

Thirty-third Sunday of the Church's Year – Year A



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. STEPHEN

*Incorporating the worshipping community
of St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

Weekend of November 18th/19th, 2017

The end of the Church year quickly approaches. This weekend is the second last Sunday of the Church's year and we only have next week's feast of Christ the King to bring it to completion. That might be why today's Scripture invites us to ponder the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Sitting in our pews, sometimes overwhelmed by the messiness of daily life and the boredom of routine work, education and recreation, it is understandable if we water down the consequences of this reckoning, or imagine that, in the end, we might be given an exemption. Remember the timely words of St Augustine as he reflected on the crucifixion:

*"Do not despair; one of the thieves was saved.
Do not presume; one of the thieves was damned."*

Today's Gospel is the parable of the talents and it is part of a bigger conversation about being accountable for our lives. The hidden message is – whatever you do, **don't presume!** As the story goes, the master leaves and entrusts three of his servants with talents, but he does expect a strict accounting upon his return. Don't underestimate the stakes here - a talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin, so when we hear it used today we must remember that one talent was the equivalent of a labourer's lifetime of work! The first servant received five talents, the next received two talents and the last was entrusted with one talent. These are indeed large and startling figures.

Two of the servants were enterprising, and the master rewards them. The final servant, however, has simply buried his money. On his return the outraged master strips this last servant of his one talent and casts him into the "outer darkness."

Our first instinct is to sympathise with this poor servant, after all, he did not lose what was given him? But that is the whole point of the parable. The purpose of being given the talents in the first place is to do something with THEM – or, put more starkly, *use them or lose them!*

Underlying the expectation of using the talents given us is the assumption of faith. *It always is!* But in this instance it is combined with that other essential element of faith – RISK. As Christ sees it, risk is no less essential to the life of faith than it is to successful investment. An investor always risks what he presently enjoys for a share in a better, but unrealised, future. For a person of faith, the challenge is always to risk our present security by putting our faith into action, confident that our God will look out for us, both in life and in death.

It is almost as if we are called to be **venture capitalists** in the ways of faith and not be afraid of risking putting that faith into action. If we are prepared to do that in practical ways this week no one can ever say that we **presumed!** But more importantly, the joy of what is possible when we do risk putting our faith into action means that we will never **despair!**

Fr Peter Brannelly

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, DD

Archbishop of Brisbane

Fr Peter Brannelly; Fr Odinka Nwadike; Fr Thomas Ismoyo

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Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday	8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Chapel; 12.30pm; 5.10pm (Chapel)
Saturday	11.30am; 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm 9.00am; 12 noon (St Patrick's Fortitude Valley)

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday	10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday	10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition

Monday to Friday	10.30am – 12.15pm (Chapel)
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Benediction

Monday to Friday	12.15pm (Chapel)
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Morning Prayer

Friday	8.30am (Chapel)
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THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

School Group Visiting

On Thursday we welcome Year 8 students from St Augustine's College, Springfield, to the 12.30pm Mass and a tour of the Cathedral Precinct.

Ecumenical Liturgy

We welcome the **Asbestos Disease Support Society** for their annual Ecumenical Liturgy at the Cathedral on **Friday 24th November @ 11.00am**.

DISCOVER THE FACTS

On **Tuesday, 28 November**, in the Hanly Room, the cofounder of SOS Chrétien's d' Orient, Benjamin Blanchard, will be talking about the condition of Christians in the Middle East and what his organisation is doing and what the future looks like. Please accept this invitation and come along to the talk that begins at 7.00pm.

BOOK THE DATE

The annual ADVENT FAIR AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN is on once again this year. St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is coordinating this enjoyable and important fundraising event on the 1st Sunday of Advent, **Sunday, December 3, from 9.00am** in between the Masses. In the Cathedral Precinct there will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, fresh homemade cakes, sweets, savouries and many more delectable food items. **COSSAG**, (The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group) will have, on the day and also from **2.00-8.00pm** on **Saturday December 2**, their Christmas Market, featuring all the gifts and decorations you will need for Christmas. There will be complimentary tea and coffee throughout the day. As always, the Aussie Sausage Sizzle will tempt you and the Guides and Welcomers will be there to offer tours of St Stephen's. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music! Bring your friends!

