



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*15th November 2020*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

TO THREE SLAVES A MASTER GIVES FIVE TALENTS, TWO TALENTS AND ONE TALENT RESPECTIVELY.

Upon his return, the master discovers that the third servant has buried his talent through fear of failure. The master is angry and throws the worthless slave into the outer darkness. It might seem that the third slave was treated less than sympathetically, after all, he hadn't done anything particularly bad, but on the other hand, he hadn't done any good either. The third slave is a perfect example on how to lead a mediocre life.

God has given each of us gifts, some of us are more gifted than others, but no one is completely without gifts. We are each entrusted to discover our gifts, develop them and use them to best advantage. Jesus moves the point forward. To ignore our gifts is to ignore our responsibility. Gifts are given to shape and fulfil our lives and the lives of others. Gifts enable us to work in partnership with God. To ignore our gifts is to ignore God's intention.

It is good to see the great pleasure the first two servants gain from developing the master's gifts. What makes the third servant so different? The third slave who hid his talent did so out of fear, and perhaps out of laziness. He of course didn't get any fulfilment or pleasure out of this, and the master did not reward him or entrust him with any further responsibility. Perhaps we can sympathise with the third slave. Fear is perhaps the single most debilitating factor in us failing to reach our full potential. Fear of pushing ourselves forward only to meet with rejection, fear of failure, fear of taking risks, fear of stepping into the unknown. Fear of becoming over committed, fear of success even. To borrow the title of a famous book, today's gospel is an invitation to 'feel the fear and do it anyway....'

When through practice and hard work we learn to use our talents, we become more useful to God. When we have perfected certain skills we are better positioned to help others. As the first two slaves discovered, developing talents makes us happy and makes others happy too. More importantly, the more we achieve the more God will entrust us.

### The Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest:

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#### Pastoral Assistant:

Rev Pat Carrigan  
(Permanent Deacon)



St Peter in Chains Church,  
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,  
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Dunfermline



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

#### *A perfect wife - who can find her?*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life. She is always busy with  
wool and with flax, she does her work with eager  
hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers  
grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to  
the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman  
who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked  
for, and let her works tell her praises at the city  
gates.

*The word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm 127(128):1-5

*O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

### Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

#### *God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

*The word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Jn15:4,5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 25:14-30**

#### *You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

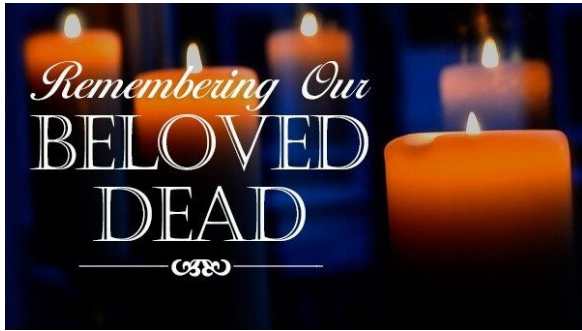
'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. 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 for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



### November is the Month of the Holy Souls

This Sunday we'll enter the month of November, the month in which the Church prays for all who are in the purifying fires of Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can also help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them. There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, which can be obtained during the month of November.

#### The Holy Souls Masses:

During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass List, they will have Mass offered for them, they will be included in the

Masses for the Holy Souls, and they will be prayed for (collectively) during the Intercessions every day. Holy Souls Mass offering envelopes are available in all three churches this week or so. Please return Mass offerings to Fr Kevin.

**November Lists:** Please collect a sheet from one of our churches and fill in the names of all whom you wish to be remembered in prayer during our Holy Souls Mass in this month of November, and return them to the burse/basket at the front of the altar.

#### Cemetery Sunday:

Unfortunately we will not be able to carry out our annual commemoration and blessing of the local graves due to government restrictions brought on by the global pandemic, but we would still encourage you to make a visit to your family graves and pray for the souls of your loved ones.

