

# All Hallows' Five Dock



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 19th November 2023

## Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,  
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of  
service, that creates a sense of  
God's presence among us.

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Mission of our Parish.



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## A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

With best wishes -  
Fr Sebastian



## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

### Reconciliation:

**Saturday:**  
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm  
Or any time by appointment.

### Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

### Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.

### Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).

## Fr Justin Torres

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, is visiting Australia from the Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all.



All Hallows is hosting a retreat with Fr Justin at  
**1pm on Saturday, 25th November in the Parish hall.**

The retreat will include the 5:30pm Saturday vigil Mass, followed by Prayers of praise and worship featuring the amazing UV Graduates Choir!

**\*Please note the change of time for the retreat and change of date and time for the Prayers of praise and worship\***

*We all have a need for some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.*

## Advent Groups - All Hallows 2023

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Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that, at its heart, it is meant to be a time of preparation, of waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.



This Advent, we will be exploring "The Sign" Advent program. Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections through Advent.

We invite you to join in and participate in one of the Advent Groups, which will be meeting during this liturgical period. **Please consider being a Leader of a group or participating in a group, once Leaders have volunteered.**

The Advent groups will be meeting between **27 November and 23 December** at the following times:

- Wednesdays at 7:30pm
- Thursdays at 7:30pm
- Saturdays at 4pm



You will find Sheets in the Gathering Space to register your name.  
Please ensure you add your contact details.

Enquiries: Sandy Lynch: 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461

## Please remember in your Prayers:

### Sick:

Ammara Masood  
Anna Macri  
Terry McCabe & family  
Anna Tan  
Denis Castledine  
Clarence Rodrigues  
Frank Hume  
Siosuia Sikulu  
Philippa Mary Sikulu

*\*names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified*

### Recently Deceased:

Vania Iuston  
Robert Iacono  
Eva Zin  
Lucrezia Cecere  
Isabella Ciccolitto  
Antonio Nesci  
Norma Hankinson  
Donald Skinner



### Anniversaries:

Caterina De Marco  
Pietro De Marco  
Maria Cassaniti Leone  
Rosetta Nicotra  
Fr Morris Clarke  
Francesco La Greca  
Peter Fiorini  
Lydia Fiorini  
Loretta Gioia  
Giuseppe Princi  
Rose Princi  
Deirdre Franklin

### For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.*

*May all the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*

## St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul will be selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards again this weekend. The prices have remained the same so grab a bargain!

**Columban Calendars - \$8.00 Pack of 10 assorted Christmas Cards - \$6.00**

Don't forget to bring back your "Christmas Appeal Envelopes" as soon as you can and place them on any of the Collection Plates.



Also please remember to bring your "GIFT CARDS" that will be used for our Christmas Hampers and hand them to our St Vincent de Paul members in the gathering space.

*Your generosity is much appreciated.*

## Church Library

A reminder that our library in the church gathering space is now fully stocked with wonderful books - biographies, spirituality, prayer, Vatican documents, poetry and periodicals, all grouped in easy to find sections.



Please feel free to browse the library and borrow some books!



# Parish Notices



## First Holy Communion

A total of 113 young candidates are receiving their First Holy Communion at four Masses this weekend. We have candidates from All Hallows Primary School, Abbotsford Public School, Five Dock Public School and Russell Lea Public School. The instruction and preparation for the Sacrament was conducted by members of our sacramental team, parish office staff, catechists and teachers from All Hallows Primary School, who all volunteered their time to prepare the candidates for this Sacrament. We also have members of the choir and hospitality ministries helping over the weekend as well.

**Fr Sebastian and Fr Richard would like to thank all of these wonderful volunteers for all of their hard work in preparing the candidates and organising and celebrating the masses.**

## All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$150.00, making the total raised \$15,719.00 so far.

If you would like to contribute, you can donate by:

- ❖ Placing your donation in the envelopes provided on the church pews and on the side table in the gathering space
- ❖ Using the Tap n Go machines in the gathering space
- ❖ Credit card via our website – [www.allhallows.org.au](http://www.allhallows.org.au) / Support Us / Donate or use the QR code on the right
- ❖ Direct deposit into the Church account :-



- Account Name: Five Dock Parish Church Account
- BSB: 062-784
- Account number: 100000513

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## Plenary Indulgence in November

November is a special time to pray for our loved ones who have passed. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead by visiting a church during the month of November and praying the Lord's prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)



## First Holy Communion

**Congratulations to all of the candidates celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend!**

Please pray for these children and their families as they celebrate their First Holy Communion.



*May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you.*

## All Hallows Youth Group



All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the **All Hallows Youth group.**

Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.

The dates the Youth Group will run in term 4 are:

- 26th November
- 10th December (Christmas party)

## Accommodation Needed

St Vincent's Parish Ashfield Social Justice Group have recently been matched with a refugee family from South America via the CRISP Community Refugee Integration Pilot program. The UNHCR has assessed them as genuine refugees after fleeing their home country and years of waiting for resettlement. The family consists of a mother and three children (aged 9-15), and they've expressed a desire to live near a Catholic Parish. The Social Justice Group will be welcoming them to Australia in mid-December. If you know of affordable housing in the area, please contact Joanna on 0417 043361 or [j.miletta@yahoo.com.au](mailto:j.miletta@yahoo.com.au) as soon as possible. We are hoping for a 12-month or 3-6 month emergency accommodation option.

