

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 derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and 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 to 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 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 First 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 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 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.

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 25:14-30

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 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. The man who had received the five talents promptly went out 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 the 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 have 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 his 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 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.

FRATELLI TUTTI - CHAPTER EIGHT (Final Chapter) – An Appeal

286. In these pages of reflection on universal fraternity, I felt inspired particularly by Saint Francis of Assisi, but also by others of our brothers and sisters who are not Catholics: Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi and many more. Yet I would like to conclude by mentioning another person of deep faith who, drawing upon his intense experience of God, made a journey of transformation towards feeling a brother to all. I am speaking of Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

287. Blessed Charles directed his ideal of total surrender to God towards an identification with the poor, abandoned in the depths of the African desert. In that setting, he expressed his desire to feel himself a brother to every human being, [286] and asked a friend to "pray to God that I truly be the brother of all". [287] He wanted to be, in the end, "the universal brother". [288] Yet only by identifying with the least did he come at last to be the brother of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us. Amen. **Pope Francis**

		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A 23	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Mary Gaughan - A Long and Happy Retirement	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Mary Madden RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Frances Pecowski Birthday Blessings	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Pam Kershaw	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Jason Wang & Tony Deighton	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Theresa	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Alan Sixsmith	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Jean Denman Birthday Blessings	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Pauline Bristowe RIP (MA)	Bl Sac

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SATURDAY	6.00 PM	MR & MRS MOONEY	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	MAURA WHITE ANNIVERSARY	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	VERONICA CAMPBELL	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS DEIGHTON & MARY ANN BAILEY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	ANN H	BL SAC

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£879.00. Please see poster for further information.

SVP Christmas catalogue- at the back of church. Please patronise them. Fr Peter.

The last event this year in the Parish Calendar will be the Annual Carol Service, to be held at St Mary Magdalene's on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm. If you wish to help in any way with Readings, Music or refreshments please see Tony McNicholas, Pam Kershaw or Fr Peter.

St Mary Magdalene's - Christmas Numbers Board – (in place of the Weekly Raffle)
£1.00 per number – 6 Prizes – including a Christmas Hamper to be drawn
Saturday 16th December.

We pray for the sick of the Parish – the housebound – and all who have recently died.

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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...