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins."*  
2 Maccabees 12:46

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

### A Spiritual Communion for use when not able to receive our Lord physically:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - if you wish to make an appointment with Fr Kevin to go to confession (with all necessary safeguards in place), please contact him at the presbytery or by email.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND INFIRM

Canon McAllister,  
James Lynch,  
Maureen McLeod,  
James Morris,  
Elaine McCormick,  
Sandra Graham,  
Ester Wren,  
Daniel Cornet,  
Ann-Marie Bevan,  
Patricia Phee,  
Angie Kempson,  
Margaret Lynch,  
Edith Bryant,  
Elizabeth McVay,  
Veronica Fogherty,  
David and Lynn Dean,  
Colin Reid,  
Martin Lacey,  
Sandra Christie,  
Eleanor Haggett,  
Susan Stevenson,  
Elizabeth Byrne,  
Catherine Steven  
and Jennifer Imrie  
*Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them*

### OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

William Davidson  
RIP and all those who have died as a result of Covid-19 and all who have no one to pray for them

*Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen*

## MAKING A DONATION

During this time of Church closure, and no public Masses being celebrated, you have very little chance of supporting the ongoing mission of the parish and upkeep of our church buildings.

We thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and if you are able to continue your support, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. God bless.

Below are the details for the bank accounts for each church if you wish to make your donation directly into the bank account:

**St Peter in Chains—**  
RBS A/C No:  
00600297  
Sort Code: 833300

**Ss John & Columba's—**  
RBS A/C No:  
00114865  
Sort Code: 832339

**Our Lady of Lourdes—**  
RBS A/C No:  
00249131  
Sort Code: 833300



**The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time**

## Public Worship

*As from the 15th July we have been able to open our 3 churches, following both the bishop's and the government guidelines.*

**We will only be able to continue to open our churches if enough parishioners volunteer to assist with the cleaning after each Mass...**

- You may attend any weekday Mass, instead of attending the Sunday one;
  - If you are shielding, it's important that you do not come out to Mass at all;
  - We will need to record your name and address when you attend Mass, in case you need to be traced;
  - We are not allowed more than 50 people in church.
  - Seating according to physical distancing rules. Currently, Rosyth would have a capacity of 30, Inverkeithing will also be about 30 and Dunfermline is 48. Households may sit together. **You will be guided to a seat by a passkeeper—you will not be able to sit where you normally do.**
  - **You are legally obliged to wear a face covering.** Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma.
  - You will need to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving. This will be provided. Please

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avoid touching statues and other surfaces. If you wish to light votive candles, please place them in the basket provided for this purpose (*We ask you not to light the candles yourself, as your hands have flammable liquid on them...*)

- There will be no music or singing, no readers, ministers of communion, altar servers or sacristans. Only the priest will be allowed in the sacristy and toilet facilities will not be available.
- Mass will be celebrated without the Gloria or Creed.
- Holy Communion (under the one species) will be distributed after the final blessing and people are asked to leave immediately.
- For holy Communion, please keep your face covering in place when you receive Holy Communion, and then step to the side, remove mask, consume and replace mask.
- Offertory donations may be placed in baskets as you leave the church at the end of Mass
- There will be no Teas etc. after Mass.
  - We will suspend the Holy Hours to focus on Mass, until we can resume normal services.
  - The church will have to be cleaned after each Mass.
- We will need a team of at least 2 pass keepers, and 2 or 3 cleaners for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time and help make this all possible.
- My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the churches at the end of each period.



## News from the Archbishop:

### Diploma in Catechetics

Want to know more about the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics? Join a 30min Zoom event at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 November. Just use this link to take part: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86857681064> (or Meeting ID: 868 5768 1064). This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Alternatively, for more info email: [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

### Life of Faith talk - Zoom

Join the Life of Faith talks on Zoom, which are bringing Catholics together across the diocese. The next session is for those in the East/Midlothian & Borders deanery on Monday (16 Nov) while the following Monday (23 Nov) is for those in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery (Fife, West Lothian, Falkirk & Stirling) you can take part in either of these remaining sessions. To register, email Sr Anna Marie [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk), telling her which date/time you want to attend.

