

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

Update on Masses

There has been a slight change to masses. Please ensure you read the weekly calendar carefully to see when masses are being held and whether you have to register.

Weekday Masses: Weekday masses are no longer zoom masses. Weekday masses will happen in church with a maximum of 20 at this stage. No registration is required. However, when we get 20 parishioners inside the church, the doors will be locked.

Weekend Masses: Zoom/Livestreaming mass will only happen on Saturday evenings at 5.30 pm. All other weekend masses will be held on Sunday at 9.00 am and 10.30 am outdoors. Registration is required for weekend masses.

Note: The church is still only open for masses. **The church will NOT be open for private prayer.** When this restriction changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Next Change in Restrictions: is due on from Monday 23rd November. We are hoping that from the 29th/30th November we will be able to go back to regular mass times, with all masses being indoors. We will keep you updated, however, on these changes within the next few weeks.

Schedule of masses for the week below:

WEEKLY CALENDAR 2020

Friday 13 November

09.00am Mass - Inside Church - Max 20 - Registration Not Required

Saturday 14 November

09.00am Mass - Inside Church - Max 20 - Registration Not Required

05.30pm Mass - Inside Church - Max 20 - Register your attendance by emailing stschpar@bigpond.net.au

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87908837954?pwd=WVVXMmNZa09RV1IvbkFNalRveVlrUT09>

Sunday 15 November

09.00am Mass - Outside Church - Max 50 - Register your attendance by emailing stschpar@bigpond.net.au

10.30am Mass - Outside Church - Max 50 - Register your attendance by emailing stschpar@bigpond.net.au

05.30 pm Vietnamese Mass - Inside Church

Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84305028719?pwd=WWV2MXdkd1BMNmJUMXpucVI0SG5rQT09>

Tuesday 17 November

09.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Inside Church - Max 20 - Registration Not Required

Wednesday 18 November

11.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Inside Church - Max 20- Registration Not Required

Thursday 19 November

09.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Inside Church - Max 20 - Registration Not Required

Friday 20 November

09.00am Mass - Inside Church - Max 20 - Registration Not Required

All rules and regulations regarding hand sanitising, social distancing and registering to attend must be observed when coming to mass. A face mask must be worn at all times. If you have any symptoms of COVID -19, you must NOT attend mass. It is crucial that all these rules are followed for everyone's safety.

The Parish Office is still closed, due to the office renovations, and is due to be back open on Tuesday 1st December.

Recommencing of Church Ministries

As restrictions ease further and masses are allowed with larger numbers, church ministries will be getting back into action. If you are involved in a church ministry, such as readers, eucharistic ministers, music, av operators, sacristans or altar care to name a few, our coordinators for each ministry will be getting in contact with you shortly to ensure our rosters are up to date.

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Ian Holmes, Annie Paino, Michael Yau, Rachel Bransby, Doris Gauci, Doris Sinclaire, Peter Lim, Dinitra Presta, Dolores Bubeck, Harriet Pergande, Annie Crawley, Bud Kirchens, Julie Miserda, Debbie Hansen, Fred Hillas, Fran Panetta

Anniversaries

Mark Alexander Fernandez, Katherine Tran, Henry Nguyen

Recently Deceased

Aline Lincoln, Luigi de Blasis

Volunteers Required

The process of reopening the Church for masses, means that we will need to meet the requirements of Health Authorities to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors. We are therefore needing volunteers to help in the set up/pack up (of outdoor masses) and cleaning/sanitizing after each mass. There are various items that need to happen after each mass including, wiping down and sanitizing chairs and wiping down high touch areas.

If you are able to assist us in helping with these items, please email the parish office or please after masses that you attend if you can give us a bit of your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Piano for Sale

Japanese Yamaha upright piano complete with stool in excellent condition. Selling price \$2500 or nearest offer. Contact number 0402824111 or 0426380282

Farewelling Fr Thanh

Dear parishioners, we have received some enquiries about Fr Thanh's farewell. Once we are back in the office we will communicate further information on how you can be involved. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Dominique or Amelia. Thank you.