READERS

Over the last two weeks the technicians have been fine tuning the new sound system and I think everyone agrees that it has made a tremendous difference. All sound systems are different and unique at what they can deliver and all new systems require practice to get the most out of them. On **Saturday 16 December, commencing at 9.00am** all readers are invited to the Cathedral for a short, 45 minute session conducted by James Robinson of Liturgy Brisbane, to ensure that we get the most out of our new sound system. The Cathedral car park will be available. Please RSVP to Carmel Devery by email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3006.

HOLY COMMUNION

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. When looking at fine jewellery, for example, we are mindful to handle the gems carefully. When observing fine works of art, we don't even touch them at all. When we hold a baby or hug a loved one, we do so gently and with care. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem. When it comes to receiving Holy Communion, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be true all the more. Recently some parishioners have raised concerns about how we approach and receive Holy Communion.

- You are free to choose to receive Holy Communion on the hand or on the tongue.
- All of us should receive with great reverence and respect - and to demonstrate reverence and respect, the Church asks us to offer a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving Holy Communion.
- If you receive Holy Communion on the hand you **consume the host immediately** - importantly, you do not walk away from the priest without consuming the host.

DON'T RUSH OFF!

Since this is the third weekend of the month everyone is invited to join us after mass for light refreshments in the Francis Rush Centre which is adjacent to the Cathedral. Parishioners, visitors and friends are invited to accept this invitation - *all welcome*

PARISH REPORT

This is a report from the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council meeting that took place on Wednesday evening, November 15th at Mercy House. Present were Fr Peter Brannelly, Andrew Cichy, Bob Elliott, Belinda Frost, Donald Hawker, Wayne Johnson, Pat McNulty. After the opening prayer and the acceptance of the previous minutes, the main items of discussion included:

- Carried over from the last meeting was continued discussion about parish hospitality and setting new goals for 2018. The third weekend of every month will be targeted as "hospitality weekends" and opportunities will be provided for parishioners to gather after Sunday mass. Several community building ideas were floated and further investigations will take place.
- The Archdiocese is in the process of developing new guidelines for all church volunteers. Discussion revolved around how the new requirements will impact all our volunteers at the Cathedral and at St Patrick's. New legislation will require a change of culture on our behalf ensuring that we document who our volunteers are and what ministry they are undertaking.
- The different faith development & education opportunities offered by the parish next year were discussed. The possibility of introducing a study group that would complement the Lenten programme and the Theology in the City talks were considered.
- Members were shown a draft of the 2018 parish calendar. The parish calendar has been developed to coordinate the many activities and events of our community. It is planned to have the calendar available to parishioners by the second week of advent.
- Fr Brannelly gave a report on the progress of building and maintenance projects currently underway or planned at the Cathedral and St Patrick's. At **St Stephen's** work is progressing well on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with the replacement and reinforcing of the roof, installing of a new crucifix and tabernacle, construction of the Archbishop's Sacristy and refurbishment of the two confessionals. This project is on time for completion by the second week of advent. There are still teething problems with the new sound system which will hopefully be addressed over the next couple of weeks. Parishioners gathered at **St Patrick's** to discuss and prioritise what was needed. Now that the church's water issues have been addressed with the new roof, attention can now be directed to the interior with rewiring and new lighting, repainting, restoration of the pews and high altar and leveling of the floor. It was decided that the present plywood sanctuary would be removed before Christmas.
- Following the formal meeting, members shared supper with Grace Harwood to farewell her and thank her on behalf of the Parish community.

Note: Should you wish to discuss any pastoral matters and not be able to meet one of the councillors, the email address is cathedralppc@bne.catholic.net.au

IN TRANSITION

With joy we welcome **Roxie Steggall** who was baptised at St Stephen's and **Dyllan Lawton** and **Georgina McRae** who were baptised at St Patrick's Church this weekend

Congratulations to **Jessica Graham & Donald Masoperh** and **Stefanie Tarczynski & Arthur Gruchacz** who celebrated their marriages at the Cathedral this weekend and to **Frederick & Junida Stephenson**, who celebrated the Retroactive Validation of their marriage at St Stephen's Chapel.

During November we traditionally remember with gratitude those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Especially as a community we remember in prayer those whose names are inscribed in our Parish Book of Remembrance. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the rich mercy of God, *rest in peace*.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. The Vigil, 8.00am, and 7.30pm Masses will be led by a Cantor; the Solemn Mass (10am) is sung by the Cathedral Choir; the Noon Mass is sung by the Cathedral Schola.

