



St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors



15th November 2020 [Cycle A Year 2]

Thirty Third Sunday

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 | Psalm 127

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see [2 Peter 1:4](#)). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see [Romans 12:3, 8](#)).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvellous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see [Acts 9:31](#); [Proverbs 1:7](#)).



This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

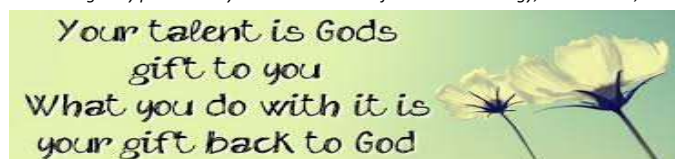
God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see [1 Corinthians 3:9](#)), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see [1 Peter 4:10](#)).

In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness—greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see [1 Corinthians 10:31](#)). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

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Temporary Ban on Collective Worship in Churches

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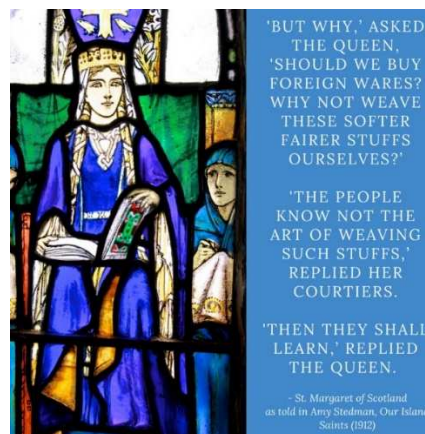
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'St Margaret of ScotlandrcCarshalton Surrey'

In addition, there is the new '[angelcam](#)' Live Video Service.

You can watch this at: <https://st-margarets.click2stream.com/>



Mass Intentions and Diary for the Week

Saturday 14	9.30am	Deceased Members & Relatives of the Sarangapani Family
	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	John Pougher (RIP)
Sunday 15	8.30am	TBD
<i>Thirty Third Sunday</i>	10am	Parish Widows & Widowers
	11.30am	Widows & Widowers & John Albert Goodger (RIP)
Monday 16	9.30am	Lillian Lewis (Wellbeing)
<i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>		
Tuesday 17	9.30am	Comfort & Timothy Begley (RIP)
<i>St Hilda</i>		
Wednesday 18	9.30am	Ellie & Leslie Balls (RIP)
	8pm	Bible Study via zoom
Thursday 19	9.30am	Eileen Balls (RIP)
	8pm	Intercessory Prayer via zoom
Friday 20	9.30am*	Joaquin Segueira (RIP)
Saturday 21	9.30am	Lorna Elias (RIP)
<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5pm	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
	6pm	Deceased Relatives of O'Connor & Riley Families & Intentions of Riley Family
Sunday 22	8.30am	Alan Davies (RIP)
<i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	10am	TBD
	11.30am	Baby Georgina Mary Dixon (RIP)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Daily Prayer

"We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need."

A group of faith leaders, including Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other Christian leaders, with Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Sikhs, have written to the Prime Minister calling for the urgent establishment of a cross-party commission to tackle child poverty in England.

“Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Faith leaders’ letter on the need to tackle child poverty

In this second wave of the coronavirus pandemic and what will no doubt be a difficult winter for many, we are writing as faith leaders about our growing concerns about hunger and poverty, especially among children.

With the help of Marcus Rashford’s inspiring campaign the pandemic has brought the issue of child hunger and poverty into the light. However, this is not a new problem. The rising use of food banks, most of them run by churches, synagogues, temples, gurdwaras and mosques, is the extreme and visible manifestation of a much broader and deep-seated problem. According to the official statistics, child poverty has been growing and deepening for years as a large and growing number of low and insecurely paid working families struggle to make ends meet, exacerbated further by the impact of Covid-19.

More than twenty years ago, the Government of the time promised to eliminate UK child poverty within a generation and yet child poverty has remained stubbornly high under the leadership of all political parties. No one can take the moral high ground, because this is endemic to our economic structure and seems to fall outside our moral imperatives. We can and must do something together to remove this injustice.

In last week’s House of Commons debate about the extension of the free school meal voucher scheme, there were passionate contributions from all sides of the house. Some argued that we must do more to respond to the immediate needs of families who are suffering under the extreme economic pressures generated by the pandemic. Others argued that this was only a “sticking plaster”, and that what we need are long-term solutions that address the underlying causes of child poverty. Others still pointed out that this was not solely Government’s responsibility - and that parents, voluntary groups, and communities also have an important role in combatting child poverty.”

The letter goes on to outline short-term, medium- term and long-term needs. The full text can be found on our website in the Documents (>Encyclicals) section. The letter concludes:

“One of the positive outcomes of last week’s debate is that everyone who took part agreed that no child should ever go to bed hungry and that something must be done to tackle child hunger and poverty. It is all our duty to come together to protect the most vulnerable in our society, especially in times of crisis. We urge you to act with decisiveness and compassion, to ensure that children are protected during this exceptionally challenging winter. But we also urge you to look beyond the current crisis and to use this as an opportunity for us to make a collective commitment to eliminate the scandal of child poverty for good.”

Note: The Government has subsequently agreed to provide some meals to poor children during the winter.

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Your contributions to this newsletter are very welcome.



Surviving the Lockdown

.....How can we be happy?

This is an extract from an article by Canon Pat Brown in the Independent Catholic News. You can find it at:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/40807>

Dr Anthony Clare gave the following seven tips for happiness.

1 cultivate a passion. It is important to have something that you enjoy doing and gives you life.

2 be a leaf on a tree. You have to be both an individual -- to have a sense that you are unique and you matter -- and you need to be connected to a bigger organism; the tree being family, a community, a hospital, a company.

3 avoid introspection. We'd call it navel-gazing; being too ego-centric. Avoid it. It makes you selfish.

4 don't resist change. Change is important. People who are fearful of change are rarely happy. We need change to keep our life stimulated and to grow as persons.

5 live for the moment. Look at the things that you want to do and that you keep postponing. Stop prevaricating. Live this day as if it were your last. You only find Life, Love, God in the Now.

6 audit your happiness. How much of each day are you spending doing something that doesn't make you happy?

7 act happy. Play the part, put on a happy face - even if you don't feel like it. This will help you to start thinking differently.

“Isn't this what true saints do? Their passion is for God who is LOVE and they forget themselves in his service. They have learned to love and they find deep happiness, even in the unhappiest of times, a happiness that no one could take away from them.”

Prayer requests: Rosie Lopez, Paul Harris, Irma Foster, Fr John Howard, John Ryan, Laura Bannon, Yvonne Wyatt and Margaret Fox.



Pray for the repose of the souls of:

Nicos Demetriades, Joan Carlton & Patricia Mulholland.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this month. The Anniversaries are now listed on the front page of the website and on a poster in the meeting area.

Editor's note: Please email me with the name of any additional person to be prayed for, at: carshaltonbeechesppc@rcaos.org.uk

This week we remember and pray for our widows and widowers. May the Lord bless and comfort them in their loss. Please share the information in this newsletter with other members of the parish with whom you have contact. With prayerful best wishes. Keep safe. *Fr Anthony*

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