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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th/19th November 2023

Year A, Volume 2 (Page 155): Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 Sunday 26 November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Page 158): Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3nd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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

Reflection on the Parable of the Talents. Matthew 25:14-30

Many lessons can be learned from the Parable of the Talents. Just as applicable today as it was thousands of years ago, this parable explains the role of opportunity, hard work, and accountability in our everyday life. We must put our talents into action.

First and foremost, the parable of the talents teaches us that we are put on earth to work. This is evident not only in this particular parable, but in several other bible stories.

God rewards those who put considerable effort into bettering their lives and the lives of those in their community. He does not command us to bury our talents and sit back, awaiting salvation. Rather, we are commanded to use what we have to make the world a better place.

More pointedly for the workplace, it commends putting capital at risk in pursuit of earning a return. Sometimes Christians speak as if growth, productivity, and return on investment were unholy to God. But this parable overturns that notion. We should invest our skills and abilities, but also our wealth and the resources made available to us at work, all for the affairs of God's kingdom. This includes the production of needed goods and services. The volunteer who teaches Sunday school is fulfilling this parable, so are the entrepreneurs who start new businesses and gives jobs to others, the health service administrator who initiates health awareness campaigns, and the machine operator who develops a process innovation.

God does not endow people with identical or necessarily equals gifts and God does not expect identical or necessarily equal results from everyone's work. In the parable, one servant makes a return of five talents, while another makes two talents, it is important to observe that both servants invest for the benefit of their master, and they return to him not only his original investment, but also what they make on his behalf. When we say that everything we have is a 'gift' from God, we don't mean that what we have belongs to us now, instead of to God. We mean that it is a privilege to be entrusted with resources and opportunities to work toward God's purpose in the world.

Add the parable of the talents to your reading list. Reflect on how its lesson can make a difference for you and those you love most. This parable could have a transformative impact on your adherence to God's word, and how you apply your unique blessings to daily life.

God bless.

Deacon Rolly

SACRAMENTS

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 19th November** at 10.30am. You can still register if you attend a non-Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be on Saturday 2nd December at 3.15pm

CONFIRMATION

Group 1 will meet on Thursday 23rd November at 6.30pm

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

Please speak to Fr John as soon as possible on 0787 905 8732. It is very important to contact Fr John if you are planning on getting married in the UK or abroad.

RECEPTION - FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing on the following dates.

Tuesday 21 & 28 November - 3.00pm-4.30pm

Please put your name on the lists on the notice board in the church porch. There are **15** slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Baptism Certificate. If you are unable to make these times please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

NOVEMBER LISTS

are available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the <u>basket</u> at the foot of the altar. The Memory Tree by the Baptistry is another way to leave a short message for a loved one.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR:

Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion for items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details. You can find it at

https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC.

Please put your donations in the white box. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE PROCEEDS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies. The draw will take place on **Sunday 17th December** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.

(There will be Defibrillator and First Aid Training in the new year)

Many thanks in advance for your generous support

REPOSITORY

We have Christmas Cards, 2024 religious calendars and a few gifts available in the Repository.

UCM

The next meeting of the UCM will be on **Monday 27**th **November** at 12.30 in the Parish Centre.

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

There will be a special Mass for all senior members in the parish including those who cannot always get to Church in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 3rd December at 2.30pm**. This will be followed by tea and a social gathering.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18	11.00am	Camilo Barreto RIP (34 th Anniv.)
	5.00pm	Althea Adams-Roberts in Thanksgiving
№ Sun 19	8.00am	Rosy & Carafino Bragança RIP
	9.30am	Eamon O'Brien RIP
	11.00am	Deceased members of the 11am
		choir RIP
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam
Mon 20	8.15am	Cristina & Luis Rey in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Deceased members of the Rodrigues
Tues 21	9.30am	& Costa Families RIP Francisco &Pasquela Pereira RIP
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	7.00pm	Nikolas Delphine in Thanksgiving –
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Wed 22	9.30am	Mary, Vineetha & Joseph Perera
TI 00	0.00	and Oliver Fernando RIP
Thurs 23	9.30am	Harry Haldane RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 24	9.30am	Ida Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Sat 25	11.00am	Katherine Soares RIP (Birthday
	5.00pm	Remembrance)
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№ Sun 26	8.00am	Francisco Pereira & Conceicao
		Fernandes in Thanksgiving –
	9.30am	Wedding Anniversary Samuel Pereira – Birthday thanksaiving
	11.00am	William & Margaret Chappells RIP
	1.00am	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi, Mama Felicia Forson and		
Patrick Yahowa RIP		
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REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Ryan RIP, Ellen Daly RIP, Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP and Samson Isa RIP who died recently. Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

There will be a meeting for all those who have signed up for this pilgrimage on **Saturday 2**nd **December at 12.45pm** in the Parish Centre. Any questions or queries you have will be addressed then. If you have not yet received your booking form please call Florie.

MASS INTENTIONS 2024

Bookings will start on **Tuesday 5th December** from 10am-11am. Please use the Mass Intention Request slips available (Green colour) at the back of Church.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Early Risers Breakfast Club have spaces available for children in the morning from 7-8.45am. If you would like your child to attend or if you would like to know more about the Club please contact Kate Prasad on 07539 498952 or email earlyrisers19@gmail.com

TEDDS CLUB...

....are looking for help with the After School Club Monday to Friday from 3-6pm during term time. If you are interested or to learn more please call Sarah Allfree on 07971 994669

CARITAS - SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Following the Pope's call for October to be dedicate to praying for reconciliation in Ukraine please take a prayer card from the porch and pray for Ukraine. https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk

REACH ACADEMY

Are opening a brand new school on the Feltham Barracks site in September 2024. **Between 17th October - 1st December**, they are conducting a formal public consultation to determine whether their academy trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education. The consultation is a statutory requirement under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. https://www.reachacademyhanworthpark.com/have-your-say

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

11-12 Nov: Loose: £1,270.67 Envelopes: £239 Total: £1,509.67 Sick & Retired Priests Collection: £60.00

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