## Catholic Women's League

LADIES, welcome to the final CWL meeting for 2023 on **Monday 20 November.**



10am start in the Parish Hall.


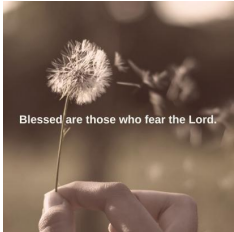

## Children's Corner

Come and share in my happiness

G V W V G G Z Z A D R O V A  
 Q A P Q V X U O R D P D J W  
 U W T O H K F M G D Z B C A  
 X M O N E Y Z C Y W T R S Y  
 T E A Q I D G H V G T P B E  
 P J A I F N N A I I H A H H  
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 T H O U S A N D S H A R E D  
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 A F A I T H F U L Q F E Z M

Try to find these words:


- away
- charge
- faithful
- five
- happiness
- little
- money
- more
- servant
- share
- thousand
- three

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31</b>            A reading from the book of Proverbs  <b><i>Give her a share in what she has worked for.</i></b></p> <p>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.</p> 	<p><b>Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1</b>  <b>(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.</b></p> <p>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.)</p> <p>2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)</p> <p>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.)</p> 	<p><b>1 Thessalonians 5:1-6</b>            A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  <b><i>The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.</i></b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week’s Readings</b></p> <p><b>Our Lord Jesus Christ,            King Of The Universe</b>  <b>1st Reading:</b> Ezek 34:11-12. 15-17  <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28  <b>Gospel:</b> Matt 25:31-46</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia!            Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.            Alleluia!</p> 

**Gospel**

**Matthew 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.”’



**Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.**

Like the original audience of Matthew’s gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.



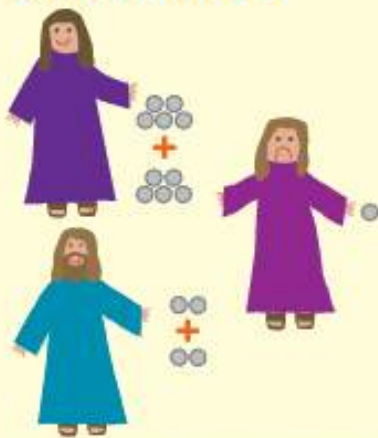
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Matthew 25:14-30

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## USE YOUR GIFTS!

A man trusts his servants to look after his money. Two of them work hard and increase what they have been given, but one is too scared to use his gift at all. Jesus wants us all to use our gifts well.

### Samuel, David and Amos



Here are the three men, with their talents. How many talents did each have in the end, to show their master? **Write the answers in the boxes below.**

**Samuel** used his money wisely and made 5 more talents. [ ] talents altogether.

**David** worked hard and made 2 more talents. [ ] talents altogether.

**Amos** buried his money to keep it safe. [ ] talents altogether.

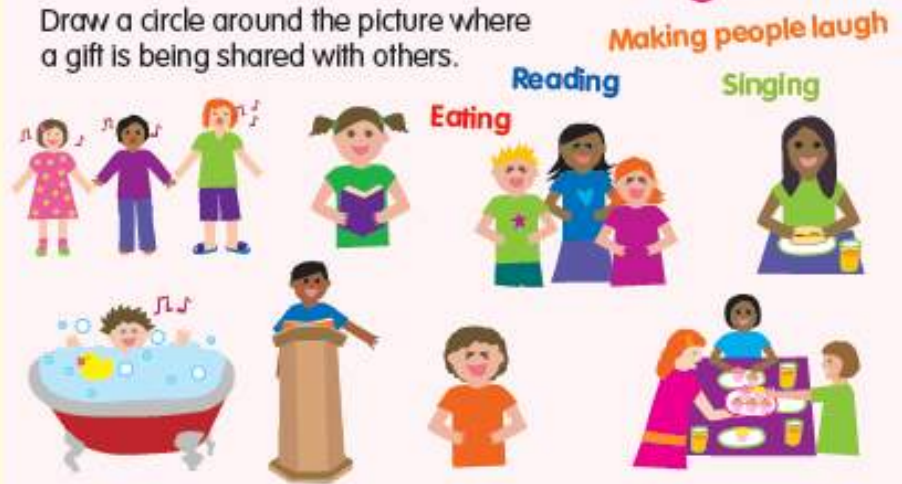
**Which man did not use the gift he had been given?**

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for giving me so many gifts. Help me to use them well and generously. Amen.

### God trusts us to USE our gifts

Draw a circle around the picture where a gift is being shared with others.



### Use your Talents well!

#### Matching

A "talent" in Jesus' time was a sort of money. We use this word today to describe our skills and abilities. **Unscramble these talents and match them to the right people.**



#### Maze

The master was pleased with the servants who tried hard and used their money well. **They joined their master in his happiness.**



Help these hard-working servants join their happy master. **Give them smiling faces when they reach him!**