

**SECOND READING:**

*(continued)*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**John 15:4. 5**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 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.

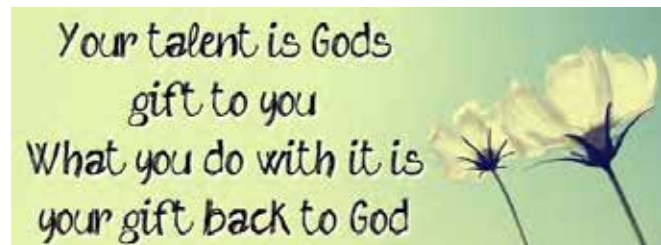
Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

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 no 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year and we will celebrate this day with the SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.



**Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46.**

**Safeguarding our Community.**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

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**PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE**

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**MASS TIMES:**

- SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
- SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
- MONDAY: 9.30am Communion Service.
- TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
- FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
- Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
- RECONCILIATION: Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
- Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
- Marriage: By appointment.
- Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 127:1-5**

**RESPONSE: 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.

**Response.**

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

**Response.**

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.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:**

**1 Thessalonians 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

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**18 / 19 NOVEMBER 2023 – THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	MARC MORELLI	GEORGE MOODLEY / JOHN RAPER
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		SCOTT & SONYA DIMICHIEL
PROJECTION	ANNA PLEADIN		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 11: PATRICIA HO BERNADETTE TANG ANTHONY STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	ANNE MARIE NAGANATHAN	NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**25 / 26 NOVEMBER 2023 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVE D'MELLO	ANTHONY STANTON
READER	JOY PERERA / COLLEEN MAGUIRE	YVONNE LEUNG	PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	TINA CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 1: BARBARA CLARK ANTHONY STANTON PATRICIA BRODERICK		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	JAN KEYSER	NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**NOVEMBER INTENTIONS**

