



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.

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INVESTING OUR TALENTS

The Bible teaches that everything in the present order of this world will pass away. But God will establish something new and definite. Israel awaited an *eschaton* (end time) when a lasting and just political order would be established by God. The *eschaton*, characterised by this new order would be brought about by the Messiah, the glorious agent of God. As Christians we believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Through his life, death and glorious resurrection, death has been conquered. The reign or Kingdom of God has begun. The *eschaton* has commenced.

The Kingdom of God is 'here but not yet'. Jesus' entry into human life – his words, his miraculous deeds, his passion, death and resurrection – is already the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. And yet the glorious signs of the *eschaton* are not yet fully realised. That will happen only on the Day of the Lord – the *Parousia* – when Christ will come again. Until that day, Christians are living in an interim period. They are assured of God's salvation, but they must work out this salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12).

This living in the tension of 'already/not yet' is emphasised in the Gospel parable of the talents. Certainly each person has received certain 'talents' or gifts from God: life, health, natural intelligence, education, physical and spiritual capabilities, etc. We must 'invest' these talents, using them for the good of our neighbours and for the glory of God as we await the coming of God's Kingdom in all its fullness.

FIRST READING Prov 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127: 1-5. R. v. 1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. 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.**

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

3. 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 Thess 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15: 4, 5

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

GOSPEL Mt 25: 14-30

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.

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.



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PARISH DIARY

Thur 23rd Nov @ 9.15am— St Clement Feast Day School Mass (Grade 6)
 Sun 26th Nov @ 10am— Mario & Angela's Café
 Wed 29th Nov @ 7pm— Scripture Studies (Advent 1 & 2) in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 1,884
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 902
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Euthanasia : Voluntary Assisted dying Bill 2017.

There are copies of letters from the Archdiocese: Life, Marriage and Family Office regarding the Dying Assisted Bill 2017. Please avail yourself of a copy from the foyer and a sample letter to write to your Member of Parliament if you so wish. Please go to the following link for other information on the subject. <http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia/Get-Involved>

SCRIPTURE STUDIES 2017 -2018

Advent Scripture Studies: In the Clifton Centre, beginning at 7.00pm.

29 November 2017: Advent 1 (Year B: Mark)
 7 December 2017: Advent 2 (Year B: Mark)
 14 December 2017: Advent 3 (Year B: Mark)
 21 December 2017: Advent 4 (Year B: Mark)
 Please contact: Mark Gregor (9.00am Mass)/ Martin Teh (5.30pm Mass) or Cecilia for information.

Parish Priest : Monsignor Franco Cavarra (Parish Office 9850 3262) or (Presbytery 9850 6073)
Italian Chaplain: Fr Vito Pegolo (0419 736 890), **School Principal:** Mr Michael Heenan (9850 1216)
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Sacramental Program

We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2018.
 Enrolments for 2018 have begun. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Payment must be made at the enrolment.

Confirmation and Reconciliation for 2018:
 Last day of enrolment is 31 January 2018

Dates of Confirmation: Friday, 18 May 2018 (For children attending St. Clement of Rome School) Saturday, 19 May 2018 @ 5.30pm (For children attending the After-School RE Program).

St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
 Welcomes you to a very special Christmas Concert
"Presepio Musicale"
 to honour the birth of Christ

Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre

Olivia Newton-John

Venue: St Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen.
 Date: Friday 8th December, 2017
 Time: 6:45pm

Angelo Falcone Carmela De Losinno Gianni Turcio Marco Cinque
 The Banda Musicale Vincenzo Bellini
 Conductor M. Carmelo Puglisi

TREBLE MAKERS QUARTET **ALESSIA LICHTA**

MC and Comperes Cav. Frank Di Biasi, O.A.M.
 Entrance donation \$20.00 per person.
 To make a booking contact Giorgio Baglieri 0411 862 932 or St. Clement's Parish Office #150 1212

YARRA DEANERY ADVENT GATHERING
 at St Kevin's
 22-44 Herlihy's Road Lower Templestowe
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Take a deep breath. Come and enjoy a brief time of simple worship and a lovely supper with friends.

PIZZAS WILL BE PROVIDED - AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS ATTENDING OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
 (Fr Wayne 9457 5794 or Marie 1497 1091)

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING SMALL AND SWEET TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN DRINKS

birthday

Birthday wishes and blessings!
 to Eugenia Pozzabon on her 80th birthday this Saturday.

Prepare Room for Him
 Wednesday December 6, 2017
 Clifton Centre
 St. Clement of Rome
 6:30-8pm

An evening for youth to celebrate the joy of Christmas!

Liturgy Roster Sat 5-30pm Sun 9am

18/19 November	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Linda Cultrera	Maria Papalia
	Reader	Jacinta De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Maree Marsi	Maria Paplia
		May Teh	Elsa Waters
		Martin Teh	Chris Zordan
			Grace Canatelli
			Anne Fusca
			Rita Gagliardi
			Fulvia Gerasolimo

25/26 November	Sacristan	Elroy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
Christ the King	COMMENTATOR	Jacinta De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcox	Gabriella Grande
		Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitti
		John Bruce	Sylvia Mascitti
			David Mitchell
			Pam Mitchell
			Gloria Ng
			Maria Papalia

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please note that your next set of Envelopes are now available to be collected in the foyer. Thank You.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Eraldo Earle

Death Anniversaries : Saro & Pina Pappalardo, Poola Spadafora, Lina Bazzano, Matteo Battista
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

Need help getting connected?

Marcellin College's EncounterMC wants to help.....

Marcellin College's EncounterMC youth and social justice group invites members of the parish along to our senior citizens Email and Social Media workshop. We aim to help participants learn to use email and other features of their IT Devices (e.g. Laptop or Smartphone) to connect with family and friends in a non-intimidating environment. Training is conducted by the students involved in Marcellin's EncounterMC program.

Date: Wednesday, November 22 Time: 4:30-6:00pm Location: Meet at the Front Office (Marcellin College) Bookings via reception on: (03) 9851 1589 (before November 20) BYO Smartphone, Tablet or Laptop
 Flyer on the Notice Board for more information.

Piety Stall :

2018 Columban Art Calendars are now available. Melbourne Catholic : Please buy a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone \$4.