



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 15th November 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Readings for today: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*Jesus spoke this parable:
"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."*

Dear friends,

In Foydor Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, Ivan complains to his brother, Alyosha that he cannot accept the concept of forgiveness if it means ignoring justice and letting people go free without consequence. Ivan says to his brother that he chooses to stay outraged and resentful rather than seek reconciliation and be at peace. He says, "I would rather remain with my unavenged suffering and unsatisfied indignation, even if I were wrong. Besides, too high a price is asked for harmony; it's beyond our means to pay so much to enter it. ... It's not God that I don't accept, Alyosha, only I most respectfully return him the ticket."

Most of us at some stage have felt like Ivan and wished to "return our ticket" to God. Is this what happens in today's parable: the poor man with only one talent returns it intact and, in effect, "returns his ticket" to his master? Nothing is lost but nothing is gained either.

This parable sounds unfair and the treatment of the idle servant seems unjust. He was given less to begin with and he handed back the same amount. Why then did the master get so angry? Our contemporary workplace bullying laws wouldn't accept this kind of behaviour from any boss or master.

With our market-based economy and embrace of capitalism, how might we understand this parable? The Lectionary provides a shorter version and a longer version, so that gives us a hint about how the church is attempting to aid our understanding. The short version ends with the master praising the work of the first servant who doubles his five talents. We don't really know how the servant did this (there's no mention of the casino) but we do know that the master is pleased that his investment paid off. In the shorter version, it's at this point we all say, "Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ". The longer version ends with the hapless, "good for nothing" third servant handing back what he was given and being treated harshly as a result. The shorter version means that we don't have to contend with an image of God as a mean-spirited, money-hungry investor. Perhaps the most straight-forward understanding is the traditional interpretation – make the most of what you have been given! Regardless of what we consider our gifts to be, God does expect us to be generous givers more than simply passive receivers.

The shorter version of this gospel is more generous in its interpretation, proving the point that the smallest of gifts can often be the grandest. *Fr. Anthony*



**Cathedral of
St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8:00am (live-streamed); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm (Chapel)
Saturday 11:30am (live-streamed)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Reconciliation:

Monday to Friday: 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4:30-5:00pm (Chapel)

Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition: Monday to Friday 10:30am – 12:15pm

Benediction: Monday to Friday 12:15pm

Mass Registration

The preferred way to register for Mass is on-line via the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>. If you do not have access to register on-line, please telephone the Cathedral Office before 12noon on Friday. For administration purposes, **registration closes at lunchtime on Friday.**

The following guidelines remain in place:

- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and participate in Mass on-line via the Cathedral website;
- Physical distancing of 1.5m, whilst standing in the queue to check-in, during Mass and whilst in the Communion procession, is essential;
- Hand hygiene (sanitising your hands before entering the church and when exiting);
- Respiratory hygiene (coughing/sneezing into elbow);
- The number of people in our churches at any one time must be strictly adhered to.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Ways to financially support your parish

- Direct debit via the online payment system on the Cathedral's website:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/ststephencathedralbrisbane>

- The "Tap & Go" facility at the door of the church;
- Place your donation in the collection bags;
- **The Parish Giving app**

Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.



Congratulations to Fr. Odínaka

Fr Odínaka has been appointed as Parish Priest of Nambour from 4 January, 2021. Fr Odínaka will celebrate the 10am Mass on Sunday 13 December and we will take the opportunity to thank him for his 3½ years of service at St Stephen's Parish at that Mass and present him with a parish farewell gift. If you would like to contribute to the parish gift for Fr Odínaka, please place your donation in the envelopes available at the door of the church, return it via the collection plate, hand it to the Sacristan or bring it to the office during business hours.

Book of Remembrance

Throughout November you are invited to inscribe the names of those who you want to remember in the **Book of Remembrance**, which helps us focus our prayers as we pray for our deceased sisters and brothers. May they all *rest in peace*.

Break Open the Word" - 2021

An excellent resource for Readers is available at the subsidised cost of \$10, from the Sacristy.

Red Wednesday + Red November

Red Wednesday is a day when the world's persecuted Christians are remembered and prayed for in a special way. In union with cathedrals throughout the world, in 2020 **Red Wednesday** will be held on **Wednesday 25 November**. The Cathedral of St Stephen is participating in **Red November** by lighting the Cathedral red for the month of November.



Christmas Masses

Cathedral of St Stephen

Christmas Eve: 4pm; 6pm; 8pm; 12 midnight

Christmas Day: 8am; 10am; 12 noon

St Patrick's

Christmas Eve: 5pm; 7pm

Christmas Day: 9am

Registration for Christmas Masses is available on the Cathedral website. If you do not have the ability to register on-line, please phone during office hours.

Position Vacant – Sacristan – Cathedral of St Stephen

St Stephen's Cathedral is currently seeking to appoint a new Cathedral Sacristan. The Cathedral Sacristan plays a key role in ensuring full, active and prayerful participation at Mass and is responsible for preparing liturgical celebrations, including co-ordination with the Cathedral Master of Ceremonies and assistant sacristans. Tasks include the preparation of the liturgical space, books and vessels and liaising with appropriate ministries and Cathedral personnel. The position of sacristan necessarily requires an individual who is available at short notice or to cover additional hours during Holy Week and Easter and other special celebrations. Set hours and days of work will be discussed in more detail with the appropriate candidate. Prior experience of preparing liturgical celebrations is essential. For more information please contact the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

Held in God's Loving Hands - A Quiet Weekend Retreat for Women

What do God's hands look like? How can we reimagine our lives held in lovingly cupped hands and held close? Comfort, compassion, mercy, nurture, deep love.....

