

CARISTAS AUSTRALIA:

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after two typhoons hit the region in one week.

Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with **hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.**

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal. **Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**

COVID-19

In the letter to priests of the Diocese, Bishop Mark wrote: "My ongoing reflections on this COVID era are centring on the Catholic instinct to go to Mass. We will need to evangelise and catechise on the Lord's day as a part of reintroducing this. The essential core of our faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit which we make real in our community worship. This is not unnecessary, optional or private.

Many of us now recognise even more strongly the need for physical presence.

CLOSING OF ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL BERRIGAN

St Columba's School Berrigan first opened its doors in 1898 and was staffed by a lay teacher. In 1904 the Presentation Sisters arrived and operated the school until Sr Clare O'Reilly retired as School Principal in 1978. The Presentation Sisters were farewelled from Berrigan in 1989. This wonderful little school has very low numbers and will close at the end of 2020. The community will celebrate the closure with a Mass on Saturday 28 November at 4pm. My thanks to Fr Rick, Helen Cahill, the principal, and the staff who are supporting the community and children through this major event.

SEMINARY REVIEW

Bishop Mark announced in his letter: Bishop Randazzo of Broken Bay and Sr Nauermann of the Catholic Institute of Sydney have agreed to conduct the review into the seminary.

REACHING BEYOND 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or palms@palms.org.au

SVDP MEETING IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON TUESDAY 17 NOV. AT 6PM



Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal 14th/15th November, 2020

Parish Sec: Roxy Locke

(Mon. Thurs. Fri. 9am-2pm)

Pastor: Fr John Baptist (Mob 0415 371 627)

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Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am. Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

Parish Pastor Email: kooringalchurch@sacredheartparish.net.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacredheartkooringal/>

Web Site: <https://kooringalchurchsacredheartparish.net/>

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Safeguarding Officer: Anne Brown Phone 6926 2937 Email annie1.temple@gmail.com

WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim, Terry Phegan, Camilla McLaughlin (Dublin). Dorothy Waterford.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, , Mary Condell, , Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds.

PARISH MATTERS: Parish Pastoral Council appeal.

MASS ROSTERS: Please indicate your preferences (commentator, lector, minister of communion, data projector operator) on the list in Foyer with your phone and Email.

St Vincent de Paul meeting Tuesday 17th at 6pm in the White House.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

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

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.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

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.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

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. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Faithful in Small Matters

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God has given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in her family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer's block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them? Give thanks to a woman who has inspired you with her holy fidelity. If possible, call or write and tell her what her example has meant for you. If not, spend a day appreciating her by emulating her witness. (gpbs.com.au)

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