Joseph Koury, Anne Khoury, John Khoury, Elizabeth Stanton / John Pearce and deceased members of the Pearce Family, / Ron Myatt and deceased members of the Myatt Family Col Conway and deceased members of the Conway Family Doris And Cyril Oscar / Wahram Wartanian, Watoosh Wartanian, Fouad Sheeka, Artin Wartanian / Claire Richmond, Deceased members of the Richmond Mulholland Families / Maria and Laura Santa Maria / Joy's Parents and Dona's Father / Deceased members of the Duffy and Brennan Families, Fr O'Donovan, John and Eileen Eppel, Fr Nies, Josie Malley, Mrs McNally / C.P. Valenti, V.M. Mazzaferro / Woo Tuen Duen, Joan Kit Big Ho, Woo Yo Sum, Hiu Ywen Chew Julianna Mak, Tang Chui Kwai, Tony and Woo Family, Grand Mother and Grand Father / Braidwood and White Families / Tai Family, Williams Family, Fr Glen Walsh, and those who have none to pray for. / Bienvenido and liberty Gray, Belen Tolentino, Peter and Tricia Gray / D'Mello Family, D'Souza Family, Carter Family, Lobo Family, Colleen Arentz / Josip Savic, Maros Nikola, Ivka, Antan, Franjo, and Mira, Jubico Nezcic, St. Paulin, Filipovic Jopipa, Marko and Srecko, Family Brankov, Family Dzoic, Family Staub, Family Jurisic, Family Maros, Ivo Fistic / Family Dalfogo, Family Kovac, Family Zurzulovic / Family Kikic, Nino Kikic, Neolzod Kikic, Zolrovko Jotic, Family Jotic, Family Kruzicevic / Savic Vaskrsije, Nada, Blagoje, Djordje, Mladen, and Jubica. Irma Mamc, Anita Atej, Stanovic Branco, Stojka, Momir, Dragoyub, Bogoyub, Rade, and Radenka and all Souls in Purgatory / Robert and Joyce Kee, Baby Kee, Leong Shen Yui. Chee Ming Leung, Fr Glen Walsh / Nicola Francesco, Caterina Morfuni, Clemente Maraste, Teresa Dominello, Rosa Lentile / Deceased relatives and friends of the Clarke and Maine Families / Ted Cotter, and Deceased relatives and friends of the Cotter and O'Shea Families / George and Elizabeth Nobin, Moodley Family / Margaret Hogan, Hubert hogan, Deceased members of Hogan and Mott Families / Thomas Lee, Lilian and Bill Lee, Eileen Glasscock, Annie Yeowell, Elizabeth and Ross Rowe, Patricia and Leo Stack, Elizabeth Power / John McNamara, William Hannon, Mary Hannon, and all the Hannon Family / Solihin Widjaja, Nurdin Widjaja / Deceased Members of the Dabah Family, Helen Batshon, Hyham Moufrage, Migual Damas, Deceased members of the Nour Family, Nicola Nour, All who died in Gaza and Israel / Ian and Manda Vistica, Filip, Doma, and Mijo Bebek, Franjo Markotic, Frank Sacco / John Joseph Chan Hee Khee, Monica Ann Tai See Nee, Theresa Wendy Chan Tai Hua, Helen Lai Khyun Moi, Voon Man Kui, Voon Tze Fong, All the deceased relatives and friends / Lalla, Arthur and Pauline Bocking, Olga, Anthony and Carmen Mamo, Malcolm Bocking / Gregorio, Catherine, and Rosario Uymatiao; Joaquin, Florentine, and Mihuel Sumera, Joan Samont, Gregorio Tumbali, Lucia Tumbali / Keyser Family, Gill Family, Hawke Family, Oates Family, Wilkinson Family, Swan Family, Horne Family / John Chan, Monica Tai, Ong Kah Peng, Qoh Chai Gook, All the deceased relative and friends, Wendy Chan Lai Hua, Fortunata Monteverdi, Ron Tah Khee Yong / Blaze Janeu and His departed family and friends / The Raymond Family's, the Pompey Family's / Nicola and Kata Jurisic and Ancestors, Gryo and Andja Maros and Ancestors, Savic Vaskrsije Nada and Ancestors, all souls in purgatory / Sergio Fanny and Peter Cugola, Angelo Piera and Planio Strappayon, And deceased members of their family, Denis Secco, Michael Cesasini, Ralph Cantalujo, Rosangela Cantalujo, Joseph Seotta, Nina Armanini / Matijasko Franjo Dragica, Juraj and Franjo, Pavec Kata and Luca / Clement Gougerot, Bilic Ljubica and Marija / Braovic Ivan, Ana, Luca and Kata, Family Josipa and Ive, Smajo Family Ael Braovic / Deceased members of the Clarke Family, the Whiting Family, The Pegon Family, Pauline Jones, Berna Buchanan / Kam / Joan Cahill, Jack Scannaleponi, Fathers Alt, O'Donovan, Kayrooz, Rohanna, Morabito, Moriarty, Spaccavento, Leotta, Dibello, Rizzo, Families and relatives and past parishioners of St Therese / Kaminski / Salvatore & Teresa, Francesco Cavaleri, Giorgio Agostino, Giuseppa and Francesco Papallo, Jolanda Cavalesi, Maria Caterina Scali, Fred and Giuseppe, Marcellino and all members of the Family / John Winifride Higham, Deceased members of the Higham and Callaghan Families, Marge and John Dwyer, Less Bradley / Patrick Theuring, Noline Theuring, Wilhelm Theuring, Mary Rayan, Joseph Rayan, All the Brothers and Sisters of Joseph Rayan. Nilanthi Naganathan, Ramya Naganathan, Louise Banks / Father Michael and Family Maroun Saad and Saft Family / Joseph and Mary Cassan & Family, Frances and Eca Callus & Family, John and Mary Belicata & Family, Paul and Eleonora Galea & Family, Rev, Fr Robert Cassan OCARM, Rev Fr Pupilui Casan OCARM, Pui Compano OCARM, Sr Antonietta Callus, Sr M.M. Simonetes, Anna Di Giusto Rumiz, Dario Rumiz, All Souls / Healey Family, Kenny Family, Gurry Family, Crofts Family, Munsie Family / John Merhi, Toufic and Amira Merhi, Deceased of the Norman Family, Deceased of the Stanton Family / Kevin Helferly, all deceased Helferly, Claire Shepherd, Members of Colahan Families / Deceased members of the Vincent Family, Vaz Family, Windsor Family, Pinot de Moira Family, Mascenderas Family / Ron Taffa, Taffa, Bacash, Sayegh and Malouf Families / Bracks, Sackar and McLeod Families. & the desolate souls who have no one to pray for them / Deceased members of the Margotoy, Lipinszly, Stark & Zaveslay Families / Mr & Mrs Giulio & Ida Ranaldi, Mr & Mrs Mariano & Antonia Orlandi, Marinelli Family, Trionfetti Family, Cerrini Family, and the souls of all family and Friends / Margaret and Joe Davies, Marie, Joan, Cecil, John and Brian Davies, Margaret, Reg and Michael O'Sullivan, Nola and Morrie Halliday, Peter and John Banaghan, Victor Kinder, Mary and Richard Woulfe, Carol and Jim Meehan, Margaret and John Szubert/



