

# St. Rita's Catholic Parish

*Incorporating the areas of Victoria Point, Thornlands south, Redland Bay,  
Mount Cotton, Coochiemudlo Island and the Southern Bay Islands*

37-39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point Q. 4165

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2011**



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## Thirty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Next Sunday's readings: Christ the King: Ezekiel 34:11—12, 15—17; 1 Corinthians 15:20—26,28; Matthew 25: 31 – 46

### Wasted Talent

# The Parable of the Talents



There are only a select few that have exceptional talent. Paul was graced with extraordinary natural football talent. Of course he had to work hard at developing this talent and he was better than any of the kids around him. It came as no surprise when at fifteen he was snapped up by a top professional club. He didn't have long to wait for his big chance. He had only just celebrated his sixteenth birthday when he found himself selected for the first team. He made an immediate impact. Almost overnight he shot from obscurity to fame.

From there on it was one success after another. Within two years he was the club's leading scorer. By now he was also playing for his country. Everywhere football was talked about his name was mentioned. To the fans he was a hero. To the media he was a celebrity.

He reveled in his success. A few years ago he was a poor kid playing in the back streets of a provincial town. Now he was rich and famous. He married a beautiful model, drove a Mercedes, and was the envy of every schoolboy who played football. However, things soon started to go wrong. There were rumours that he was drinking heavily. The rumours proved to be well founded. His football began to suffer. His personal life began to disintegrate. His wife suddenly left him, claiming he was selfish and immature.

Sadly, Paul's glittering career came to a premature end, and he was remembered as much for the manner in which he squandered a rare talent as for what he achieved with it.

It is dangerous when a talent springs up overnight. Far better that it should grow up quietly and almost unnoticed, like a seed grows into a tree. When a talent grows up like that, a kind of wholeness results.

Some people who start with great promise fail. Others who start with a little talent succeed. Why is this? Because the qualities that help a person to succeed are less those of talent than of character—faith, patience, readiness to learn, and ability to work hard. Many people are born with great natural ability, but do not have the self-discipline and patience to build on their endowment. Talent is a responsibility, and in some cases it can be as much a burden as a gift.

Talented people can easily become inflated by their talent. They may forget that all talents are gifts from God. We are merely the custodians of those gifts.

Talent is important but character is even more important. Talent is formed in quiet; character in the midst of the world. Of what use is it to develop my talent if I leave myself undeveloped?

*Excerpt from: New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Flor McCarthy SDB*

**We ask that you pause for a moment to offer a prayer for the sick in our community, especially for:**



Prayer Concerns

Therese Thomas, Robyn Holmes, Marko Volarevich, Rita Peck, Neil Leone, Kaleb Love, David Ayre, Molly Daniel, Annie Weston, Elly Lendering, Ron Ghidella, Joan Lennon, Chris Smith, Kath SurrIDGE, Frances Knudsen, John Mullins, Les Bowden, Jack Lehfeldt, Silvio Zambelli, Hazel Quilty, Mark Phairs, Bernice Muir, Harry & Connie Chivers, Marie & Jack Conway, Anne Maree Reed, Ann McCann (*Elaine Strati's mother*), Cec. & Maureen Woodward (Albury), Catherine Kennedy, Janette Ricca.



## PARISH NEWS



### *Melbourne Cup Thank you*

*We would like to thank our wonderful Social Committee and all the volunteers who spent many hours preparing and hosting the very successful Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, it was a fantastic day and a good time was had by all!*

### ANNUAL CENTACARE APPEAL

Please support Centacare, the social services arm of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, by making a gift today to the Centacare Appeal.

Your gifts help Centacare continue the mission of Jesus as their staff and volunteers reach out every day and provide practical, compassionate support to thousands of people across southeast Queensland. Centacare provides vital pastoral ministries across the Archdiocese. The people of Centacare work with the sick, the elderly, young people, the unemployed, the homeless, people affected by mental illness, parents and families in crisis, indigenous communities, prisoners and their families, and seafarers.

