



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15th - 16th November 2014

WELL DONE, YOU GOOD SERVANT

From Sunday Reflection by Fr. Eugene Lobo, SJ



Today's Reading from the Gospel of Matthew involves two stories. The first reminds us of the necessity to be watchful at all time. The second, the Parable of the Talents, informs us as to why we must persevere in our living faith, why we must be fruitful in all our thoughts, our words and our actions.

Jesus gives his disciples and the Pharisees this parable to illustrate and emphasize the teaching of the Kingdom of Heaven and how everyone will be judged according to the use he makes of the gifts God gives to human persons. The drama of the story emerges from actions of three servants who have been entrusted with large sums of money from their master so that they would use the amount profitably while he is away. These sums are described in terms of talents. The value of a talent was high, equivalent to fifteen years wage earned by an ordinary worker. The master gave different amounts to each of the servants depending on their ability. Having handed over these large sums, the master goes on a journey from which after a long time he will return. The question guiding the parable is what each servant will do with the sum of money the master has placed under his care.

The parable gives us four important lessons. First, it tells us that God gives each person different gifts and this gift are gratuitous. Despite our tendencies always to compare ourselves with others, the actual number and quality is not important. We are only asked to make full use of what we have been uniquely given and to use them for the benefit of the community as a whole. When everyone does that, the community is enriched. Second, our work is never completed. The first two servants showed how much they had earned; they were not told they could sit back and rest. Rather because of their trustworthiness, even greater responsibilities were given to them. The more one has, the more will be given to him. Third, the person who does nothing will be punished. The man with one talent did not lose it. He did not do anything at all with it. If he had tried and failed, he would have met compassion and forgiveness. Even the person with one miserable talent has something to offer to others. It is a sober warning that it is not just those who do evil deeds who will lose out but also those who have no positively good works to show. Every person has the responsibility to be active in the Kingdom. Finally, to the one who has more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. It seems rather unfair, like robbing the poor to pay the rich. But Jesus is rather saying that those who share generously the gifts they have been given are likely to find themselves constantly enriched. Those who jealously preserve what they have been given, hoard it and go into their shell in fear of the outside world are likely to shrivel up and die. Those who save their lives will lose it; those who share generously what they have with others, will find themselves immeasurably enriched. It is the law of the Gospel; it is also a law of life which many of us, in practice, find hard to believe.

Parish Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the

month - 11am Aboriginal

Community Mass at South Terrace.

2nd Sunday of the month—11 am

Aboriginal Community Mass at

Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross Highway.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

Daily Readings: starting 17 November

Mon: Apoc 1:1-4,2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43
Tues: Apoc 3:1-6,14-22 Lk 19:1-10
Wed: Apoc 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28
Thu: Apoc 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44
Fri: Apoc 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48
Sat: Apoc 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40
Sun: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17
 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

David Woods, Sean Heenan, Mary Dick, Duncan Lynch, Isobel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Tirkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Williams, Lafie Saanga, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Deaths: Kumantjay Raye, Neil John Bailey, Rebecca Silverton and Teresa Fadelli

First Death Anniversary: Ida Buckle

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion
First Wednesday of the month 9am
Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship
Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration
Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

USE YOUR GIFTS

“The servant with one talent is not punished just for failing to use it wisely - but for failing to think about how best to use it. It has not been given to him to hide - but to use.

“The same applies to our own gifts and talents. To some great gifts seem to be given - but however great or small they are given for the building of the Kingdom. By using them as well as we can, we will be able to offer them back to God at the end of time - and also able to offer the fruits that have been borne through them.

“God’s investment in us grows when we use the gifts in His service.”

Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner, Wellspring of the Gospel website.

G20 SUMMIT

Pope Francis has written to our Prime Minister, Tony Abbott on the eve of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the world’s twenty largest economies. In his letter, he says:

“I would ask the G20 Heads of State and Government not to forget that many lives are at stake behind these political and technical discussions, and it would indeed be regrettable if such discussions were to remain purely on the level of declarations of principle. Throughout the world, there are far too many women and men suffering from severe malnutrition, a rise in the number of the unemployed... and an increase in social exclusion... In addition, there are constant assaults on the natural environment, the result of unbridled consumerism, and this will have serious consequences for the world economy.”

“This is our request to the G20 Heads of State and Government”, said Catholic Religious Australia President Sr Berneice Loch RSM. “Indeed, it is our prayer!”

