THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | YEAR A | 15 NOVEMBER 2026

First Reading:
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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. 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.)**

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

3. 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 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.

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
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."'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 72:28
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA
It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.
Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.
If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

Next Sunday's Readings – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A (22nd November 2026)
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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"May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance" - Jude 1:2

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Tuesdays
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MASS TIMES
Tuesday – 17 November 2026
6.00pm – 6.30pm:
Holy Hour
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
(Priest available for confession)
Mass: 7.00pm

Wednesday to Saturday
18 – 21 Nov 26
Mass: 9.30am

WEEKEND MASSES
21 November 2026
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

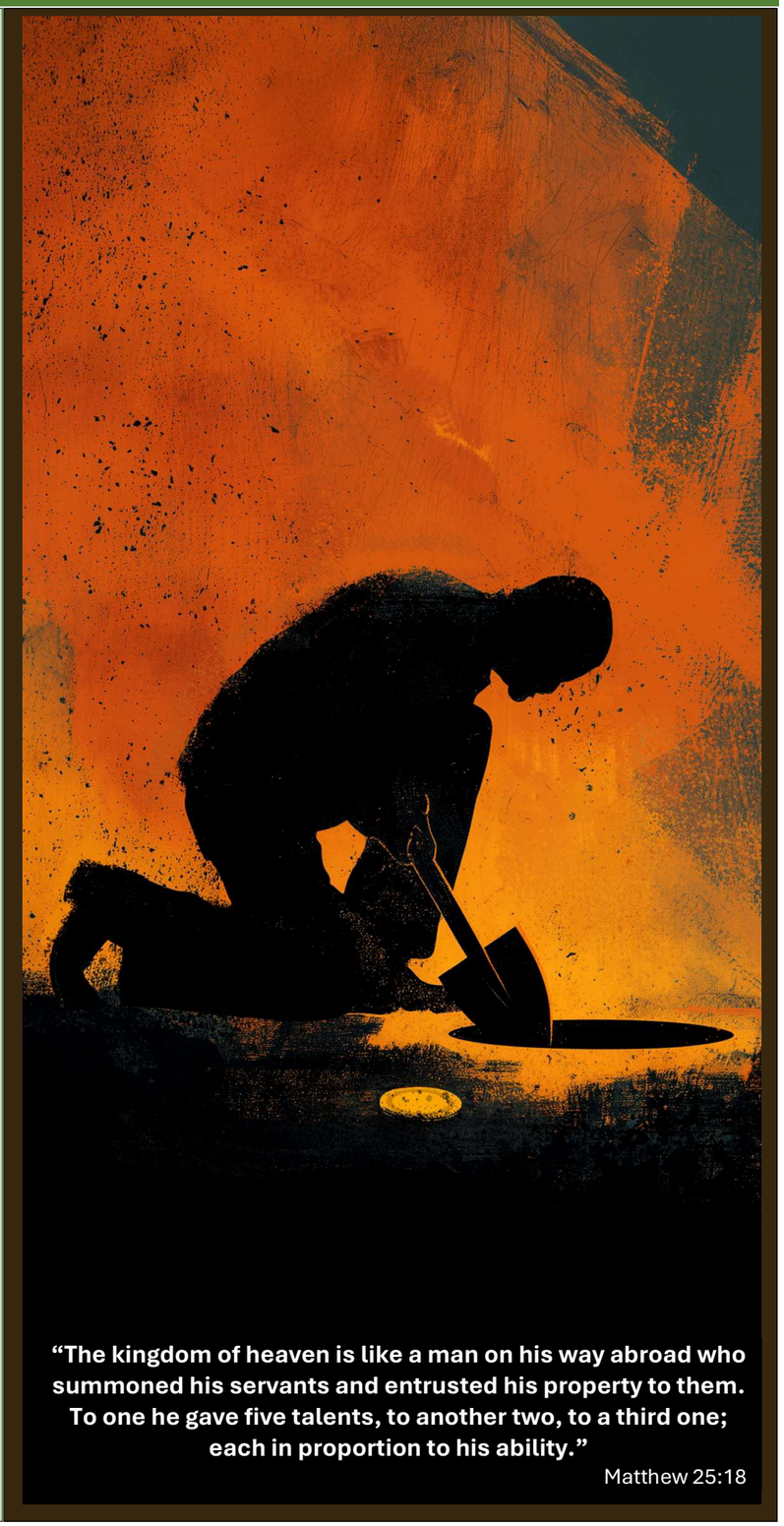
22 November 2026
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