They do a tremendous service for the community, but there is always a desire and a need to do more.

The need for your support has never been greater.

In the last year, Centacare has helped more than 150 000 Queenslanders in many different ways.

Your gifts change lives. Please give what you can. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry.

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible—ABN 35 020 644 975.

### Altar Servers

A Christmas break up for our Altar Servers will be held on **Tuesday afternoon, 15th November**, in the church from 3.15pm to 4.00pm. This session is for all Servers. Afternoon tea will be provided.



### **THE CATHOLIC GUY EVENT COMING TO ST RITA'S PARISH, VICTORIA POINT FIVE INSPIRING AND LIFE CHANGING SESSIONS 17, 18 & 21, 22, 23 NOVEMBER**

Bruce Downes and the Catholic Guy team present a Catholic TV program that is screened around the world. We are delighted that Bruce and the team will be coming to our parish to present a live event over five days. Some people have heard of a Parish Mission, but this event is one that you just have to experience.

Experience the power of God in real and relevant way through scripture, music and the arts. Expect to laugh, learn, reflect and be changed by this truly powerful Catholic experience. No matter your age or background this event is for you. Come and have an amazing experience without being asked to do anything.

**SESSION 1:** Either 7.30pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> or 9.30am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**SESSION 2:** Either 7.30pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or 9.30am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**SESSION 3:** Either 7.30pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> or 9.30am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**SESSION 4:** Either 7.30pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or 9.30am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**SESSION 5:** Combined Final Session 7.30pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

All sessions will be in our main Church building, will run for approximately 1½ hours and we will share a cup of tea or coffee together afterwards.

Flyers available at the entrance to the Church and more information available at [www.thecatholicguy.com](http://www.thecatholicguy.com)



**Second Collection & Donations last week: \$3 242.35 Envelopes, Loose, Direct Debits, Credit Cards)**



**Your offering of as little as one hour's wage will help us meet our daily needs.**



### Welcome to St Rita's Catholic Church

If you are a visitor, we are honoured to have you celebrate with us.

If you are interested in becoming part of this spiritual, faith filled community, please put your name in the Newcomers Book and collect a New Parishioners pack which can be found on the back table of the church.

*We'll be in touch soon!*





## PARISH NEWS



### November—Month of Holy Souls:

A book of Remembrance will be offered at each Mass during November. Sheets are available to record the names of deceased family and friends. You may wish to take the sheet home to record your information. Once completed, please place your page in the Remembrance book. Both the sheets and Remembrance book are available on the back table of the Church.

*“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the Dead that they may be loosed from their sins.”*



### St Rita's School Christmas Carols evening

This annual event will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd November** from 6.00pm. The parish are catering with a BBQ from 5.00pm. Anyone who is able to help for a couple of hours please contact the parish office as soon as possible.



### Aria Angels - Music, Movement, Art and ...More

Reaching out to parents before and after Baptism, through the parish, it offers a special time for children from birth to 5 years with parents/grandparents. We will gather in the Ruby Room at the parish office every second Thursday, the next one is on **24th November** from 9.30am to 11am. The cost is \$5 including morning tea. For more information please contact Elaine at the parish office.



### Parish Junior Choir

Our Junior Parish Choir will be singing at the Vigil Mass on **Saturday, 26th November** commencing at 6pm. The Junior Choir practice is held on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in the 'Ruby Function Room' at the rear of the parish office. Afternoon tea is provided. All children from our parish are welcome to attend, we have children from Grade 1 to Year 12. If you have not been involved previously come and join us. Any enquiries contact the Parish office.



### Don't miss this Wonderful Opportunity — Mothers Prayers

Mothers' Prayers was started in England in November 1995 and has spread rapidly throughout the world with contacts in over 90 Countries and has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations. There are now thousands of groups around the world, supporting each other in prayer. "Mothers' Prayers" is intended for small groups, meeting in Church or at member's homes.

