnno will hold there annual 'Presents for sick kids'— if you would like to donate please drop into The Coogee Bay Hotel Sunday 13th December 1.30pm-4pm



Thank you for supporting the CWF November Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF)**

November Appeal. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable community that our CWF ministries and agencies support. For more information, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Envelopes are still available in Church Foyer, and can be placed on any collection.

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

St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.