

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear friends in Christ, each person comes into the world with special gifts (Talents) from God. These are given according to everyone's ability. So, we all are stewards of God's gifts. This is the focal point of today's gospel reading taken from the gospel of St Matthew, which relates to us the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30). Using this parable Jesus teaches us and his disciples the need to use wisely the gifts we have received from God. In this parable, a man was setting out on a journey, he gives his servants talents, which at that time were coins of considerable value: he gives **five talents** to one servant, **two** to another, **one** to another, to **each according to his ability**. The servant who had received five talents was resourceful and he traded with them, earning another five. The servant who had received two behaved likewise and acquired another two. However, the servant who had received one dug a hole in the ground, and therein hid his master's coin.



Obviously, taking this parable at a face level, it might seem to be simply about accountability as the servants who made profits were rewarded and the one who hid his, was punished. But this parable says more. Talent apart from its monetary value (taken from its original use in the ancient world) has more to do with our natural aptitude or skill. They are not earned by hard work but are simply placed into our care. When used, they bring more values or make life more meaningful but when not used, one loses them thus the slogan "use it or lose it" in reference to our natural aptitudes or skills.

Pope Francis explaining the parable of the talents in his homily says "the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account". So, we must make sure we put into good use these gifts of God like the worthy wife in our first reading who puts all that she has into good use (Prov.31:) for we do not know when the master will come and demand an account of them as he may come like a thief (1Thess. 5:1-6). So, friends, be ready at all times and put into good use the gifts God has given you. Have a great Sunday!!

Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

Missio Scotland Appeal

Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. It enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. **Texting MISSIOSCOT to 70085** will donate a default £3, while MISSIOSCOT with any number between 1-20 after it will donate your desired amount (for example MISSIOSCOT10 will donate £10).

SAVE THE RIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

The right to gather peacefully and offer help to pregnant women approaching an abortion clinic is under attack again.

Pro-life vigils outside abortion clinics can save unborn lives.

The offer of help from a caring pro-life person is a lifeline for many women, who feel abortion is their only choice.

Pro-life citizens have a right to gather peacefully, and women have a right to receive the information they offer.

Abortion clinic buffer zones would set a dangerous precedent for freedom of speech in the UK [Go the SPUC website to sign the petition against MP's efforts to curb free speech.](#)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Food parcels will now be given out every 1st Sunday of the Month. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is anyone or families in dare need of food or clothing.



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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15th November 2020

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

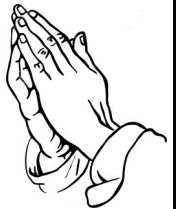
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

Exposition/Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Confessions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil @ 4pm, & 5pm,
 Sunday @ 10:00am & 11:00am



N/B Because of the limited number allowed, we appeal to everyone to make use of the booking system on our Parish website www.stmaryrcpaisley.com to book a ticket for the weekend mass you wish to attend.

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

FIRST READING: Proverb 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm Response: "O blessed are those who fear the Lord"

SECOND READING: 1 Thess. 5:1-6

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25 :14-30

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PARISH NOTICE

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTTO/ MEMORIAL WALL

It is the intention of the Parish to create a Memorial Wall containing the names of deceased relatives and friends of our parishioners. The wall will flank the newly acquired beautiful statue of Our Lady at the rear garden area of the Church. The names of our loved ones will be etched onto terracotta red brick tiles and applied to the existing wall.

Financing of the bricks will be through sponsorship, on which hopefully, we will be able to claim gift-aid from the government for any UK taxpayers. however, if you are not a taxpayer, you can still purchase bricks. There are two sizes of brick available;

1. single brick with two lines containing 16 characters per line maximum E.g. in loving memory (16)

of John Smith (13).

2.double brick with 4 lines of 16 characters per line maximum.

Please note on both types of brick, a space counts as a character.

Suggested contribution/Sponsorship

£20 per single brick

£30 per double brick

examples of both sizes of brick can be found beside our lady's statue or Contact Gerry McCourt

Sponsorship forms are now available and we are hoping to place the first order at the start of September.

Please note, due to the high postage costs, it is more economical to order a large batch at the same time.

Individual orders cannot be placed and will have to wait until the next batch is ordered.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Light a Candle for a Soul

You can now visit our Parish Memorial Altar and light a candle for your loved ones. We appeal to you to keep to the guidelines. For safety reasons, bring your lighter and avoid touching surfaces

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Stuart & Marie Emery whose daughter Jessica Louise Emery was christened this morning . We wish Jessica God's blessings and grace as she begins her faith journey .



Special Collection – Education- 22 November 2020

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which **promotes and protects our** Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. **The national office supports three employees.** In 2018 this collection and our Friends Campaign raised £34,308, which represents 59% of our expenditure of £33,754, resulting in a small surplus of £554

Safeguarding 'Thought for the Month' - November 2020

The Catholic Church is committed to respecting, protecting and nurturing the dignity of all people.

Working to Eradicate Domestic Abuse

The Scottish Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse invites you to their Webinar on Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). The webinar will inform you with: insights into domestic abuse from a survivor: how COVID-19 has impacted abuse (Women's Aid and an MSP): the collaboration of all faiths against domestic abuse: the international aspect of domestic abuse from a leading charity; learning how to help. To register and receive the Zoom code go to <http://ifgoda.org.uk> You will receive an email with all the details. We can all help in the work of countering abuse.

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Beware Protect Scotland App Scams

If you are contacted by NHS (test and protect) it will be by phone on a single national telephone number 0800 030 8012. Scammers are contacting the public advising them that they have been in near contact with someone who has tested positive with Coronavirus and must get a test and self-isolate. They then ask for payments for various services. If the call is not from the above number please ignore it.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are grateful to everyone for the support so far and we still appeal for donations to support the parish at this crisis time. You can set up a direct debit or gift aid your donations. To do this, speak to Fr Jude or you can download the forms from our parish website following this link <http://stmaryrcpaisley.com/financial-giving/>

Community Circle of Prayer

Every Friday evening people gather on line at 7pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Last week was our 6 month anniversary! Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link below <https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOekOrUT09> Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.

Adult Education Talks

This series of talks continues on **Monday 16th November** on Zoom at **6.30pm** with Mgr. Denis Carlin on the theme of Liturgy - link below: <https://zoom.us/j/97338649635?pwd=b1o2a1R5SUU2Rmo3OXIHMGRxS2liZz09>

Passcode: 058852

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Agnes Cattigan Christine McAllister John Allison Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr Margaret Ella Craig Winifred Kidd Declan Healy Kay Brassington John Doherty Alan Morrison Donna Sim Helen Mackey Ian Scott Doreen Chin Anthony Cannon Jimmy McMenemy Jim O'Shea James Feeley Brian McLaughlin

Those who are recently deceased

Martha Sproul Sarah Rennie
Frank Britten

Those whose anniversaries occur

Charlotte Stuart Catherine Cosgrove Kathleen Byrne
Garry Willock Margaret & Eric Thumath
Those in our November List