The gathering will be held on **Wednesday, 30th November** in the Church starting at 8.30am with a cuppa. Session goes from 9am to 11am. For more information contact Elaine at the parish office.



### Date Claimer: Craft Sale

Mark your diaries for the annual Christmas Craft Stall which is scheduled for the weekend of the **3rd/4th December**. There will be a lovely array of handcrafted gifts, festive decorations and tasty delicacies to assist you with your Christmas shopping!

This year our Christmas Cakes will be made to order. If you would like a cake, please place your orders with either Margaret Burkett 3207 8672 or Christine Wells 3207 7220 by Sunday, 27th November to enable the orders to be ready for the 3rd/4th December.

Our craft ladies would also be delighted to receive your donations of ingredients for their delicious morsels. They require cooking chocolate, marshmallows, condensed milk, milk arrowroot biscuits, coconut, copha and jubes. If you are able to assist, please place your contribution in the labelled box at the back of the church.



### Care & Concern News

Come and enjoy a Christmas lunch on **Monday, 5th December** at 11.30am at Pelican's Nautical Treasures, 293 Esplanade, Redland Bay. Kindly RSVP to Janet on 3820 6115 to enable bookings to be made.





*Keep Christ in Christmas—St Vincent de Paul*

Christmas cards & Columban Calendars will soon be available after masses. The price of the cards is @ \$2.20 per pack and Columban Calendars are \$8 each.



**Meet & Eat**

Our next Meet & Eat will be held next weekend after the Sunday 7am and 9am Masses. Take a break from preparing your meals and come along and enjoy a bite to eat with something to drink. This is an opportunity to touch base with fellow parishioners sharing a meal and a chat.



The menu. Bacon & Egg burger, and Sausages in a blanket.

Suggested donations to cover the cost of the meal are as follows: Bacon & Egg burger \$2, sausage in a blanket \$1.



**Clean Glass Jars Needed**

We are in need of small clean glass jars for Ruby's jams and preserves. So, before you toss your glass jars in the recycling bin, please remember us and bring them in and place them in the box provided at the back door of the church. Thankyou for your kindness.



**Free copy of the Australian Catholics Magazine**

Be sure to collect your free copy of the Saint Mary MacKillop Commemorative edition of the Australian Catholics magazine from the back table of the church. There are a limited number available so be quick to avoid disappointment.

**In the Most Menial and Ordinary**

'It is vitally important to believe that you are always deeply loved by God - in your birth and baptism, in the good you have done during your life, and still do - the healing, the comforting, the loving - in all that belonging to a family means. In loving your partner, in creating new life, in caring for your parents and children, in celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and all kinds of achievements, in getting on with the neighbours, in making ends meet, and in all those moments of wonder in your life, but also in the most menial and ordinary - you were loving God and were being loved by God, and always will be.'

- Fr Daniel O'Leary

**NOW IS THE TIME to nominate yourself or someone you know to be a member of the St Rita's Parish Pastoral Council for 2012.**

It is that time of the year again when our Parish Pastoral Council calls for nominations of new members for next year. The Pastoral Council is looking for people with enthusiasm, who are interested in helping our Parish further develop to be more vibrant, welcoming and alive. The responsibilities include:

- Listening and responding to hopes, ideas and needs of parishioners
- Providing opportunities for growth and support, making decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.

The commitment would be a minimum of 1 meeting per month for 2 years. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Over the coming weeks please give this prayerful consideration.

Kindly complete the nomination form below and place it in an envelope. Envelopes are provided on the back table of the church for your convenience. The envelope can either be placed in the nomination box at the back of the church, put on the collection plate during Mass or handed to Fr Leo.