**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH THIS SUNDAY**

**at 12.30pm in the St Therese school grounds.**

Don't forget to come and celebrate with fellow parishioners. Some points to remember:

- Make sure you dress for the weather as we will be outside at the school.
- We all want to work together to make this occasion safe for everyone. It is important to be aware that we have unsecured exit/entry points and that the school gates will remain open during the luncheon. Everyone please be aware of people's movements.
- Parents it is your responsibility to provide constant supervision for your children.

**Christmas Carols.**

**Parish Christmas Carols on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.** Put this date in your diaries to come and share in the peaceful spirit of Christmas. And please tell your friends!



**First Reconciliation at Denistone.**

The FINAL session of the programme is **THIS Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm.**

**Day of FIRST CONFESSION: Friday 24th November 2023 at 7pm in the St Therese Church, Denistone.**

**New volunteers.**

Many thanks for the new volunteers within the different ministries. Certain volunteer roles are required to have Working With Children Checks, sign of Code of Conduct and attend Safeguarding training.

All these checks and forms help us all to work together for the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable people within our community.

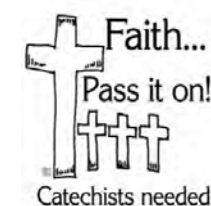
**We will contact our volunteers via email in the coming week to advise you individually. If you already have your WWC you could email the details to the parish office ASAP.**

**Catechist Teachers urgently needed.**

CATECHIST TEACHERS AND HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.

Are you able to help? Please contact the presbytery and find out more information to become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2024.

Only half an hour during school terms is needed and training is provided. Find out more about the work catechists do here at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or call the presbytery next week.



**Altar Servers Christmas Party.**

We are holding the Altar servers Christmas party on **Saturday 9th December at Strike Bowling Macquarie Centre from 10.15am to 12noon.**

There will be three games of laser tag and a kid's meal (chicken tenders and chips) for each child.

We do kindly ask that each child contribute \$10 and the parish will cover the rest of the cost. This money can be given to Thomas in a marked envelope on the day.

**Please RSVP by 25th November and we need to be made aware of any allergies.**

**Maintenance tools needed for the presbytery.**

Fr Simon is looking to acquire some tools needed to carry out maintenance jobs around the church and presbytery, as we don't not have any here.

Currently Fr Simon needs a ladder to enable him to clean the gutters.

Does anyone have a spare ladder or any other useful tools they are happy to donate?

**Farewell Mr Adam Nolan, Principal.**

The school and parish will farewell Adam on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December with a Mass at 9am followed by a morning tea in the St Therese School Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Daily Mass books for 2024.**

These books are now available from the sacristy. As in previous years the books can be purchased by individuals for \$25 each, if you wish to take your book home with you. Otherwise, the remaining books will be left in the church for daily use by everyone.

**Christmas cards on sale now.**

To help support the St Vincent de Paul Society please buy your Christmas cards from the front foyer. **They sell for \$15 per pack.**

**Hospital Volunteers are needed.**

We still need for volunteers to visit Ryde Hospital on Sunday mornings to give communion to those Catholics who are in hospital. Please use the updated Ministries sheet that is in the foyer to let us know that you can help out.

**OTHER NOTICES.**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, MATT FRADD - 3 GREAT EVENTS - WED 6TH DEC:** The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is excited to present the 2023-24 Summer Series featuring Matt Fradd LIVE on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at Novotel, Sydney Olympic Park. Open to all adults (18+years). Limited tickets, NOT TO BE MISSED!