### Advent Talk - Zoom

Save the date: Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk titled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Registration details will be shared soon.

### Parish Catechists

Are you involved in sacramental preparation of children in your parish (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation)? You are invited to attend a Zoom event to launch the Archdiocese's new sacramental workbooks and materials. It takes place on Saturday 28 November at 2pm. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at [SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk](mailto:SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk).

### November - Month of Remembrance

November is the month when, by tradition, we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives and friends. This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.

### Education Sunday – appeal for teachers

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com)

**Parish Safeguarding Coordinators** Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLoL)

**Baptisms & Marriages** Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

**Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations** Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Dow to visit. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans of St Marie's Kirkcaldy (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain (emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife) please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan at St Margaret's (625611) **Please note that a patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.**

**Names for sick list** Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. Please advise the Parish Office of any name to be added or removed.

**Mass Intentions** Please try to have any intention that is required to be said on a particular date in a month before hand. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

**Bulletin Notices** All notices should be with Fr Kevin in Rosyth by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekend bulletin

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Obligation to attend Mass:** The Bishop's have as yet not reinstated the obligation and so as we approach the colder weather, it may be good to remind ourselves that doors and windows of the churches must be kept open for air flow, and so we advise either dress for winter, or perhaps stay at home and watch online...

**Online Google Mass Booking Form:** will be available on Fridays from 4pm till 6pm only from now on.

### **SSVP St John & St Columba/St Peter in Chains Christmas Appeal**

Obviously Christmas is going to look a lot different this year but now more than ever people need our assistance. Due to the current restrictions we do not intend on making up hampers, as in previous years, so we will not be collecting donations of non perishable foods. However we will be trying to help people with their gas, Electricity and food vouchers but can only do this with your help and your donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations can left in our collection boxes as you enter the church, in person to James Meade, David Hunter or any member of the SSVP or if online to our Clydesdale bank account Sort Code 82-67-25 Acc No 80453899 Account Name SSVP AE02042 If you need any further information please call Fiona Meade on 07709261584, thank you for your help.

### **SSVP Our Lady of Lourdes. Christmas appeal**

The Covid 19 Pandemic has made us acutely aware of the many people and families in need of help. We are unable to collect food and toys as usual. In the past you have shown great generosity and we are again asking for your help please. We hope to be able to distribute food vouchers and help people in any way we can. Our collection boxes can be found on entering and leaving the church. Cheques can be made payable to SSVP Our Lady of Lourdes Church. On line donations details—OLOL SSVP Sort code 80-08-09. Account Number 06002932. Bank of Scotland. We are grateful for any help you can give and please be assured of our prayers at the difficult time.

**Home Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard** – Scottish Government wants your opinion on dangerous 'DIY' home abortions. Join Paul Atkin from the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and learn how to make an effective response. It's vital that pro-life voices are part of this conversation. Zoom session on Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm. Advance registration here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrf-msqTwjHNVx3EgLpuCBTe7IMQoWiAC5>

**Children's Sunday Newsletter:** Copy and paste this link into your web browser and it will take you to this weeks edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/the-kids-bulletin-33rd-sunday.pdf>

**Children's Liturgy material** for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/15Nov2020-33ndSunOrdtimeYrAPDF.pdf>

## OUR VIRTUAL PARISH...

as you all know, whilst all public services, activities, clubs, etc are currently on hold. Public Masses have resumed, but with certain restrictions in place. We do not know when the government will allow us to resume everything as normal, and so please bear with us. Let us pray that the all clear may come soon, and that the virus does not claim anyone from our parish community.