Daily Mass Books & Columban Calendars

A limited supply of Daily Mass Books and Columban Calendars is available for sale. It is unlikely that the Piety Stall will be open for the remainder of this year so to purchase a copy please phone Gil Muir on 0420 379 270 to make arrangements for delivery. The prices are: Mass Books \$23.00 and Calendars \$9.00. Please note that Christmas cards are not available from the Piety Stall this year.

Parish Office

Email: stschpar@bigpond.net.au

The parish staff are working remotely from home therefore email is the best way to get in contact with us or you can contact Dominique on 0419 518 855 - Thursdays and Fridays 10.00 am till 3.00 pm Please be aware that the Parish phone number will not be monitored at this time.

Fr Thanh Tran

Presbytery: 9808 0650

Mobile: 0402 651 979

Email: Thanh.Tran@cam.org.au

If the matter is urgent please do not hesitate to contact Fr Tran via phone.

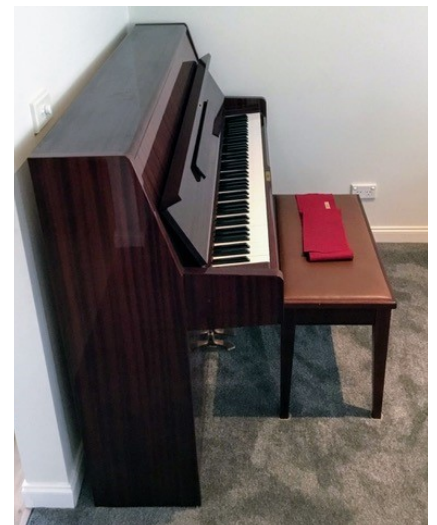
Weekly Updates and Thanksgiving

Please be aware that we are still sending weekly updates via email with all the relevant information and zoom masses which will still continue during this lockdown. If you have an email address and would like to receive our weekly update please send us an email with your request and we will add you to our emailing list. This is a great way to stay informed about mass times and parish developments as these are made available.

If you have Thanksgiving envelopes that you usually drop into the Parish Office, please hold onto these until after the lockdown period and the office reopens. You can also always make a contribution via direct deposit or via credit card. The parish account details can be found below.

Other Options for Thanksgiving

- Set up a direct debit or monthly credit card giving by contacting the parish office or set up your direct deposit yourself using the following details:
 - Account Name: St Scholastica's Parish
 - BSB: 083 347
 - Account Number: 68681 8033
 - Reference: **Please use as reference: Envelope number**



November: Month of the Holy Souls

Throughout November, Father will be offering masses for the repose of the souls for lost loved ones. There is a Mass Intention box at the altar and envelopes can be placed in this box for your loved ones names to be mentioned in Chimes each weekend. As the church is only open at very limited times, if you would like your loved ones names mentioned in chimes, you can also email these names to the Parish Office at stschpar@bigpond.net.au

We remember this week the deceased members of the following families:

Sweeney Family	Andrew Jee Family	Wong Family	Rose & Nicholas Aylward	Glad & James Everett	Kay & Bill Annesley	Jacqueline Avice
Marlene Boldrini	Anthony O'Donnell	Anne Cameron	Ray Edgley	Ratus Family	Figueirado Family	Belafeff Family
Lincoln Family	Marot Family	La'Forgue Family	Chester Family	Hilda Pereira	Anthony Pereira	Marine Shane
Richard Shane	Stephen Nichols	Clayton Pereira	Rosy Pereira	Dion Pereira	Melroy Pereira	Aldrin Pereira
D'Souza family	Fernandes Family	Stanley Lobo				

Ordination of Deacon John

We are very happy to share the news of Rev Deacon John's ordination to priesthood on Saturday 28 November 2020. We are thankful for Deacon John's involvement in our parish.

