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33rd Sunday of the Year

14th/15th November 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;
Matthew 25:14-30

Readings Next Week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46



Dear Friends

As I write this reflection, the recent presidential election in the USA is still being disputed by the incumbent and those who are close to him. Only time will tell how the historians of the future will write about our times, and the events that have shaped the last five years or so.

Historians will always disagree about the principle forces that shape history, some will emphasise the importance of hero's, whilst others prefer to talk about the role of the underdog or the poor and the marginalised. One thing in my mind is certain though, and that is that history is shaped by those with exceptional gifts. Whilst this point of view can be disputed, it can certainly be argued that it is the masses of individuals exercising their power of choice which is the real shaper of history.

It is critical for mankind, that ordinary people make their ordinary lives a thing of value by exercising in a heroic way, their unnoticed gifts in unremarkable circumstances. The ordinary person, who is extraordinarily good may appear to have limited impact on the world but he or she certainly shows the way for the countless other ordinary people who make up 99% of humanity. If everyone had the ambition of being good then how wonderful would our planet be?

The plan of God (perhaps we could say the plan of Our Lord of History) is saying to us, that each and every one of us is critical to the fulfilment of His divine plan, we all of us matter a great deal and here on Earth we shall never know the ramifications in Gods sight and the workings of his providence.

As we heard in today's gospel the servant who received the one talent done nothing and was berated by his boss and thrown out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

In modern parlance I would say that seems a bit harsh, perhaps the servant considered burying the talent as the best way of guarding his employer's property. That in itself doesn't matter so much, but what does matter enormously to God, is that no matter how modest our talents and circumstances are, we apply ourselves to the wheel of life and do Gods will as it presents itself to us in everyday life

The call to personal holiness is universal. Does the world need more people like the master in today's gospel or does it need more saints? Well of course we need more saints. But these are saints in ordinary households and in ordinary work settings. We do of course need saints in leadership as well, for example Pope St John Paul II, but what we really need is what Christ stresses, the vast stream of one talent people taking up the core of goodness and carrying through to the very end. Unbeknown to most others but well known to the one who matters.

Have a Blessed week.

Deacon Colin

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Protecting your Privacy:

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MASS INTENTIONS

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This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic
Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

The Church is now closed for public Masses until at least December. However, the Church Porch will be open for individual prayer each day of the week:

Mondays-Saturdays: 11.00am-11.30am

Sundays: 10.30am-11.30am

Fr John and Fr John Louis will be celebrating Mass in private every day and the Mass Intentions will be prayed for. You can continue to offer a Mass Intention which will be said privately.

- **Face coverings are mandatory in Church and all those attending must wear a face covering which should be kept on during the whole service - mouth and nose covered.**
- If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours
- Confessions **by appointment only** with social distancing

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON:

Funerals: Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, and it is advised that only close friends and family attend. Linked ceremonial events such as stone settings and ash scatterings can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Anyone working i.e. the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards, etc. is not included in the 30.

Weddings: From Thursday 5th November, no weddings can take place unless in exceptional circumstances.

NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App: On 24th September the NHS launched its Covid-19 Test and Trace App. This app has been developed to assist the Government with its test and trace policy and uses a smartphone. The app works by using the 'Bluetooth' system, which all smartphones have. It registers any other phones within a certain distance, which also has the app installed. This takes place between the phones themselves and its entirely anonymous. Please try and use this if you can.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Please return your envelope if you took one. The collection will remain open for another week. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email johnntabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Ron Birch RIP** and **Pat Byrne RIP** and all those who have passed away recently.

The funeral service for Ron Birch will take place at New Brentford Cemetery on **Tuesday, 17th November 2020**.

The funeral service for Pat Byrne will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 23rd November 2020**.

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

BLESSING OF GRAVES

NOVEMBER LISTS

We will not be providing blank sheets this year. Please bring in a sheet, with the names of those you wish to be remembered and place them in the basket on the table in the porch.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

If you would like your family grave blessed in November, please telephone Fr. John on his mobile 0787 905 8732 to arrange a day and time.

SCHOOLS

Reception Form signing - Please phone Fr John on 0787 905 8732

NEED HELP OR EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY?

Once again as we enter lockdown Caritas Westminster are able to offer some help with food vouchers. If you or anyone you know is experiencing financial difficulty at this time please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or e-mail mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk. I will help you complete a short application form so you can get the necessary help you need. Please text, WhatsApp or leave a voice mail and I will return any call I miss ASAP. Please continue to pray for each other at this difficult time for so many and please keep in contact with others, no one should be alone during this time. *Bridget*

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDD Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

Talents in this reading refer to a precious coin not to qualities one might have. God, who is represented by landowner, has entrusted his most precious property to us, his own Son given to us through his word and the sacraments. He made us his children in Baptism. We receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament; he forgives us our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. How do we live out our lives after receiving these gifts?

Act

Consider how you use the gifts given to you by God, especially those present in the sacraments.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

The Lord will show us the path to life and the fullness of joy. Trusting in the Father's unfailing care, we offer him our prayers:

For bishops, priests and all church leaders: that they may be granted strength and wisdom in the service of God's people.

For elected officials and world leaders entrusted with responsibilities both small and great: that they may be good and faithful public servants.

For all medical care professionals, emergency paramedics, police officers, fire fighters and all those who risk their lives to protect us, may God bless them and keep them safe.

For the grace this week to be generous in using the Lord's gifts to us.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Loving Father, show us the path to life and give us the fullness of joy in your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	Althea Roberts Intentions Isabella Dias RIP
Sun 15	Olga Pereira and Carafino Braganza RIP Deceased members of the Reis & Ferreira Families RIP Eamon O'Brien RIP Holy Innocents
Mon 16	For the intentions of Sr Nora, Sr Martha and Sr Mary on their Golden Jubilee
Tues 17	Graham Johnston RIP
Wed 18	For the intentions of Anthony & Josie O'Keefe
Thurs 19	Patricia Kelly RIP (First Anniversary)
Fri 20	The Juriansz Family in Thanksgiving
Sat 21	Ray Palmer RIP Davina Pereira in Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 22	Graham Johnston RIP For the intentions of Lily Jones Deceased members of the 11am Choir Holy Souls
Sanctuary Lamp: Derrick Juriansz RIP	