



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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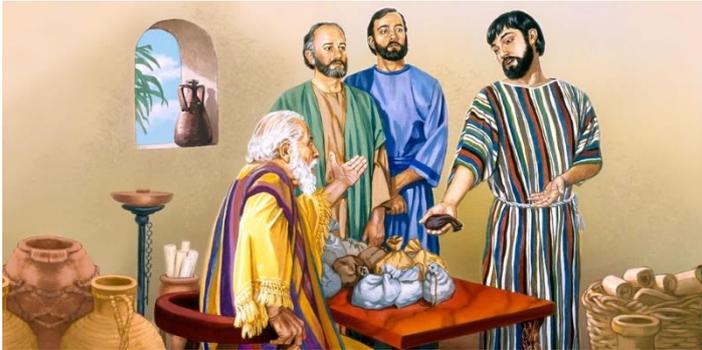
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15th November 2020



“What we have received has to yield some profit”

We are approaching Advent season and, therefore, the end of the liturgical year is getting near. Today, Jesus tells us another parable of judgment.

By giving us life, God has also provided us with the possibility —smaller or bigger— of personal, ethical and religious development. It does not matter if we have more or less, what matters is that what we have received has to yield some profit. The man of our parable, who hides his talent for fear of his master, did not want to run any risks: he went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money”. Maybe the core of the parable is this: we must conceive a God that motivates us to come out of ourselves, who encourages us to the freedom of the Kingdom of God.

The word “talent” of this parable—which is nothing but a weight equivalent to 30 Kg., of silver— has become so popular that it is even used to show the qualities of a person. But the parable does not imply that the talents God has given us are only our possibilities but also our limitations. What we are and what we have, is the raw material out of which God wants to make something new with us.

The statement *“For to everyone who has, will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away”*, as a matter of fact, is not an aphorism to encourage consumption, but it can only be understood at the level of love and generosity. In fact, if we correspond to God's gifts while counting

on his help, we shall then experience that it is actually Him who is paying the interest on the investment.



November The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of church and return it to the presbytery with your list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be remembered during the month of November. The list will be placed on the Altar of Repose and the names remembered at all November masses.

3-day votive candles are also available near to the Sanctuary at £3 each. Please use the lighters provided. FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT LIGHT CANDLES ONE FROM ANOTHER

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.***

Amen

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A: Weekday Cycle Year 2 (33rd week)

Monday: No Public Mass

Tuesday: Live streamed Mass 10.00am

Private Prayer 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Wednesday: Live streamed Mass 10.00am

Thursday 19: Funeral Mass 10.00am (No public)

Private Prayer 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Friday: Live streamed Mass 10.00am

Saturday 21: The Presentation of the BVM

Live streamed Mass 10.00am

Private Prayer 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Live streamed Mass 11.00am

Private Prayer 12.00 noon – 1.00pm

Here is the link to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page, you do not need a Facebook login to

access: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>

Fourth World Day of the Poor

This year the theme is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sirach 7:32). The effects of the global pandemic has seen record numbers of people losing their jobs or at least being on lower incomes, as normal working hours have been considerably reduced across almost every sector of society. However, this theme of stretching out a hand to the poor is also being lived out in many parishes through various initiatives. It is unfortunate, that due to the second lockdown, even more people are likely to be forced into poverty due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Pope Francis invites us to not just offer handouts to those in need, but also a hand up out of poverty. In response to this call of Pope Francis, Caritas Westminster are launching **the Road to Resilience**. This new programme of work will focus on helping people out of poverty and empowering them to be more resilient to the shocks and challenges that cause insecurity.

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/WDP-2020-blog.php>

International Eucharistic Congress

Parishes have been asked to have a Holy Hour to unite the world in prayer around the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 21st November – the Vigil of Christ the King. We will, therefore, open the Church at 4.15pm–5.15pm on 21st November for adoration, to pray for the International Eucharistic Congress.

Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion 2021

Registration will be announced shortly.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Two lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Saturday to Saturday. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each.

1. Theresa Bukasa's family+ 2. Catherines ints

Pope's Intention for November

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.

Rosary Intention for November

For the Holy Souls, and the people on your family tree.

A record of attendance with name, contact details and time in church will be kept securely for 21 days and then destroyed in accordance with Government guidelines. Alternatively, you can scan the NHS App on entering the church. Stewards will complete the Contact list when you enter the church. The wearing of face masks during Mass is mandatory. Please do not come to church if you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or are feeling unwell. Please do not touch or kiss any statues in the church during this time for the safety of everyone.

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

On the 13 November, the sisters in Wealdstone celebrated 100 years of presence in the parish. In 1820, 9 Sisters came from Deal, Kent to take over a parish school on the High Street. (Elfordleigh House) run by the French Sisters of St Chretienne. Since then St Joseph's Elementary school was started in the old Wealdstone Parish Hall and the Sacred Heart High School (now Language College) was established in the present Spencer Road Building. Over the years many RNDM Sisters have taught in the High School and at St Joseph's Claremont Road and Dobbin Close, Belmont. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to celebrate with the parish but we ask for your prayers for all the pupils, teachers and Sisters who have passed through our former two schools. We will be having internal celebrations and remembering you all.

Christmas Lunch 2020

In place of our Christmas lunch this year the parish will be working with the boys of the Salvatorian College to provide Christmas hampers for individuals and families who are in need this Christmas. We are sure that this will be a higher number than usual due to the COVID pandemic so your support will be extremely welcome. Firstly, we need to identify those who will need this support at Christmas. If you are aware of anyone who needs this help, please forward their name and details to the parish office or by email: office@catholicwealdstone.org. Please do this by 30th November.

Details of items and help required will be shared with you at the start of ADVENT. In the meantime, if you shop in Waitrose please use your green tokens to support St Joseph's appeal.

Sick & Retired Priests

Last weekend we were asked to donate for sick & retired priests. Money raised will be split between Westminster Diocese and the Salvatorian Community. Envelopes for your donations at the back of the Church – please post them through the Presbytery letterbox. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. You can do so even in an ordinary envelope and drop it through the Presbytery letterbox. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. Thank you again.

Repository

The Repository will open occasionally. Only 2 people will be allowed in the shop at one time for social distancing.

St Joseph's School

Supplementary forms are now available on the School Website for children born between: 01/09/16 and 31/08/17. You must also apply online to Harrow Council. Closing date is 15th January 2021."

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth (known as Betty) Gillece (Wife of Brian, mother of Clayton & Linda). Funeral: Thursday 19th November at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

May she rest in peace