

From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a man who set out on a journey. Before he left he summoned his servants; to one he gave five talents, a large amount of money in those days, to another he gave two talents, and to a third he gave one talent. After a long time he returned. The servant who had received five talents had made five more, and the

servant who had two talents made two more. The master was delighted and said to them, 'Well done, good and faithful servants come and share your master's joy.' But the servant who had been given one talent had just buried it in the ground and then dug it up and returned it to his master. The master was angry and had the lazy servant thrown out."



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, "Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Put your talents at the service of God." Today's word is Talent.

This Sunday's gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told the story the 'talent' was a large sum of money—a weight of silver or gold. In our time the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which we have been given by God. The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of people's talents rather than their shortcomings it helps to make the world a more joyful place. Using our talents just for our own enjoyment is a bit like burying them in the ground. Much better to spread God's love by using our talents for others, and helping ourselves and others to enjoy the week ahead. Finally, ask yourself, is there a talent that I would like to develop?



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33rd Sunday of the Year

November 15th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: Mary Aiken
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday: November Dead List
Thursday: Power & McMahon Families
Friday: Albina Hoey
Saturday: Mary & Harry Smith
Sunday: People of the Parish
There will be only ONE Mass each day
Confessions by appointment.

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Churches to be closed for Public Worship

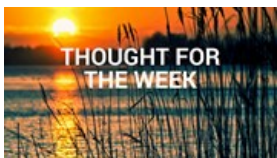


The celebration of Mass continues to be live streamed at 9.00am each Sunday when we are joined by literally thousands of people in Nicaragua join us each week. **Parishes around the world are invited to have a Holy Hour on Saturday 21st November – the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King. In our parish The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10.00-11.00am next Saturday morning. Although the church will have to remain locked parishioners can join in from their homes with their personal prayers for all the victims of the current pandemic and to pray that a virus will be found to bring the pandemic to an end.**

Sustainable Global Gardens



Last year Mary Farmer and friends had an Afternoon Cream Tea to raise funds to support orphan projects through the above charity. Due to the pandemic this has not been possible this year so Mary going to prepare vegetable soup and cake OR apple crumble and custard. Suggested donation: £5. This can be collected from her doorstep or can be dropped off at yours **ON: WEDNESDAY 2nd DEC and THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER.** Please e mail or ring to put in an order. Please indicate your preferences by Monday 30th November. Contact: **01457810189** mickandmaryframer@btinternet.com **You can donate via me by cash or cheque (sustainable Global Gardens) or via the website https://www.sustainableglobalgardens.org.uk/get_involved**
Many thanks, Mary Farmer



“Teach your children what we have taught our children—that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. If (people) spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth. We do not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.”

(Chief Seattle, quoted in Earth Prayers from around the World, edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon.)

From the Diocese



GETTING READY FOR ADVENT: Treasuring God’s Word with Sr Gemma Simmonds. Thursday 19th November, 7-8pm. The Diocese is delighted to host a Zoom talk by the theologian and broadcaster Sr. Gemma Simmonds. Lecturer at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge and a regular contributor to various BBC programmes, Sr Gemma will prepare our Advent journey with a Scriptural presentation on the mysteries of Our Lady through the work of contemporary artist Stephen Foster. To book a place, please email Year of the Word promoter Fr Henry Longbottom on henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SYCAMORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: The Youth Service are delighted to invite you to Sycamore, an online series of short films and discussions for young people aged 13-17 exploring the Catholic faith and what it means for us today. The sessions will be taking place on Wednesday from 4:30pm-6pm on Zoom. The first session will be Wednesday 4th November. For more information/to register, please email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JUSTICE AND PEACE DAY OF REFLECTION: “What does empowering justice look like in our time?” An online day of reflection with Fr Diarmuid O’Murchu. Saturday 21st November, 10am – 4pm. Donation: £1. Tickets available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-does-empowering-justice-look-like-in-our-time-tickets-125853201313>.

CATHOLIC CARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICE: Are you finding lockdown isolating and would welcome some support? Catholic Care have organised a number of initiatives that are designed to help. We have weekly relax and revive sessions, a telephone befriending service or an online social group with different themes and speakers each week. **For more details contact Catholic Care 0113 3885400 or Janet 07739 975008.**

CATHOLIC CARE’S COMMUNITY MARKETS: The COVID-19 pandemic is bringing untold economic hardship, the impact of which is leaving many feeling unable to feed their families for the first time. Supporting families positively with dignity is the aim of our Community Markets. If you are interested in supporting us with this work please **contact Janet Kent 07739 975 008** janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk