

Reflection ...

In answer to my usual greeting, "G'day Muff, what are you up to?" my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, "Just contemplating the eternal verities!" The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the veracity of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for my brother-in-law until his all too early death 15 years ago.

As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten lamp-bearers, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's gospel reading).

The previous story has concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this motif. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them..." Once more, we find slavery taken for granted. Once more, we might take this as a reminder to commit ourselves to the elimination of all power over others.

The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer. The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that point in this direction. There are other features, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that inhibit an unequivocally affirmative answer to this question. In face of present inequities even within the most affluent countries, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violent and exploitative actions of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal verities cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image. They bear ongoing reflection and call us to responsible action for the sake of planetary life.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 14 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 16 NOV

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 18 NOV

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 19 NOV

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 20 NOV

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 21 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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RESPONSES

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,

To place my hope in God the Lord.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina,
Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj,
Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci,
Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton,
Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family,
David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson,
Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco,
Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L.,
Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser,
Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella,
Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John
Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard,
Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker,
Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin,
Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Clare Georgey, Angela Sollazzo

ANNIVERSARIES

John McClusky, Swee Tan, Jack Papallo
Therese Margaret Gaskin, Marie Anne
Therese Hage, Michael David Moyle,
Setyo Irfan Kanginan

ROSTER

14/15 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Rob McGuinness Toni McGuinness	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
Comm to Sick	Nubia Suarez		
21/22 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Sr Pauline Richards Br Rory	Mandalena Hermawan Ana Corpuz	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
Comm to Sick	Cathy Castillo	Thomas Chia	



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on

0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 8/9 NOV

1st Coll \$460
2nd Coll \$220
Env Coll \$680
CWF \$75



HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday 16 Nov
6pm-7pm (*call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour*)



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CWF NOVEMBER PARISH APPEAL

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the
Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal.

Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission
to provide care for the most vulnerable community that
our CWF ministries and agencies support. For more
information, please visit www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Direct debit via the online payment system BPoint on
our website: [https://www.olrkensington.org.au/
parishgiving](https://www.olrkensington.org.au/parishgiving)
- The "Tap" facility at the side door of the church
- Place your donation in the collection baskets at the
side door
- Contact the parish office for bank account details for
electronic funds transfer

PARISH FAMILY GROUP NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25 Nov from 6pm at Raleigh Park (on the lawn adjacent to the main entrance). BYO nibbles, drink AND a chair.
Our reopening meeting since Covid-19, come celebrate the joy of Christmas. Contact group leader: Martin O'Loughlin
e: oloughlinm1@gmail.com. All parishioners welcomed.



REACHING BEYOND 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the
capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities'
needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty.

Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and
support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au.

MASS INVITATION

Mass after further relaxation of restrictions

With further restrictions easing off, Father Alo and OLR Parish
would like to invite you to attend mass in person to celebrate
the Eucharist. Jesus is present during the Eucharistic celebra-
tion in various ways: in the person of the priest, in the
proclamation of the Word, and in the assembled people: For
**"where two or three are gathered together in my name there
am I in the midst of them."** (Matthew 18:20) Above all, receiv-
ing communion means to receive Jesus under the appearance
of bread and wine after the Consecration.

Furthermore, we are also pleased to announce that Morning
Tea is now served straight after Sunday 9.30am mass,
so join us, say hello and enjoy a cuppa.

Check-in for Mass

We now has a QR code available for Mass check-in. Instructions
and the code are available on the notice boards at the side
door. Those that are not able to access the app can still sign-in
the usual way. Please remember physical distancing of 1.5m
whilst standing in the queue to check-in.


Church capacity

Our revised capacity for mass attendees is 125 people. Please
sit on pews/seats where marked. Members of the same
household can sit together but **MUST** observe the 1.5m
distance between themselves and other parishioners.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This year the Mass for Expectant Mothers will be celebrated on **Saturday the 12th of December at
12 noon** and will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral. Each expectant
mother and her unborn child will receive an individual blessing from Bishop Umbers, as well as a
small gift from the Life, Marriage & Family Team. **Registrations:** [sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/
smcsmass/massformothers/Site/Register](http://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/smcsmass/massformothers/Site/Register).



THE 11TH ANNUAL  iWitness CONFERENCE

AWAKE, O SLEEPER

DECEMBER 10-13, 2020 | AGES 18-35

THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE, STANWELL TOPS

iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

The iWitness Conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia's young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith - and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more!

iWitness and the venue have a COVID-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
[HTTPS://WWW.IWITNESSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.iwitnessconference.com/)

GO MAKE DISCIPLES - PRAYER FOR RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan **Go Make Disciples** on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. In the weeks and months ahead we hope you will join us in an Archdiocesan-wide prayer campaign beginning on the Feast of All Saints (1 November), calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. **Please join us by praying the prayer below** together at the end of each Mass, in your prayer group, and in your homes. More about the campaign in this weekend's Catholic Weekly. For more information contact Parish Renewal Team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney on 9390 5307 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org. Prayer cards as per below are available near the side door of the church.



Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.



By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

www.gomakedisciples.org.au

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.