RECONCILIATION
Priest available for Confession on Saturdays after 9.30 am Mass

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Matthew 25:18

PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER			
21/ 22 November 2026 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A	**Saturday Vigil**	**Sunday**	
	6.30pm	**8.30 am**	**10.00 am**
Leader	L. Rooney	S. Carter	J. Sheridan
Reader	N. Rooney	L. Young	M. McFarland
Special Ministers	R. O'Sullivan	D. Balcke	J Prince
Meet and greet	Volunteer Required	S. Peckham M. Larizza	M.Staffa D.Hall

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

We also pray for all those who are sick, Joan Burrowes, Janice Garac, Liz & Robert Yole, Jeff Balcke, Martin and Kris Corcoran, Bill Warner, Christine Suriano, Jim Drinan, Isaac de Figueredo and all our family, friends and parishioners that they may feel God's healing love.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trinidad Omo

ANNIVERSARY: Bill Muir

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY

$661.00

This collection supports the priest in our parish.

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

(not including the Direct debts and card payments)

$590.00

This collection goes towards the running costs of the Parish (staff wages, utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc).

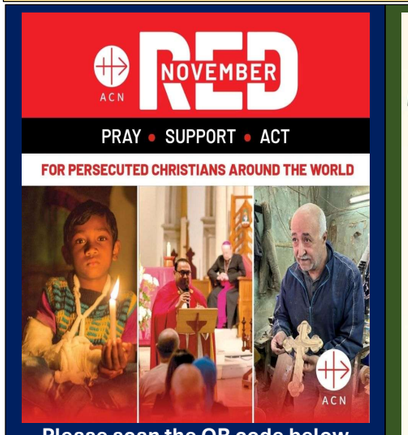
SPECIAL COLLECTION

None

The best way to give to St. Jude's is via direct debit

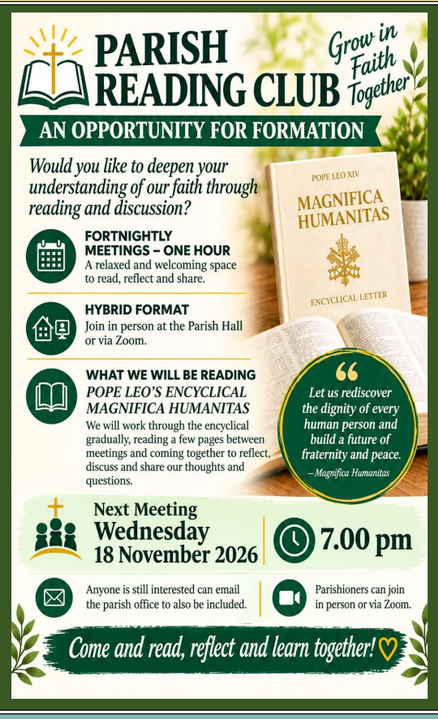
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SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS
November 17

St Elizabeth of Hungary, daughter of King Andrew II, married Prince Louis of Thuringia at the age of 13. Known for her compassion, she built a hospital and personally cared for the poor and sick despite opposition from the royal court. After her husband's death, she refused to remarry, embraced the Franciscan way of life and devoted herself entirely to serving the needy. She died in 1231, aged just 24. A famous legend tells how the food she carried secretly to the poor was miraculously transformed into roses.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
November 21

Church celebrates the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorating the day when, according to tradition, Mary was dedicated to God in the Temple at Jerusalem by her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. This feast reminds us of Mary's total offering of herself to God from the beginning of her life. Her openness to God's will prepared her to become the Mother of the Saviour. We are invited to imitate Mary's faith and devotion, offering our lives to God in love and service.

