

## 19-NOV – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19, 20, 30, 31

*The ideally virtuous and industrious wife an Israelite husband hoped to find*

### Responsorial: Psalm 127:1

*R: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

### Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*Paul admits that he doesn't know when the second coming will take place. But be vigilant!*

### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*The parable of the Talents is a challenge to use our gifts to achieve what God expects from us*



*The parable of the Talents offers us two messages.*

*To those who have been made to feel excluded* from the kingdom ("tax collectors and prostitutes") **Jesus brings the "good news"** that this is totally against God's will. In fact God is very angry that they are being excluded.

*To his disciples he issues a stern warning:* do not fall prey to a similar narrow mindedness. The history of the Church (like our individual stories) tells us how right he was to warn them. We all fall into the trap of seeing our talents as our personal possession that we can do what we like with. **God's will** is that we see them as gifts to be shared so that they can be multiplied.

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SUNDAY, 19-Nov Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm: Tamil Mass

MONDAY, 20-Nov Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 21-Nov **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 22-Nov **St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr:**  
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 23-Nov Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 24-Nov **St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs:**  
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 25-Nov Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY, 26-Nov **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe:**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm: Syro Malabar Rite

### **POPE'S INTENTION - NOVEMBER 2023**

**For the Pope** -We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

**CONFIRMATION 2024 - CATECHISM CLASSES:** For those candidates who have submitted an application for the Confirmation Programme 2024, a parents meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 6:30pm in the pastoral centre. At least one parent should attend (no requirement for the candidate to attend). Catechism classes for all candidates will commence on Saturday 13th January 2023 at 5pm in the Pastoral Center.

**CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES OF 2023:** There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the candidates who received their Confirmation in July 2023. All candidates along with their parents and sponsors are invited to attend this special Mass on Friday 1st December 2023 at 6.30pm where the certificates will also be presented.

**VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS:** Will be on Wednesday 29th November at 6.00pm. All those who help in any way in the Parish are invited to attend.

### **NURSERY RECEPTION AND YEAR-3 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024**

Father Joseph will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for children who are due to commence nursery, reception (Infants) and year 3 on Wednesday 22nd Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November from 3.30pm to 5.00pm in the Marian Centre. Please bring your child and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with you.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Due to heightened security concerns, parishioners are requested not to carry large bags into the church when attending Mass. If you do attend with a large bag, the ushers may ask you to keep it out of the church. On occasions, depending on the security situation, ushers may also need to do random bag checks on persons entering the church. Thank you for your co-operation.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' TRAINING** There will be a training program for the Eucharistic Ministers on 20th November at 6.30pm. It is mandatory for the present Eucharistic Ministers to attend the training before the re-commissioning.

**SUNDAY EVENING MASS:** With effect from 3rd December 2023, the 7.30pm Sunday Mass will be brought forward to 6.30pm at the request of parishioners.

**JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING:** will be held on Friday 24th November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. This is a gathering for the youth from our parish aged 12 to 18. New members are welcome to join.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

There is a 7 Day - 7 Night pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for next year to start on April 16th. For those interested please register your name with Carmen at the earliest possible. For more details please look at the church notice board.

**ST FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD:** On the weekend of Nov 25th & 26th, there will be retiring collection for the St Francis Leprosy Guild. Their charity's mission to "Leave No One Behind". Please be generous.

**PARISH CAR PARK:** Due to the Presbytery refurbishment work, there will be reduced parking spaces in the car park. Please park only within the marked bays so that vehicles can enter and exit smoothly. If possible, parishioners are requested to avoid coming to Church by car. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** During the month of **November**, Masses are offered for the repose of the souls whose names appear in our *Book of Remembrance*. This book is placed on the sanctuary during the month of November. Envelopes and sheets for your Mass Intentions for the month of November [Holy Souls] are **available from the table at the intersection of the Church**. Place this sheet in an envelope along with your offerings and then put it through the Presbytery letterbox. The sheets are also available for download on the parish website.