**Come join us**

PPC Nominee:

Contact Details: (If Known)



## DEANERY NEWS



### RETREATS AT THE PRESENTATION SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

26 Kooralgin Street, Manly

Phone: 3396 3290 or email [pscadmin@qld.pbvm.org.au](mailto:pscadmin@qld.pbvm.org.au)



#### AWAKE NEW LIFE

*7 Day Guided Retreat with Erica Marshall*

**Saturday 3 December 6pm - Sunday 11 December, 2011 9.00am**

A seven day retreat taking us gently along creative Advent paths in the spirit of the liturgy, exploring the themes of advent in prayer and reflection. We savour the gift of time & awaken the new life that is growing within us.

Cost: \$650.00 (includes all meals and accommodation)

#### O BRINGER OF JOY

*7 Day Directed Retreat with Ann Maree Thompson & Marie Thompson*

**Saturday 3 December 6pm - Sunday 11 December, 2011 9.00am**

Advent is a season of deep joy. This is an opportunity to leave the busyness of the season and to ponder the gentle birthing of God's word in our lives.

Cost: \$650.00 (includes all meals and accommodation)



**Retreat**



## Around the Archdiocese



#### Two Positions are available in the Clergy Support Office:

- Priests Foundation Manager: (Full Time): Managing all the activities associated with retired and sick clergy in the Archdiocese. There are currently around 50 retired priests.
- Clergy Support Officer- Finance: (Full Time): Providing bookkeeping and administrative support to the various clergy funds and the Office.

Details regarding position descriptions can be obtained by contacting Teresa Walters on 3336 9210 or email [walterst@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:walterst@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications should be sent to [hrmail@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hrmail@bne.catholic.net.au) by Friday, 18th Nov.

#### "Preparing for Advent with a focus on the Gospel of Mark"

*with Fr Bill O'Shea*

All are welcome. The day will include meditation, two talks by Fr Bill, and some time for reflection.

**Saturday, 19th November, 9.30am—3.00pm.** Morning tea will be served at 9.30am. BYO lunch. Books will be available for sale during the day.

It will be held at the Holy Spirit School Hall, 36 Villiers Street, (off Brunswick Street), New Farm—bus goes down Brunswick Street from the city.

Parking in the streets near the school, there is none in the school grounds. Suggested donation: \$10.

For further information contact Gabby Nelson ph: 3711 4227, mob: 0488 592 770 or email [toga@bigpond.net.au](mailto:toga@bigpond.net.au)

#### Day Symposium - Dialogue: Advancing the Ecumenical Movement

*An event to mark the 20th Anniversary of Queensland Churches Together*

- to explore the nature and purpose of theological dialogue between the churches
- to be informed about four international dialogues: Methodist-Roman Catholic; Anglican-Lutheran; Anglican-Methodist; Anglican-Roman Catholic

**When: Saturday 19th November 2011, 9.30am-3pm**

**Where: St Francis' Theological College Lecture Room 1 - 233 Milton Rd Milton**

**Donation: \$25**

Morning tea will be provided; tea and coffee available throughout the day. BYO lunch. To RSVP by Tuesday 15th November at the latest, phone Jela Virzi on 3369 6792 or email [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)

**'Not everything that can be counted, counts. Not everything that counts can be counted.'**<sup>5</sup>



## Around the Archdiocese



### FUEL

Fuel is a night of lively praise and worship, prayer and teaching for youth and young adults. Come along to the Sacred Heart Church, cnr Given Tce & Herbert St, Paddington on **Sunday, 20th November** for Mass 5:30pm, Dinner 6.30pm (cost applies), FUEL 7:00-9:00pm.

For more info, please contact Luke Plant - email: [luke@eyouth.com.au](mailto:luke@eyouth.com.au) or phone 3217 5199 or 0405 820023.



