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PARISH CALENDAR: 15th—22nd Nov 2020

Sun 15th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tue 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary
9:45am Exercise classes—online
Wed 18th 2:00pm PPC meeting—online
Thu 19th 9:30am Exercise classes—online
Sat 21st The Presentation of the BI Virgin Mary
Sun 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS



The religious teachers in Jesus' time were like the servants in the parable. They were entrusted with the religious law and tradition and were to help the community live preparing for God's advent into their lives. But they became rigid in their teachings and Jesus accused

them of not perceiving the kingdom's presence among them in himself. Like the last of the servants in the parable, they misunderstood what God expected of them.

The three servants seemed to be of different competence, judging from their master's distribution of money. The "talent" was equivalent to what a poor person could live on for 15 or 20 years. So, each servant, even the one who received the one talent, was given a considerable amount by his master. We derive our current notion of "talent" (a natural gift) from this parable. But in the parable the talent is money invested by a master who then expects a return on his investment. Here is a chance for each servant to prove that his master's trust in him was justified.

The third servant didn't fail because he invested foolishly, but because he didn't invest at all – he didn't try. It's not a parable about the servant's own gifts, talents, but about his laziness and fear. Perhaps he was even afraid of the slight risk putting the money in the bank would involve. His solution: take no risk and bury the money.

The parable isn't concerned with specific talents we might have been given and how we use them. It's about all that we have. The master expected the money to be invested, hoarding it was a waste. So too for us. Jesus is encouraging us to put all of our lives on the line in his service – not just specific talents. We are to invest ourselves in God's name, serving God by serving others. It doesn't matter how much we think we have been given. Isn't it interesting that the servants who did take chances and had profits to show their master weren't told to "take it easy and enjoy a rest"? Instead, they are given even greater responsibilities!

There are many people in our parish who decided to "dip their feet" in some needed ministry: teaching religion classes to children; lectors, welcomers; making sandwiches for a soup kitchen; forming a parish social justice committee, etc. It never fails. They all say they are much more involved than they expected – and they love it! These are servants who have already heard the Lord say to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant" – and they have also heard, "I will give you great responsibilities."

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people
as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYERS WRITERS: 22nd Nov Marianne Zabukosek

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
Oct	\$3,949.75	\$00.00	\$ 0.00

DOMINICARE Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community we want to stress that you should feel free to make contact with us. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3. Please also call if you would like to help out.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Gunn

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Grahame Salter

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Mary Burns, Carmel Gagliardi **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	15 th Nov	9:45am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Mon	16 th Nov	7:00am	<i>Dominican Vocations</i>
Tue	17 th Nov	12:00pm	<i>Ignatius & Charlotte Lobo</i>
Wed	18 th Nov	7:00am 12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan Brennan, Chatfield & Carroll families</i>
Thu	19 th Nov	12:00pm	<i>All the Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Fri	20 th Nov	7:00am 12:00pm	<i>Deceased Dominicans Austin & Gwen Fernandes</i>

If you want to have a Mass offered,
please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of November is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembring-our-dead.html

to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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*"Remember this and never forget it:
even if it should seem at times that everything is
collapsing, nothing is collapsing at all,
because God doesn't lose battles."*
St. Josemaria Escriva

To all our Youth,
we are praying for you
at this time when you have your
final exams for this year.
We wish you all the best of luck!
God Bless you all!
Br Oliver



Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (God is with Us) - Matt Maher
Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

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33RD SUNDAY YEAR A—A REFLECTION

Today marks the last day of NAIDOC WEEK with its theme, "Always Was, Always Will be." Thus it seems appropriate to revisit Pope Saint John Paul II's address of 29th November 1986 to a gathering of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders which, like this year's NAIDOC theme, looked to the past and future of Australia's First Nations people.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

After greeting the assembly at Blatherskite Park, Alice Springs, Pope Saint John Paul II continued, "For thousands of years you have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with you." The Holy Father linked the presence of the Holy Spirit to the land and, in particular, to the bush: "Through your closeness to the land you touched the sacredness of the human being's relationship with God, for the land was the proof of a power in life greater than yourselves [and] the silence of the Bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with the world of God's Spirit."

The pontiff then noted culture's role in preparing the indigenous people for receiving the Gospel: "The achievements of your culture are indications of human strivings. And in these strivings you showed a dignity open to the great truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." He continued, "The Gospel esteems and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and, when necessary, it purifies them. The Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revealed message of a loving and merciful God."

John Paul II developed this point: "That Gospel now invites you to become, through and through, Aboriginal Christians." He reflected that, in this way, "the old ways can draw new life and strength from the Gospel" for "the message of Jesus Christ can reinforce all your positive values and add many others, which only the Gospel in its originality proposes."

The Holy Father concluded by calling on indigenous Australians to be creatively faithful to their traditions, while above all else, remaining ever more open "to the consoling, purifying and uplifting message of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died so that we might all have life to the full."

Saint John Paul II's Alice Springs address continues to remind us of our solidarity in Christ that motivates our commitment to work for reconciliation with, and justice for, the First Nations people of Australia.

Fr David Willis OP

HOLDING THE LIGHT An Ecumenical Service Remembering victims and survivors of family domestic violence

Date: Sunday 29 November 2020 Time: 2:30pm
Location: St Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the numbers allowed to gather in person may be restricted, so please register your interest with TryBooking, and we will let you know more details nearer the time. Register by <https://www.trybooking.com/BMCFM>. The event will be livestreamed and recorded on St Peter's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

EXERCISE CLASSES ONLINE the chair-based classes on Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call **Amanda at 0410 685 224** or acubit@bigpond.net.au and she will send you the invitation.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women : 25 November

Why wait for the end of the month to consider the impacts of domestic violence?

"As Church, the living body of Christ, we cannot remain silent. We must collectively and personally denounce a violence which the human person in every way. We must work to build communities of peace, safety, true reconciliation and relationships that seek alternatives to violence."

Peter A Comensoli

WELCOMING THE STRANGER 2020 APPEAL



Next weekend we are conducting our "Welcoming the Stranger" annual parish appeal to help fund the parish's continuing support for vulnerable refugees and people seeking asylum in our community while they wait for the Department's decision re the

application for refugee status. St Dominic's "Welcoming the Stranger" asylum seeker and refugee project has helped families from Syria, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan over the last 7 years with accommodation and social support. Basically it is our parish responding to the needs of a very vulnerable group of people who have fled war and/or persecution, inspired by Jesus' words - "I was hungry and you gave me food... I was a stranger and you made me welcome." We rely completely on the support of the parishioners of St Dominic's to continue this work on your behalf. Donations are tax deductible. Peter Charles (Welcoming the Stranger Committee)

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRAYER GROUP: HOLY HOUR

The St Catherine of Siena Prayer Group meets **each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the Church** for exposition and adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come and join us in prayer for the Catholic Church. Bookings are essential. Please contact Kathryn O'Connor on 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au no later than midday on Tuesdays.



WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S

We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the [Canterbury Council of Churches](#). We pray in particular this month of November for the community at [Canterbury Baptist Church](#), and their Senior Pastor Stephen Field.

For further information about our ecumenical engagement visit www.stdominics.org.au/ecumenical

PROPER OF THE MASS: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

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

Today's Readings

(33rd Ord—Year A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Next Week's Readings

(Christ the King) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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