

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs

31:10-12, 19-20, 30-31

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 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 at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Happy are those who fear the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

5:1-6

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 darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

25:14-30

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 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 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. (...continued overleaf)



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

14th / 15th November, 2020



In today's gospel, Matthew develops the theme of what it means to be living in the in-between time. The Master has given the servants 'talents' and on his return they will be judged according to how they have used those talents and whether they have followed his instructions. A talent was a standard measure of currency in the Near East, and a very large sum indeed. In fact, each servant has been given a treasure. Two perform well, but the third is paralysed by the fear of taking a risk and hides his talent away. His excuse is that he knew his master was an exacting man and so he refused even to try. He condemns himself by not responding to the demands of the master. This gospel challenges us to drop our false notion of God as an exacting master, to appreciate the gifts we have been given, and to use and develop them for our good and the good of others.

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MASS TIMES – HIGHETT & CHELTENHAM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: from 3rd November
Limitations on the No. of attendees apply – please book in.

Tuesday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Tuesday	[OLA Church]	6.00 pm
Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Thursday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Friday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	

SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	[St Agnes]	6:00 pm
Sunday	[OLA]	9:00 am, 11:00 am

The following remain suspended

COMMUNION SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:
Monday 9.15 am / 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 9.30am

BAPTISMS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply
Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the Parish Office: 9532 1794

WEDDINGS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply
By appointment, 6 months' notice required.
Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).
Please contact the Parish Office: 9532 1794

The clergy, employees and volunteers of St Agnes Parish are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

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PRAYING FOR:

Melvin Lopez, ...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

*Vladimir Wassilieff, Olga, Walter, James,
Lorna, Oscar & Sylvia Davidson,
Henry Costin
...and all whose anniversaries
occur about this time*

Please keep in your prayers the Sick:

Bill Power, Leslie Raymond,
Jerome D'Souza, Cecily Anthony,
Carol Davies, Ann Ward, Phillip Greco,

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #21: 10th November, 2020) are available online at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19>

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Please consider putting your Thanksgiving Offerings into one envelope with your number written on it and the amount. Please do the same for your presbytery offerings. This will reduce unnecessary work for the counters. Thank you for your understanding and assistance. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. St Agnes is registered for online payments. The **CDF Pay** link to the St Agnes Parish, Highett site is: <https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635777>
Thank you most sincerely to all who support the mission of the Parish.

Broadcast & Online Masses: 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 Digital TV). This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website: melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online

THE CELEBRATION OF MASSES: Mass may now be celebrated indoors for up to **20** people. It is essential that those who wish to attend, book in for their preferred Mass.

Please note the **New Mass Timetable** across the two parishes...

Tuesday	9.00am (St Agnes)
	6.00pm (OLA)
Wednesday	9.15am (OLA)
Thursday	9.15am (OLA)
Friday	9.00am (St Agnes)
Saturday	9.00am (OLA)
Saturday	6.00pm (St Agnes)
Sunday	9.00am (OLA)
Sunday	11.00am (OLA)

Again, **bookings are essential** & must be made prior to the day of the Mass. Please telephone the Parish office on **9583 6161**, during office hours (9am-3.30pm Mon-Fri), to book a day and time. Please God, we'll be able to welcome a further easing of restrictions in coming weeks.

NOVEMBER MASSES

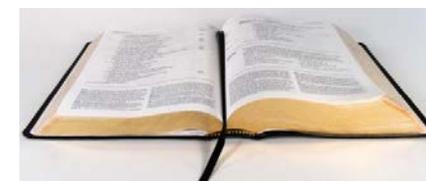
If you would like to remember a deceased relative or friend in Mass, envelopes for November Masses are available in the foyer of church. Please drop your envelopes, with the names of those you wish to be remembered, and your Mass offering, into either the black letterbox at door of the parish office, or the Sacristy, if you're attending a Mass. Thank you.

Gospel Reading continued from overleaf...

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 the five talents. For to 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.'

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE DEAF:

The John Pierce Centre seeks to empower all Deaf people and their families within Victoria to live their lives to the full. In their November Appeal they are reaching out for support to continue the valuable work of the JPC. They recognise the extraordinary challenges that many have faced in 2020 and the JPC staff have continued to support and connect with Deaf people already vulnerable to isolation, through provision of pastoral care, family support, group activities and church services online in different and creative ways. Donate today at: www.givenow.com.au/jpcdonations



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) online: www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column