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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Talent is what we call in the English language a Homonyms (words that share the exact same spelling and pronunciation but have different meanings).
In our Gospel this weekend we hear of the man who gather his servants together because he is going away, He gives them each an allotted amount of talents, the first Five talents, the second two talents and the third one talent commensurate to their abilities as servants. on first reading this Gospel this does not sound all that much but in those days a talent was a unit of weight and money and could represent a quite large sum of Gold or Silver. In other words, the servants were given portions of the master's wealth to look after while he was away. The first servant by far the larger portion showing the trust the master had in his capabilities, the second servant was given a significantly smaller, but still substantial portion of the master's wealth once again showing the level of trust in his capabilities. The third servant received only a half of what the second servant was given, and only one fifth of what the first servant had been entrusted with, but it was still a goodly sum of the masters wealth showing a trust but not a high sense of his capabilities to manage it.
So, in the Gospel we originally find a sense of what the servants had been trusted with in the original meaning of the word Talent and then we come across the second meaning of that same word when we read of the natural skill or personal ability of a person. In this case the ability of the first and second servant to double the wealth they were entrusted with showing that the masters trust in them was well justified, however the third servant hid what he had been trusted with therefore not allowing it to grow.
So where do we see ourselves in this parable scenario for Jesus was undoubtably trying to impress on His disciples what they had been given in trust by God the Father and that it was their mission to increase these gifts accordingly to their abilities. What about us, do we recognise our gifts and if we do then are we using those gifts to bring the City of God closer and closer.
Go no further than our first reading today about the perfect wife when it tells us in the final words that the woman who is wise is the one to praise for give her a share in what she has worked for and her works will tell her praise at the city gates.
Can we place ourselves in those beautiful Proverbs lines and say we have been wise with what we have been given and our works will tell our praise at the City Gates.



St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Mass times
7.30 am - Tuesday - Friday
6.00 pm - Wednesday (Red Wednesday Mass)
5.00 pm - Saturday
10.30 am & 6.00 pm - Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation
4.00 pm - Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration
6.00 pm - Midnight - Friday

Sacred Heart Church - Newtown

Mass Times

9.15 am - Tuesday - Thursday
8.00 am - Saturday
8.30 am - Sunday

Novena to Our lady
9.45 am - Wednesday

Rosary
7.30 am - Saturday

Lawrenny Court (Mass)

10.30 am - Friday

Sacraments and Devotions

Enquiries for baptisms and marriages please contact the Parish Office

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on Floor 1. Starting at 12.30 pm

Piety Shop - Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm
Saturday & Sunday opened after every Weekend Mass.

safe communities Archdiocese of Hobart

St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on 21 November, commemorates the tradition of Mary's dedication to God by her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne, when she was a young child.
According to ancient Christian tradition, Mary was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by her parents and dedicated to the service of God. Although this event is not recorded in the Bible, it has been preserved in Christian tradition and celebrated by the Church for centuries.
This feast reminds us of Mary's deep faith, humility and complete trust in God. Her early dedication symbolises a life devoted to God's will and prepares us to reflect on her special role in the story of salvation.
A day to reflect: May Mary's example of faith, obedience and wholehearted dedication inspire us to place God at the centre of our lives and follow Him with love and trust.



November Mass Envelopes

The Church dedicates the month of November to pray for our deceased loved ones. November envelopes are available for those who wish to offer Masses.
Pick up your envelope at the foyer of the Cathedral, Sacred Heart Church and the Parish Office.
Return envelopes to Parish Office or place in collection plate during Mass.
Names will be added in the Remembrance book and Masses offered for them.

Red Wednesday – 18 November 2026

Red Wednesday is an annual day of prayer and awareness organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), highlighting the persecution and discrimination faced by Christians and other faith communities around the world.
On this day, we are invited to remember in prayer those who are persecuted for their faith, those who are unable to worship freely, and those who suffer because of their religious beliefs. It is also an opportunity to stand in solidarity with communities experiencing religious persecution and to pray for peace, religious freedom and unity.
A Mass will be celebrated at 6.00 pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, to mark Red Wednesday. All are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world.

ACN RED NOVEMBER
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The Angelus Prayer



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. ThroughthesameChristourLord.
Amen.

November – A Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of November in a special way to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. During this month, we remember our family members, friends and all those who have gone before us in faith, entrusting them to God's loving mercy.

November is a time to reflect on the gift of life, the hope of eternal life and the enduring bond we share with those who have passed away. Through our prayers, we ask God to grant eternal rest to the departed and welcome them into His heavenly kingdom.

As we remember our loved ones, may we find comfort in the promise of the Resurrection and continue to hold them close in our hearts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



From Our Anniverssary Book - Lily Headlam, Pauline McCann, Margaret Carpenter, Sr. Mary Mechtilde Dillon, Mary Burn, Eileen Quigley, Arthur O'Neill, Mangione Family, Pat Case, Nicola Mainella, Beverley Munnings, Maria Cutoli, Azzizulah Haibari, Julio Fuentes, Edward Stanford, William Dolliver, Ian Baker, Harry Burton, Elizabeth Proposch, Vittorio Di Martino, Charles Wilson, Fr. Tom McDonnell, Leslie Ransley, Henry (Harry) Fitzgerald, Lucia Lacapra, Roydon Chen, Bernard Mazengarb, Molly Pullen.- ***May they rest in peace !***



Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral—Please note that the Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is livestreamed on the Archdi- ocese of Hobart YouTube c hannel. Most special events and ceremonies celebrated at the Cathedral are also livestreamed. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the livestream, please contact the Parish Office on (03) 6208 6094 for more information.



Carols at St. Mary's 2026



The November 2026 edition of the Catholic Standard is now available at the Foyer

This is a special edition to mark the 40th anniversary of Pope John Paul's visit to Tasmania in 1986.
We have a special four-page lift-out to celebrate the anniversary of this historic event for the Church in Tasmania.

Please find attached some images of the front cover for your parish newsletters.

Here are some of the other highlights in this edition:

- Celebrating 135 years of the presence of God among his people (St Fursaeus' Church, Zeehan)
- Carols and candlelight return to St Mary's Cathedral
- A day of 'grace and blessings' for Queenstown
- Farewell to Sr Patricia Kingsley: A remarkable life of service
- Synod heralds new era for missionary Church
- Korean martyrs inspire leaders preparing for WYD27
- Shining a light on the Presentation Sisters' charism
- Rosary a 'beautiful expression of faith and power of prayer' (Launceston)
- Grandparents honoured for faith, love and wisdom (Burnie-Wynyard)
- Loreto pilgrimage a reminder there's no place like home



READINGS OF THE DAY- THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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.

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."



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday	16th	November	- Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	17th	November	- Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	18th	November	- Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	19th	November	- Luke 19:41- 44
Friday	20th	November	- Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	21st	November	- Luke 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 22nd November 2026

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading	- Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 22:1-3, 5-6
Second Reading	- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Gospel	- Matthew 25:31-46

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God !

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.