### *Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ)*

*invites all Irish people (Irish born or of Irish descent)  
to our Annual November Remembrance Mass  
which will be held in St James' Church, Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo  
on Sunday 20 November at 11.30am*



*November is the month of the Holy Souls and traditionally a time to pray for the peaceful repose of the deceased. Our Remembrance Mass is an opportunity to join in the great prayer of the Church in praying that all our deceased relatives and friend may enter into the eternal presence of God.*

*For further information please contact: Co-ordinator, Ms Rita Stott*

### MenALIVE Seminars

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**, Lavalla Centre, menALIVE Workshop: 'Sex and Intimacy'

For further information and registration forms on the website: [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)



### Whirling Dervishes

Queensland Intercultural Society proudly presents all the way from Turkey - Whirling Dervishes live at Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Rd, Logan Central, 21 November 2011 at 7pm. For tickets call 0479 003 518 - 0415 598 901 or 0403 008 575. [www.whirlingdervishes.com.au](http://www.whirlingdervishes.com.au) Tickets \$50, children over 5 require tickets. Kids room available.

### Failure and Forgiveness

Griffith University Multi-Faith Centre and Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance present **Failure and Forgiveness**, a one-day multi-faith conversation on forgiveness after professional failure - in healthcare and elsewhere. **Wednesday 23 November** 2011, 9am-4pm at the Multi-Faith Centre, Nathan Campus, Griffith University. RSVP essential by Friday 18 November to: [keeljag-events@griffith.edu.au](mailto:keeljag-events@griffith.edu.au)

### CCR Brisbane invites you to "The Glory of God - A Day of Prayer, Praise & Worship"

at CCR Brisbane Centre, Cnr of Fraser & Nudgee Rds, Northgate on **Saturday, 26 Nov** from 9.15am - 4pm. All welcome. Bring and share lunch.

### Retreat for young adults (singles) 18-35 entitled "Spirituality and Sexuality"

To be held from **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** (7.30pm) to **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** (4pm) at Canossa Services, 169 Seventeen Miles Rocks Rd, Oxley. Please bring a Sleeping bag/towel and a donation of \$60.

RSVP to Sr. Rosa 0419779262

### NUDGENE COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION Inc.

The Annual Memorial Mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Christian Brothers, Nudgee Old Boys and Members of the Nudgee Family will be celebrated in the College Chapel on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30am by His Grace Archbishop John Bathurst.

All Members of the Nudgee Family are welcome. Breakfast follows.

### NEW SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missal will be available in March 2012 and will cost \$39.95. It will have the new order of the Mass and Australian feasts. A gift version (White in a box) will also be available and will cost \$49.95.

The new Weekday Missal will be available in June 2012 and will cost \$79.95. It will have the new order of the Mass and be arranged for Australia.

Orders can be placed now for the above through **CHRISTIAN SUPPLIES**

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Address: 12 Railway Terrace, MILTON QLD 4064 (Please note change of address)

## Rosters for 19th/20th November – Week 3

Ministry	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 7am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-Ordinators</b>	Peter Tune	Bernie Sturdy & Shaun Hennessy	Peter Cawley	Les Preston
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	David McGovern Terry Green Mikaela Wheeler	John Josefski Anne Josefski Paul Smith	Terry Latchford Kerry Horvath Connor Maguire	Leanne Dyer Les Preston Kevin Billion
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Laurie Smith	Eddie Dunne Kay Grieve Paul Smith	John Evans Jennifer Fielding Doris Williamson	Stephanie Lemon Debra Kruk
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Toni Hoffman	<i>Help Needed</i>	Daniel Groundwater Chelsea Groundwater	<i>Help Needed</i>
<b>Projector Operator</b>	Catherine Tune	Bernie Sturdy	Laine Groundwater	Lauren Wilson
<b>Jnr Children's Liturgy</b>	Debbie Tune Marrienne Tune	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Annette Ashe Dianne Thomas	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>
<b>Upper Primary Children's Liturgy</b>	<i>Help needed</i>	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>	Doris Williamson Dianne Shepherd Cecily Mason	<i>No Children's Liturgy</i>
<b>Ministers to the Sick</b>	<b>Group 1:</b> Paddy Berrell <b>Group 2:</b> Jack & Dorn Davis			
<b>Rosevale Ministers Wed, 16th November</b>	Mass with Fr Leo. All ministers welcome.			
<b>Other Volunteers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b> Team 3 Saturday, 19th November	<b>Church Flowers</b> 19th November	<b>Office Reception</b> Friday 18th November 9.30am–12.00noon	
	Leanne Dyer Mary-Anne Cullen Larry Minton 	 Bernadette Enright	Kay Grieve 	

