

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**A Reading from the Book of Proverbs**

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 hand 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**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127:1-5****O blessed 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.

Your wife is like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

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!

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

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 worse 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 the darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God.****REFLECTION**

As we gradually approach the end of the Church's year, our liturgy today reminds us of the Lord's return; that the Lord trusts us and because he trusts us, he generously entrusts his gifts to us, according to our abilities. While we await his return, we put these gifts to good use. His expectation when he returns is that we joyfully and excitedly come running to him, telling our stories of what we have achieved with his gifts. He is not expecting a cold welcome from us. So, let us get busy, put our gifts into use to build the Kingdom of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia**Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.****Alleluia.****Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-20****The Lord be with you.**

And with your spirit.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The king 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. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 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." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he, "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you had not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But the master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15/11/2020

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	8.00am	<u>ANNIE ERNEST OATES</u>
Wednesday	8.00am	<u>Holy Souls</u>
Thursday	8.00am	<u>Brian Nuttall</u>
Friday	8.00am	<u>Those in our Parishes with Covid, their family & friends</u>

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SUNDAY	9.00AM	BRIAN NUTTAL RIP
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MASS ONLINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.
- Hospital. In the meantime, Priests will only go into the hospital in response to a request from the Hospital switchboard or ward staff. Anyone in the hospital that requires a visit from a priest should please go through the nurse or switchboard. This will be in emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous offertory donations. Thank you

Private prayer

St Mary Magdalene Church will be open on Saturdays 12.00 noon – 1.00pm
Blessed Sacrament will be open on Sundays 11.00- 12.00 noon

All Masses for the foreseeable future will be Private

PLEASE AFTER PRAYERS

We are advised to leave the church immediately, observing the required physical social distancing. People are not expected to stay back in any way to chat.

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LACKING A PLAN FOR EVERYONE

15. The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values. Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools. Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways one denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion. Their share of the truth and their values are rejected and, as a result, the life of society is impoverished and subjected to the hubris of the powerful. Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this craven exchange of charges and counter-charges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation.

16. Amid the fray of conflicting interests, where victory consists in eliminating one's opponents, how is it possible to raise our sights to recognise our neighbours or to help those who have fallen along the way? A plan what would set great goals for the development of our entire human family nowadays sounds like madness. We are growing ever more distant from one another, while the slow and demanding march towards an increasingly united and just world is suffering a new and dramatic setback.

Fratelli tutti