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: 14-15, 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.

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." '

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE PRAISEWORTHY SERVANT

Today's Gospel focuses on a parable in which an absentee landlord entrusts five, two and one talent to each of three servants respectively. He returns later to receive the fruits of his servants' labours with their respective talents.

Because the story is quite long, we have a choice of the shorter or longer version. The shorter Gospel selection ends with the focus on the servant with the five talents who returns five more back to the master. With this truncated version, the Gospel is about success: use your talents and you will be rewarded!

The longer version of the Gospel offers a very different teaching. A talent in the ancient world was a monetary value equivalent to a year's wage. The parable is not about *personal talent* or giftedness but about the use of wealth. In the longer version, the first two servants come forward having made a profit with their wealth and are praised by the Master. The last servant to come forward returns the one talent. In a world in which there was only so much of the economic 'pie' to go around, people become wealthy at the expense of others becoming poor. In a subversive way, the last servant is most praiseworthy.

And the Master in this parable is not an image of God, rewarding those who do what is right! What Matthew depicts for us is the reality of life that continues to confront disciples: injustice still pervades relationships in a world where the wealthy get wealthier and the poor become more impoverished.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 15 NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Prov 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.

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 Thess 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.

15 November 2026
33rd Sunday - Yr A

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH



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WEEKEND MASSES **Sat:** 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** 9am **Tues:** 9am (St Elizabeth of Hungary) **Wed:** 12pm **Thurs:** 9am **Fri:** 12pm

CONFESSIONS
***Sat: 4.30-5.00pm**
***Before weekly Mass**
***By appointment**

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ALL THOSE ASKED TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr James Bernard Flood, Fr Barry Leech, Jacinta Bentley, Victoria Cassar, Peter Maloney, William O'Connor.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McInnes (6/11), Antony Croft (17/11), Eric Chua (23/11).

DECEASED: **We pray for our loved ones now in God's care**: Fr Bernard Frize, Nev Michell, Fr Michael Mullane, William Smith, Jeanette Whale, Jean Wellwood, Julie Michell, Pat Jones, Paul Karam.

SICK: Peter Sheils, Ethel Paraika–Murray, Gerard White, John Bamford, Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Lisa Bond, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Yvonne Tarrant, Barry McNamara, Bill Dennis, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Julie Moran, Ruby New, Elizabeth Coroneos, Elizabeth William, Michael Jones, Veronica Frost, Mary Gallaher, Beryl Flood, Enid Wright, Doalis Fester, Michelle Asbury, Maureen Harrison, Joel Porter, Rose Pace and retired Diocesan Clergy.

COMING EVENTS:

20 Nov: Friday Adoration
21 Nov: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
29 Nov: First Sunday of Advent



Remember, Our Lady of La Salette,

True Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me.

Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life,

that I may one day see you in Heaven.

Amen

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,
Pray without ceasing
for us who have recourse to Thee.



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRCKS.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH: We extend our heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to the Sisters of Saint Joseph for their many years of faithful service, dedication and commitment to the Diocese. At our recent Thanksgiving Mass at St Patrick's, we had the opportunity to come together in prayer and gratitude, honouring the Sisters and recognising the extraordinary contribution they have made to our faith community. Throughout their years of ministry, the Sisters have touched countless lives through their compassion, kindness, generosity and unwavering commitment to serving others. Their presence, guidance and witness have enriched our Diocese and left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. As the Sisters conclude their formal ministry within the Diocese, we acknowledge with immense gratitude all that they have given and the many lives they have touched along the way.To each of the Sisters, thank you for your years of service, your dedication to the Church and your faithful witness to the love of Christ. You will always remain an important part of our diocesan family, and you will be remembered with great affection, respect and gratitude. **With heartfelt thanks and every blessing for the journey ahead.**

NOVEMBER MASSES: There are envelopes available at the back of the church to make requests for November Masses to be said for deceased members of your family / friends. Please write very clearly as names will be printed and displayed at the front of the church, next to Our Lady's Altar. This will Continue for all of Novemeber.

CENTACARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER'S: Centacare NENW is collecting non-perishable food items to create Christmas hampers for local families who are experiencing hardship and whom Centacare NENW staff encounter through their work each week. We will have a basket at the back of the Church each weekend from 1 November to 29 November to collect donations. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, make up the hampers and distribute them during Advent.

ORDINATIONOF REV DEACON ALLEM JAMES DALISAY ALBA: Deacon Allem has kindly shared his invitation to his Ordination, First Mass, and Thanksgiving Mass, taking place on the 12th, 13th and 15th of December at Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Armidale, St Nicholas Church and Mary Help of Christians Church Tamworth respectively. A copy will be placed on the Noticeboard. RSVP for either event is required by 23 November 26.

DONATION ENVELOPES: Some envelopes are available at the back of the Church should you wish to utilise them for your donations to St Patricks (Church Account), they may go on the second collection plate.

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082-105 (For electronic bank transfer) [Pious Goods pay to Church Acc)
West Tamworth Presbytery: (To Armidale Diocese - **1st Coll'n**) BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001023642
West Tamworth Catholic Church: (To St Patricks - **2nd Coll'n)** BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001041198

ROSTER: 15/11/2026

Vigil:	R: **Volunteer** , N .Pullman	Gifts:	K O'Brien , M Asbury
9am Sun:	R: G. Clout, S. Brown	Gifts:	Gus & Usenia McKay
5.00pm Sun:	R: **Volunteer**	Gifts:	
Counting Team:	M Vella A Bowden	Altar Linen:	J Hutt
Fri Cleaning	M. Vella, I. Ullman		

ROSTER: 22/11/2026

Vigil:	**R:** C Ledwos, D Bolitho	Gifts:	A & C Lyons
9am Sun:	**R:** M Holley, R. Paull	Gifts:	Michelle and Sally
5.00pm Sun:	R: Volunteer	Gifts:	
Counting Team:	A. Bowden, S. Brown	Altar Linen:	M. Vella
Fri Cleaning	***No cleaning this week***		