Following his Ordination to the Priesthood on 28th November, Fr John will be celebrating his First Mass of Thanksgiving in our parish church on Sunday 29th November at 11:00 am. The gift for Fr John from the parish will be a Chasuble embroidered with our parish logo and the remaining donations will be converted into a gift voucher or a temporal credit travel card so that he can spend on his travel.

If you would like to contribute please see below the banking details.

Please use Deacon Gift as reference so that we can allocate the funds correctly.

Name: St Scholastica's Church Account
Number: 686818033
BSB: 083347
Reference: Deacon Gift

We also ask that if you are in contact with parishioners who do not have email or who do not receive the update, could you please pass on this information. Thank you.

Parish Office Hours:

Currently Closed

Dominique: 0419 518 855
Thursdays & Fridays 10am-3pm
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Parish Priest:

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

R. Happy 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. **R.**

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

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. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the 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. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 15 November 2020

Today's readings basically continue the overall theme from those of last week: productive use of the time before the coming of the Lord.

The First Reading, the Praise of the Good Wife in Proverbs 31 (vv. 10-13, 19-20, 30-31), may illustrate this in its depiction of the energy and industry of the woman. Nonetheless, it will need careful handling. While admirable in several respects, the commendation hardly escapes the prevailing Old Testament sense of a wife as basically the possession of her husband, whose honor is at stake in all that she says and does. The stress upon industry and competence, the negative remarks about charm and beauty, show up the absence of any positive evaluation of sexuality in a way that a sacramental sense of marriage could build upon. Some parish communities balance the reading of this text with a parallel one on 'the good husband' composed by women. At best, perhaps, the text can be a launching pad – to some extent providing a basis, to some extent a contra-indication – for a wider reflection upon relations between the genders within the context of faith.

The Gospel, Matthew 24:14-30, features the second of the series of three parables dealing with time of waiting that began last week. Whatever might have been its setting on the lips of Jesus, the Parable of the Talents in the form we have it in Matthew (cf. Luke's Parable of the Pounds, 19:12-27), clearly relates to the issue of how to live appropriately in the period before the coming of the Lord. The first generation of believers expected the Lord to return very soon. Matthew's treatment reflects a time when the intensity of that expectation has waned and been replaced by a sense of the stringency of the account each believer will have to give concerning the use they have made of all the gifts and graces received from the Lord.

The parable is unashamedly 'capitalist' – though this doesn't mean that Jesus endorses the economic system it presupposes. As in other parables – some of which feature roguish activity (see Luke 16:1-8) – he simply points to familiar ways people behave in ordinary everyday life to illustrate how people should behave in view of the Kingdom. The master about to go abroad is a businessman who doesn't want his wealth to lie unproductively idle while he is away. So he entrusts its management to three servants, apportioning it in line with his estimation of each one's business acumen: five talents, two talents, one talent respectively. Even one talent denotes a very large sum of money. (Originally the word 'talent' designated a weight; its later usage in English with reference to a person's innate qualities or skills is an extended sense derived precisely from this parable.)

With the master away for a long period, a high rate of interest enables the enterprising first two servants to realise a 100% increase on the amount entrusted to them. Their reward is to be welcomed 'into the joy' of their master – that is, in Matthew's allegorical development of the original parable, welcomed into the final banquet of the Kingdom.

The failure of the third servant, the one who simply went and hid his single talent in the ground, is that he didn't do what his master expected: trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued a measure of interest. Seeing his master simply in terms of strict justice and paralysed by fear, he thought he would be secure if only he could give back the exact sum with which he had been entrusted. Though he has not been in any way dishonest, he incurs a severe penalty because he has been concerned simply with his own security rather than with what is really required of him. Homilists should be wary of the allegorical impulse to identify the master in the parable too strictly with God. At the same time, the parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, flowing from a fearful image of God, is concerned simply with not doing anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the 'weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' [23:23]). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise, if they are not to atrophy and wither.

The Second Reading, from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, coheres with this in its sense that, with the 'day' of salvation having 'dawned' in Christ's resurrection, believers as 'people of the day', should be up and about, watchful and active, rather than 'asleep', as in the night.