



St Mary's Parish

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First Reading

Prv 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.

- 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.)
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
- 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 Thes 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

or shorter form Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

*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. 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.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

*This week's gospel is a very familiar parable
and one that is often used with students
and young people. It is generally used as
an encouragement to make the most of the
gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It
is rarely, however, placed in its context as
part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about
the time of waiting and preparation for the
coming of the Lord and the Christian life.*

*Again, the story is presented as a parable of
the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order
of things in the realised Kingdom. A very
wealthy master entrusts his considerable
assets to his servants to manage in his
absence. The three servants were allocated
money, 'each in proportion to his ability'.
The emphasis of the parable is on what
each servant did with the funds they were
allotted. They were charged with managing
the money in the place of their master;
acting in their master's place to further
develop his wealth.*

*Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a
sting in the tail. Although the third servant
has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he
is very harshly dealt with. His crime is
laziness! He was given a great opportunity
to demonstrate his abilities and yet he
shied away and returned to his master
exactly what had been entrusted to him,
unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel
uses this parable to shock the audience out
of complacency. They cannot rely solely on
the promised return of the Lord, they must
continue to act on Jesus' message and
work to bring about the Kingdom in their
own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving
everything to the work of God, are as bad
as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an
extraordinary opportunity.*

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIMES		
23rd November Christ the King		
Hamilton	Mass Mass	6:00pm 10:30am
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	Mass	10:00am

Rosters		
ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 22nd & 23rd Nov.		
	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Irene Donne Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Ray Corbet	Ilma Underwood
1st Reader	Jacinta Ryan	Geraldine McDonald
2nd Reader	Terry McMeel	David Dunn
Offertory	T Tuppen J Gustus	Trish & Janine Daffey
PowerPoint	Bev Kaaye	Val & Junior
Ministers of Communion	Z Celewich, T & F McMeel	M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin, T Irving.
This Weekend Ministers of Communion		
6 pm	B Kaaye, P & M Dunn.	(3 Req.)
10:30 am	V Lovell, T Daffey, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald & Volunteer.	(5 Req.)
ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 23rd November 2014		
Lector	Celebrating 140 years	
Leader	of education	
Prayers	Mass 10am	
Special Minister	St Joseph's Penshurst	

Parish Collection

Stewardship (F.Y.T D): \$49,258. Pledged total \$109,200
Weekly Priest's Support: \$ 602.

Weekend counters : R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver
Next w/end counters: F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache & G Howell


Cuppa Roster

Saturday

Sunday 23rd
Val Lovell

St Mary's Church
Cleaning November
R Taylor,
F Rhook & J Trotter

WEEKDAY MASS
or
Prayer of the church with Holy Communion

Hamilton

Tues
10am Mass

Wed
10am Mass


Thu
Anointing Mass
St Mary's 10am

Fri
10am Mass

Penshurst

Wed
10am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

 **DEATHS:** *Mary Pierce (We offer our sympathy to Paul & family).*


ANNIVERSARIES : Jackie Handley, Emma Mercadante Mayer.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: *Jacinta Carson, Bill Warren, Peter White (Mildura), Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gabrielle Mason, , Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, David Ryan, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Inez Waight., Frank Van Dinter, Percy Mills, Lousie Byrne.*

Stewardship Reflections

*"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much..."-
Matthew 25:21*

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.



*We welcome into the family of God
through Baptism
at St Mary's, Hamilton
Xavier Logan
Son of Jamie & Leesa*

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal
Please donate non-perishable Grocery items to the 2014 Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. This is a great opportunity for us to make life a little better for those who are less fortunate in our local community this Christmas.

Vinnies changes lives every day and your donation enables this good work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
92 MICHAEL KROWICKY (Nov. 19TH)

As a mark of appreciation for Sr Marg's ministry amongst us, you may wish to contribute to a collection which will help to furnish her new unit in Colac. Please place your marked donation in an envelope into our regular collection bags or at the presbytery office.

THANK YOU.

BEQUESTS
St Mary's parish Hamilton has generously benefited from two additional bequests.
Joe & Peg Collery for \$11,742.25. (final)
Brian & Maree Rigney \$17,358 making a total amount from Brian & Maree of \$58,358.