	6:00PM (Sat) 8:00AM (Sun)	12:00PM	7:30PM
ProceSSIONAL	CWB 552	CWB 552	CWB 540
Kyrie	CWB 23a	Missa Brevis Phillip Gearing	CWB 23a
Gloria	CWB 23b		CWB 23b
First Reading	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31		
Responsorial Psalm	Ps. 127:1-5 R/. v. 2.		
 <p>℟. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</p>			
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6		
Gospel Acclamation	John 15:4, 5 R/. v. 2.		
 <p>℟. Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.</p>			
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30		
Offertory		De profundis Palestrina	CWB 514
Sanctus	CWB 23c	CWB 11a	CWB 23c
Memorial Acclamation	CWB 12a		
Agnus Dei	CWB 23f	Missa Brevis - Gearing	CWB 23f
Communion	CWB 163	Ave verum corpus, Peeters & CWB 561	CWB 459
Recessional	CWB 561	CWB 561	CWB 453

OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine;
Domine, exaudi vocem meam

Out of the deep have I called unto thee,
O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525 – 1594)

COMMUNION MOTET, 12pm Mass

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prae gustatum in mortis examine.
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu, fili Mariae. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary. Amen.
Flor Peeters (1903 – 1986)

Save your coins! The Peters Pence leaving collection is on next weekend.

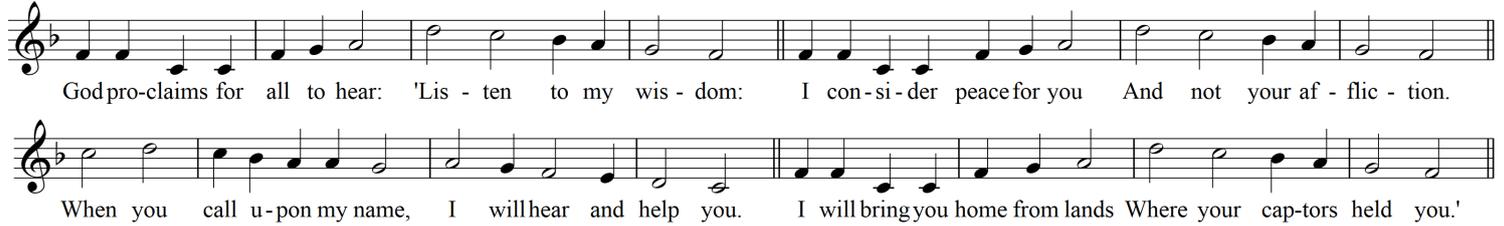
MUSIC at the 10.00am Solemn Mass

Celebrant: Fr Thomas Ismoyo

ENTRANCE SONG

Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, 14. Ps 84.

*A few minutes before 10 o'clock, the Cathedral Choir processes from the Sacristy singing the Introit. The assembly **responds** as the Choir and Ministers process towards the altar with the following translation of the Introit text. The first verse (which is the Antiphon) is repeated after the fourth verse.*



God pro-claims for all to hear: 'Lis - ten to my wis - dom: I con - si - der peace for you And not your af - flic - tion.
When you call u - pon my name, I will hear and help you. I will bring you home from lands Where your cap - tors held you.'

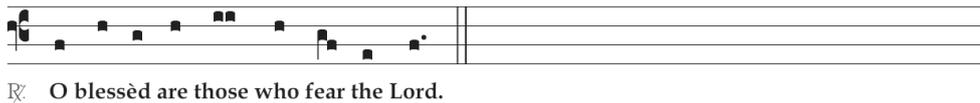
**2. Lord, you favoured once your land, Brought back Jacob's fortunes
And forgave your people's sins, Pardoned their transgressions.
You withdrew them from your wrath, Turned from your hot anger.
Now restore us, saving God; Let your rage not linger.**

**3. Glory to the Triune God: Praises to the Father;
Praises also to the Son, Who became our brother.
Sing the Holy Spirit's praise, Peaceful dove, descending;
As at first it was, is now, And shall be unending.**

KYRIE Missa de Angelis CWB 36
GLORIA CWB 41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 127:1-5 R/. v. 1.



R/ O blessèd are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4, 5



R/ Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

OFFERTORY MOTET

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit comfort me!
When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit comfort me!

Peter Hurford
(1930-)

SANCTUS CWB 11a
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION CWB 12a
AGNUS DEI Missa de Angelis CWB 76

COMMUNION ANTIPHON & PSALM

Ps 33: 9.

Gustate et videte quoniam suavis est Dominus;
beatus vir qui sperat in eo.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

COMMUNION HYMN Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all CWB 163
ORGAN VOLUNTARY Choralpartita 'Jesu, Meine Freude Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1749)