During this trying time, whilst Masses are being celebrated with a smaller number of parishioners physically present in our churches, Fr Kevin will continue to celebrate Mass live from Rosyth. If there is a desire for the videos to be added to our Youtube channel, please advise that you would like this to happen.

All of these Masses and services are being 'live streamed' through the parish Facebook pages: "The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity" and "Most Holy Trinity Parish-Our Lady of Lourdes Church." If you have Facebook and you have not already 'liked' these pages (why wouldn't you have already?!), then please do so and keep in touch with the parish.

If you do not have Facebook, then please subscribe to our parish YouTube channel, where Masses are uploaded for you to view.



## DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS



*Christmas is coming, the  
geese are getting fat,  
Please to put a penny in an  
old man's hat;  
If you haven't got a penny a  
ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a  
ha'penny, God bless you.*

You might think that I'm a bit early with a pondering on Christmas but next week is the last Sunday celebration in Ordinary Time and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November sees us into Advent and all our preparation for the Nativity.

So, why am I starting this little piece with this well-known rhyme? Well, all our preparations for the Feast will be dramatically different this year and everyone, rightly so, is exploring methods of either getting together with family or figuring out how to get presents to loved ones.

Here in the parish our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is facing the same quandary. Present restrictions mean that they cannot accept gifts or food for distribution to the needy and so there Christmas Appeal for the first time in my memory is for cash only. Cash to turn into shopping vouchers so that those less well off than the rest of us may enjoy the Christmas Feast with some dignity.

Lots of us are in dodgy positions this year with various economic threats hanging over us. Mortgages have to be paid, the running costs of the car are becoming a burden and work positions may be under threat. It's not easy to put your hand in your pocket and donate hard earned cash, but as it says in the above song, the smallest donation will make all the difference.

So, in the best tradition of Saint Margaret (Feast day Monday), let's see how we can help the folk of South West Fife mimicking her charity.

In today's Gospel we hear of the servants entrusted with sums of money... Talents they were called and they weighed about thirty kilos of precious metal. After Jesus told this parable the word talent was adopted to describe a person's personal skills, their gifts from God.

Let's say that our Saint Vincent de Paul Society is that wise and faithful servant who put their skills

to good use and with your gift transform lives and bring a little comfort to others. Those reliable people.

God sees the way we use our talents and the sin is to have kept to yourself all your gifts from the Father.

Doesn't society stand condemned where it is the norm to enjoy and consume what has been given without a second thought? Our world, our planet, today stands on the verge of self-destruct because our ancestors didn't look to the future and nor did we. You only have to look towards the forests of South America to see the damage caused by the unfaithful servant.

Wouldn't it be better for us to instil in our children a love for each other and the world we live in? Passing this attitude on to our descendants make us the faithful servant who invested his gift with care and tended to its development.

It sounds old fashioned but the blessings and benefits of a family where the parents knew how to manage their circumstances and perhaps even sacrifice themselves for their children may well be a legacy that will last for generations. The faithful servants recognise the Word of God and how it is to be carried out in order to realise God's plan for the world. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we instinctively helped each other out and found ways of resolving all our problems?

Today the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is trying to emulate that faithful servant, trying to help our friends in need. If you can help by donating even the price of a cup of coffee, you can do so in the ways listed in the Bulletin.... *If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do!*



**Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Scotland**

## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 15th November</b> <i>Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Monday 16th November</b> <i>Feast of St Margaret</i>	<b>No Mass</b>			-
<b>Tuesday 17th November</b> <i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Mary Jeffrey's Intentions</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th November</b> <i>in the 33rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Jim McElhinney RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 19th November</b> <i>in the 33rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>C McStay's Intentions</i>
<b>Friday 20th November</b> <i>in the 33rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Thomas &amp; Helen Goodchild RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 21st November</b> <i>Mem of the Presentation of the BVM</i> <i>Vigil of Christ the King</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	1st Communicants
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Sr Margaret Young's Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd November</b> <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Henry Russell RIP</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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