Parish Calendar

18th Nov.	Penshurst Ecumenical Service 11am
20th Nov.	Anointing St Mary's 10am
23rd Nov.	St Joseph Penshurst 140th Anniversary
27th Nov.	Combined school Christmas Carols
29th Nov.	Rebuilt Breakfast 8.30am– 10.30am <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u>
30th Nov.	Memorial Service for our deceased relatives and friends.
6th Dec.	St Mary's School Christmas

Bulletin Notices

- **Proclaim Conference Video - Part II**
Sun.16th following 10.30 Mass -Day Chapel.
- **St Joseph's Primary School Penshurst is celebrating 140 years of education** on Sunday November 23rd. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by a celebratory Fete.
Contact 55765438 for more information.
All current and former community members welcome
- **rebuilt**
Copies of the book are available to anyone interested in learning more.
To borrow a copy contact the Parish House on 5571 1161.
- The **Parish Christmas Lunch** is on again this year. We are seeking donations of food and sundry items. A donations list is up in the Church foyer which we would be grateful if you would put your name to. Many thanks in advance.
Enquiries to our coordinators :
Chris & Kathie Jansen 0407 719 530.
- The Anglican Church & Hamilton Pipe Band are holding a traditional Scottish St Andrew's Eve Dinner on Sat. 29 Nov. 2014 at Canon Julien Centre, Anglican Church, Griffin St., Ham. The evening commences at 6:30pm and includes a 3-course meal. Entertainment includes pipes & drums, poetry and song. Audience participation will be encouraged. Tickets are \$30.
For tickets and more info.
Di Crozier on: 0427 711 445.

Prayer
O God, you have entrusted
all the blessings of nature
and grace into the hands of each of us.
Give us the will and wisdom to multiply the
gifts your providence has bestowed,
and make us industrious and vigilant
as we await your Son's return,
so that we may rejoice to hear him call us
"good and faithful servants".

Through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Letter from Pope Francis to Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, President of G20

To the Honorable Tony Abbott
Prime Minister of Australia

On 15 and 16 November next in Brisbane you will chair the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the world's twenty largest economies, thus bringing to a close Australia's presidency of the Group over the past year. This presidency has proved to be an excellent opportunity for everyone to appreciate Oceania's significant contributions to the management of world affairs and its efforts to promote the constructive integration of all countries.

The G20 agenda in Brisbane is highly focused on efforts to relaunch a sustained and sustainable growth of the world economy, thereby banishing the spectre of global recession. One crucial point that has emerged from the preparatory work is the fundamental imperative of creating dignified and stable employment for all. This will call for improvement in the quality of public spending and investment, the promotion of private investment, a fair and adequate system of taxation, concerted efforts to combat tax evasion and a regulation of the financial sector which ensures honesty, security and transparency.

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, the G20 countries included, there are far too many women and men suffering from severe malnutrition, a rise in the number of the unemployed, an extremely high percentage of young people without work and an increase in social exclusion which can lead to criminal activity and even the recruitment of terrorists. 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.

It is my hope that a substantial and productive consensus can be achieved regarding the agenda items. I likewise hope that the assessment of the results of this consensus will not be restricted to global indices but will take into account as well real improvements in the living conditions of poorer families and the reduction of all forms of unacceptable inequality. I express these hopes in light of the post-2015 Development Agenda to be approved by the current session of the United Nations Assembly, which ought to include the vital issues of decent work for all and climate change.

The G20 Summits, which began with the financial crisis of 2008, have taken place against the terrible backdrop of military conflicts, and this has resulted in disagreements between the Group's members. It is a reason for gratitude that those disagreements

have not prevented genuine dialogue within the G20, with regard both to the specific agenda items and to global security and peace. But more is required. The whole world expects from the G20 an ever broader agreement which can lead, through the United Nations legal system, to a definitive halt to the unjust aggression directed at different religious and ethnic groups, including minorities, in the Middle East. It should also lead to eliminating the root causes of terrorism, which has reached proportions hitherto unimaginable; these include poverty, underdevelopment and exclusion. It has become more and more evident that the solution to this grave problem cannot be a purely military one, but must also focus on those who in one way or another encourage terrorist groups through political support, the illegal oil trade or the provision of arms and technology. There is also a need for education and a heightened awareness that religion may not be exploited as a means of justifying violence.

These conflicts leave deep scars and result in unbearable humanitarian situations around the world. I take this opportunity to ask the G20 Member States to be examples of generosity and solidarity in meeting the many needs of the victims of these conflicts, and especially of refugees. The situation in the Middle East has revived debate about the responsibility of the international community to protect individuals and peoples from extreme attacks on human rights and a total disregard for humanitarian law. The international community, and in particular the G20 Member States, should also give thought to the need to protect citizens of all countries from forms of aggression that are less evident but equally real and serious. I am referring specifically to abuses in the financial system such as those transactions that led to the 2008 crisis, and more generally, to speculation lacking political or juridical constraints and the mentality that maximization of profits is the final criterion of all economic activity. A mindset in which individuals are ultimately discarded will never achieve peace or justice. Responsibility for the poor and the marginalized must therefore be an essential element of any political decision, whether on the national or the international level.

With this Letter I express my appreciation for your work, Prime Minister, and I offer my prayerful encouragement for the deliberations and outcome of the Summit. I invoke divine blessings on all taking part and on all the citizens of the G20 countries. In a particular way, I offer you my prayerful best wishes for the successful conclusion of Australia's presidency and I willingly assure you of my highest consideration.

From the Vatican, 6 November 2014
Francis