Sr Berneice RSM, the President of the Catholic Religious Australia, said that the hopes expressed by Pope Francis are the hopes and prayer of Catholic Religious, “We, too, hope that a substantial and productive consensus can be achieved that will take into account real improvements in the living conditions of poorer families, that will reduce all forms of unacceptable inequality, that will support victims of the crises especially refugees, and that will include the vital issues of decent work for all and climate change”.

THANK YOU TO FR. ELMER, SVD

Sincere ‘Thank you’ to Fr. Elmer Ibarra, SVD who has helped out in pastoral ministry in our Parish for the past 6 weeks. He was of great help and support to Fr. Jan. Hope to see you again in Alice, Fr. Elmer.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jewish *talent* was a very substantial sum of money. A *shekel* contained about 14.5g of silver; a talent contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- The ‘talents’ are not equally distributed. In God’s plan, all are endowed with different ‘talents’ so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of abilities we have.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Reggie Kieren Paul and Kade David Leslie Smith, sons of Reggie Ian Smith and Jessie Elizabeth White who were baptised on Saturday 15 November.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 16 November
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 17 November
Tuesday 18 November
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm
Wednesday 19 November
Thursday 20 November
Friday 21 November
Saturday 22 November
Sunday 23 November
 Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

NEW APPOINTMENTS OF PRIESTS

Bp Eugene Hurley announced that Fr. Jan Szweda, SVD will be transferred from Alice Springs to Nhulunbuy / Groote Eylandt Parish and that Fr. Asaeli Raass, SVD has been appointed Parish Priest of Alice Springs. Fr. Raass had worked in Alice Springs as chaplain for the Aboriginal Community for 6 years. He will be assisted by Fr. Prakash Menezes, SVD originally from India and Fr. Oliver Noclam SVD, originally from Vanuatu but currently working in Cuba. Fr. Raass will take over from Fr. Jan on January 10, 2015. Fr. Jan will leave Alice Springs on January 23, 2015. Meantime, Fr. Vincent Mai, SVD will assist in the Parish, while Fr. Elmer Ibarra, SVD will leave on November 17 and will be replaced by Fr. John Quang, SVD, originally from Vietnam.

Multicultural Mass

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will celebrate the Multicultural Mass at 9:30am. Parishioners are welcome to wear their national costumes.



CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Giving Tree will be set up at the back of the Church for three weeks from 29 November until 14 December. Please take a tag and return your food donation to the Vinnies shop at 38 Railway Tce. This year we are supporting the Women's Shelter, Renal patients and outlying communities.

On the weekend of December 6/7 there will be the annual Christmas blue bucket appeal. Monies raised will be converted to food vouchers for the Emergency Relief program

Please note that Columban calendars and Vinnies Christmas cards will be on sale after each Mass 15/16 November and 22/23 November. You can also purchase these items from the Vinnies shop on 38 Railway Tce.

Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

OLSH Parish Seniors' Christmas Lunch



It's time again for Christmas spirit and cheers! OLSH Parish Seniors' Christmas lunch will be held on Saturday, 6 December in the OLSH Bath Street hall. Mark your calendars.

How can you help? Stop by the table after Mass during the weekend of 15/16 November and sign up for volunteering or donating foods. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted.

Senior parishioners wanting to attend the lunch, please write your name on the "guest list" which is available at the back of the church. For further information, phone the Parish office on 8952 1049.

SAYING GOOD BYE

A number of families and individuals from our parish will be leaving Alice Springs this summer. We like to invite all those who will be leaving not just for holiday but for good or for a longer time to come for the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday, 30 November. There is a paper at the back of the church on which we ask you to write your name if you are one of those leaving. We like to say 'Thank you' and 'Good bye' to you. You may also send an email to the parish office to inform us that you are leaving Alice Springs. Thank you for your cooperation.

The **OLSH Associates Christmas meeting** is now on **Saturday 22nd November**. We will gather for the 11am Mass here at the Church, then at the OLSH Convent at 12:15pm for an Advent/Christmas reflection followed by lunch. All Associates are invited to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
 - Kathleen. OLSH

Roster for weekend of 22 / 23 November 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Walter Litvensky Patricia Litvensky	Rose Sabadin Leanne Dieckmann Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Pat Gallagher	Carmel Leonard Charles Gamon	Rita Steller Mike Steller Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Beth Madden	Lennie Sumang Bridget Knight	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Andrzej Skrzypiec	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

Cleaning: 22 November **Group 6**
 Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: 23 November
 Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,256.30 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$2,581.60 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin team informed if you change your days/times etc.

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Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29:11.12.14

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: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5 **R/** Happy are those who fear the Lord .

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4.5

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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. 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. 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." The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28

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