### Time to smile

A man was lying on the grass and looking up at the sky. As he watched the clouds drift by, he asked, "God, how long is a million years?"

God answered, "To Me, a million years is as a minute."

The man asked, "God how much is a million dollars?"

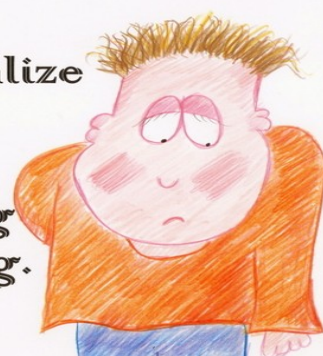
God answered, "To Me, a million dollars is as a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God answered, In a minute."



**Dear God  
Help me realize  
when I'm  
doing more  
complaining  
than helping.  
Amen**



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### A VOCATION VIEW:

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Office: (07) 3336 9203.

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au. [www.bne.catholic.net.au/vocation](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/vocation)



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## WEEKLY DIARY

*Rosary 30mins before Mass Mon-Sat.*



### Monday 14th November

7.00am Mass (Chapel)  
9.30-10.30am Christian Meditation (Chapel)  
2.00pm Rosary (Chapel)  
7.00pm Knights of the Southern Cross (Ruby Function Room)  
7.30pm 2nd Baptismal Information night (Chapel)

### Tuesday 15th November

7.00am Mass (Chapel)  
3.15pm-4.00pm Altar Servers Christmas Break up (Church)  
4.00pm Choir Practice (Church)

### Wednesday 16th November

9.00am Rosevale Aged Care Mass  
10.00am Finance Council Meeting (Ruby Function Room)  
3.00pm-4.00pm Junior Choir Practice (Ruby Function Room)

### Thursday 17th November—St Elizabeth of Hungry

9.00am Mass  
9.00am Craft Group (Presbytery Garage)  
1.30pm Pro Life Rosary Crusade (Chapel)  
7.30pm Catholic Guy Mission Session 1 (Church)

### Friday 18th November

9.00am Communion Service (Chapel)  
9.30am Catholic Guy Mission Session 1 (Church)  
7.30pm Catholic Guy Mission Session 2 (Church)

### Saturday 19th November

9.00am Mass (Chapel)  
11.00am Mass Coochiemudlo Island  
5.00pm - 5.30pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Children's Liturgy

### Sunday 20th November — Christ the King

7.00am Mass, Meet & Eat  
9.00am Mass, Children Liturgy, Meet & Eat  
6.00pm Mass

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

**First reading:** *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31.*

This is meant to be a (rather beautiful) picture of a woman/person who seeks to do God's will. How busily do I engage in the work that I have to do each day, - at home &/or in my place of employment?

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps. 127: 1-5.*

This could be a balance to the first reading. Supporting one another is an important part of the vocation of every one of us.

**Second reading:** *1 Thess. 5: 1-6.*

Paul uses strong images to remind his readers about the end of the world, - and just how prepared we must always be to be alert and ready. Just how prepared am I?

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24: 36. 25: 14-15, 19-21.*

In God's eyes the talents that we are given and that we gain form an important part of what I do with my life. How well have I used my talents? Can I give a better return to my Master/God?

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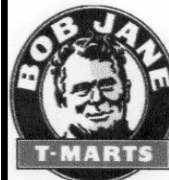
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