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries).

Two opportunities to choose from:

Friday 11 December 6pm to Sunday 13 December 3pm

OR Friday 15 January 6pm to Sunday 17 January 3pm

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. To register or enquire contact: 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au.

Songs of Advent Joy

Each Thursday in December (December 3, 10 and 17) at 7:30pm

Following the success of 'Songs of Easter Hope' series earlier this year, the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent.

Come and explore hymns, prayers and motets rejoicing in the coming of Christ at Christmas, all led by the Cathedral Schola. Entry is by donation 'notes for notes' (with all money raised supporting the Cathedral Music program).

Registration for the three evenings is via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html>

The Archdiocese live-streaming will also be used for those who are unable to attend in person.

SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal

During December, the Cathedral SVDP Conference will distribute Christmas hampers to the poor and needy who live within the Cathedral parish. Donations of Christmas goods, eg, tinned hams, Christmas cakes & puddings etc may be left in the box located near the sacristy. Your generosity is appreciated.

Organ Maintenance

The Cathedral remains closed from approx. 2.00pm each afternoon Monday to Friday for organ maintenance.

Please advise family and friends, if they wish to attend a Christmas Mass in the Cathedral Parish, that **registration is essential. Registration at the door of the cathedral for Christmas Masses will not be available. Registrations close on 23 December.**

We anticipate that numbers will still be restricted and to cater for the anticipated increase in people two additional Masses have been added to the Christmas schedule: 4pm Mass at the Cathedral and a 5pm Mass at St Patrick's on Christmas Eve.

Four (4) marshal volunteers for each Mass will be required. If you are available to marshal, please contact the Cathedral Office.

Music at the 10.00am Solemn Mass

Celebrant: Fr Thomas

ENTRANCE SONG

Jeremiah 29

At the conclusion of the Introit, a bell is sounded. 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 final verse.



God proclaims for all to hear: "Listen to my wisdom:"
I consider peace for you and not your affliction.
When you call upon my name, I will hear and help you.
I will bring you home from lands where your captors held you.

Lord, you favoured once your land, brought back Jacob's fortunes
and forgave your people's sins, pardoned their transgressions.
You withdrew from them your wrath, turning from your anger
Now restore us, saving God; let your rage not linger.

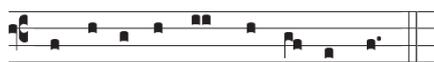
KYRIE & GLORIA

Mass VIII – 'De Angelis'

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Ló-ri-a in excélsis Dé-o. Et in térra pax homí-ni-bus
bónae vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te.
Gló-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus tí-bi propter mágnam gló-ri-am tú-am.
Dómi-ne Dé-us, Rex caelés-tis, Dé-us Pá-ter omní-po-tens. Dómi-ne Fí-li
u-ni-gé-ni-te Jé-su Chrís-te. Dómi-ne Dé-us, Agnus Dé-i, Fí-li-us Pá-tris.
Qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis. Qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di,
súsci-pe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem nós-tram. Qui sédes ad dexte-ram Pá-tris, mi-se-ré-re
nó-bis. Quó-ni-am tu só-lus sanctus. Tu só-lus Dómi-nus. Tu só-lus Al-tí-ssimus,
Jé-su Chrís-te. Cum Sáncto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a Dé-i Pá-tris. A-men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127



R O blessèd are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4.5



V Al-l e-l u - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia .

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

OFFERTORY MOTET

May Benson

Rest in peace, all souls departed; ye in weary ways
who wended, ye whose happy dream is ended;
ye outworn, ye newly born, from the noisy world
descended, take your rest, ye peaceful-hearted.

Music: 'Requiem Litany' Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

HOLY HOLY

Mass XVIII

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Mass VIII – 'De Angelis'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 25: 20-21

Domine, quinque talenta tradidisti mihi: ecce alia quinque superlucratum sum. Euge serve fidelis, quia in pauca fuisti fidelis, supra multa te constituam, intra in gaudium Domini tui.

"Lord, you delivered five talents unto me: behold, I have gained five more". Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

CWB 163

Jesus! my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And, how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?
*Sweet sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.*

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King!
O with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!
*Sweet sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh make us love thee more and more.
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ich Ruf, zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639
– Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at today's Mass is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II, with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.

The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Choir, the music for this mass is inside this bulletin.

The 12:00pm Mass is led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

Processional Hymn O God, our help in ages past

Kyrie Mass of St Francis
(12pm mass) *Missa O Magnum Mysterium – Victoria*

Gloria Mass of St Francis
(12pm mass) *Missa O Magnum Mysterium – Victoria*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 127*



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Gospel Acclamation *John 15:4.5*



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

Offertory Motet *De profundis clamavi – Palestrina*
(12pm only)

Sanctus Mass of St Francis

Memorial Acclamation (ICEL #1): We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Agnus Dei Mass of St Francis
(12pm Mass) *Missa O Magnum Mysterium – Victoria*

Communion Motet *O Sacrum Convivium – Messaien*
(12pm only)

Communion Hymn Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all

Recessional Hymn Christ, be our light

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy Throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame;
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight is like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Jesus! my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And, how revere this wondrous gift,
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Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: *Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church, gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

(Translation) OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

De profundis clamavi ad te,		Out of the depths I have cried
Domine: Domine, exaudi		to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my
vocem meam.		voice. (Psalm 130)