GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week’s Gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is the Parable of the Talents. What do we mean by a talent?

In the time that the Gospel was written, a talent meant something very different than today. A talent was the largest measurement of money in those days. Since a talent was a measurement of weight it did not have a constant value. A talent of gold, for example, would be worth a whole lot more than a talent of bronze.

This parable is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. Talents have come to mean our individual skills and gifts and what it is that we do with them.

The three servants in the story were entrusted with wealth to look after and improve upon for their master. The third servant thought it a better choice to do nothing but wait for his master to return and give back exactly what he had been given. This was a safe option but he missed the opportunity to use his skills to improve on what he had been given.

In this story Jesus means to parallel the Master with God and the servants to our relationship with God. We can’t just wait around for God to be there for us, we need to be proactive and develop a relationship with Him where He is actively present in our lives.

Mrs Bernadette Nolan—REC Coordinator

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

This year there will be two Christmas Concerts over two nights so that all parents/grandparents can attend. The Early Stage One and Stage One Concert is on Thursday 8th December at 7:00 pm and the Stage Two and Stage Three Concert is on Friday 9th December at 7:00 pm.

You might remember our concert last year was so well attended in our new whole school gathering space that many parents did not have a seat and were unable to comfortably enjoy the performances of their children. We understand that this may mean a commitment of two nights for some families; however each concert will be no longer than an hour.

Teachers are planning concerts that will be an opportunity for our community to prepare for and celebrate God’s gift to us of his Son, Jesus, and to relive the story of his birth that is so familiar to us.

CONGRATULATIONS
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards

Community Service Award:
Ola Kobialka 3HJ, Ishrat Singh ES1, Hannah Azar 3BL

CONGRATULATIONS
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards

Gold Award:
Alannah Williams ES1, Erin Ebuenga 3HJ, Justin Mekwunye ES1, Bianka Saba ES1, Sophie Salvo ES1

CONGRATULATIONS
The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 120 Star Cards

Principal’s Award:
Fabian Sukumar 1W, Elyce Joseph ES1

CHRIST THE KING LITURGY

Christ the King Sunday celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos. Officially called the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, it is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. The Children will be celebrating with a Liturgy next Friday 18 November at 2.30pm in the Parish Church.
CHURCH CHOIR

If your child/children are interested in joining the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Choir, the following is some information about it:

- The Choir sings on the fourth Saturday of every month at the 6 pm mass
- The rehearsals are on the third Saturday of every month from 4pm-5pm.
- Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a parent.

All enquiries to: Lucia Pringadi 0410679140

PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD. DON’T LEAVE ME ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD.

- Child pedestrians are at greater risk of injury than adults.
- After School, meet your child inside the school gates. If driving, park the car safely and legally, get out and walk to the school gate.
- If you are unable to meet your child, arrange for another trusted adult to meet them.
- Until they are at least eight year old, hold your child’s hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road. Until they are at least ten years old, hold your child’s hand when crossing the road.
- If your child comes home on the school bus, meet your child AT the bus stop before choosing the safest place to cross.
- Talk to your child about what to do if you are late.
- Reward your children with lots of attention and praise for good road safety behaviour.

PARKING UNSAFELY CAN PUT CHILDREN’S LIVES AT RISK. INCREASED FINES AND LOSS OF DEMERIT POINTS APPLY WHEN CERTAIN OFFENCES ARE COMMITTED IN AN OPERATING SCHOOL ZONE.

The following behaviours put children at risk outside the school:

- Calling children across the road
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road
- Leaving children in a vehicle without adult supervision
- Double parking
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway
- Making an illegal U-turn.

Double Parking: The minimum fine for double parking is $231 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH: The minimum penalty for parking on a footpath or across a driveway is $128 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

GONE FISHING!
Fish is very good for us—with lots of protein & essential fatty acids (Omega 3) needed for proper brain function. To encourage your children to eat more fish, try making dishes such as tuna pasta, or tuna mornay.

A Salmon Pattie Recipe

**Ingredients**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 3 peeled potatoes (boiled and mashed)
- 210 can of pink/red salmon (drained)
- 2 chopped spring onions
- 1 cup of wholemeal breadcrumbs
- 2 teaspoons polyunsaturated margarine

**Method**
Heat half the oil in a fry pan and cook onion until soft. Add potato, salmon and spring onion. When cool, divide mixture into 6 patties and roll in breadcrumbs. Put in fridge for 30 minutes. Heat margarine & remaining oil in the fry pan and cook patties until golden brown.

DIARY DATES 2011

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