



Parish of the Three Patrons

33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR A - 15th NOVEMBER 2020

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'There is Much to be Done for the Kingdom'

The Parable of the Talents taught by Jesus in today's gospel is urging us to be ready for the master's return. Jesus is that master who went on a journey when he ascended to heaven. After a time, Jesus will return. Whenever he comes again we will stand before him with our talents.

Now is the important time. It is the time to use the words of Jesus in the gospel parable. The Lord does not give us a blueprint for every hour of every day just as the servants in the parable were not told what to do with their talents. But the Lord expects diligence in using the gifts we have received. It is up to us to figure out what is best with what we have received. We are not expected to produce the same fruit as our neighbour, but to produce fruit for the Kingdom. God expects us to be enterprising and entrepreneurial for the Kingdom, and not to waste time trying to figure out when the Second Coming of Jesus will be, as we heard Paul reminding the Thessalonians in the second reading. Yet not knowing when Jesus will return is not an excuse to do nothing as Paul writes, 'let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert . . .' Now is an exciting time. God has given us talents. He trusts us how to use them.

We have received so much from God that we can take it for granted. Because the sum is so huge, Pope Benedict said *the talents refer not just to our natural abilities and qualities but are the riches Jesus gives us*. Pope Benedict listed these talents or riches as the Word of God, Baptism, prayer, forgiveness, the Eucharist, the Kingdom which is God himself present and alive in our midst. The third servant buried the treasure because he had the wrong attitude to God. He did not have a relationship with God. Pope Benedict said this happens when after receiving Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation people subsequently bury these gifts beneath a blanket of prejudice, beneath a false image of God. If, God forbid, we have buried a talent, now is the time to dig it up so that we can hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."



Excerpt from Fr Tommy Lane

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Parish of the Three Patrons Changes in Daily Mass Times Thank you for your ongoing support in coming to daily Mass at various times in our three churches. We acknowledge that for those who attend 9.00 am Mass in St Brigid's there is some difficulty with traffic congestion. To overcome this, Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 am from Monday 16th November.

Due to government regulations, funerals must be celebrated limited to family only. This means that funeral Masses are celebrated outside of our normal Mass schedule times. To facilitate this and also in accordance with guidelines from our City Cemetery, Mass in St Joseph's will be celebrated at 10.45 am rather than 11 am from Monday 16th November. We thank the Friars for their ongoing support and presence in helping to facilitate this schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Weekday Mass Schedule in Three Patrons Parish from Monday 16th November

St Patrick's, Pennyburn: Monday - Friday: 7.30 am, 10.00 am

St Brigid's, Carnhill: Monday - Friday: 9.15 am

St Joseph's, Galliagh: Monday - Friday: 10.45 am

We welcome people back to the public celebration of the Eucharist in the three churches of our parish. For those who prefer to do so, we invite you to join us via webcam in Three Patrons' Parish by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at churchservices.tv/pennyburn, churchservices.tv/carnhill, churchservices.tv/galliagh or the parish website at www.threepatrons.org/webcam. Please note change of Mass times to facilitate fair distribution of people attending Masses. We encourage you to use the three churches of our parish to ensure adherence to social distancing regulations.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday 15th November - Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon:** Mass

Monday - Friday

7.30 am: Mass; **9.40 am:** Rosary; **10.00 am:** Mass;

Saturday

9.40 am: Rosary; **10.00 am:** Mass

Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon:** Mass

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 15th November - Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **10.30 am & 12.30 pm:** Mass

Monday - Friday

9.15 am*: Mass followed by Rosary (* Please note change of time)

Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **10.30 am & 12.30 pm:** Mass

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 15th November - Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **9.00 am & 11.00 am:** Mass

Monday

10.45 am: Mass including Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by Rosary

Tuesday - Friday

10.45 am*: Mass followed by Rosary (* Please note change of Mass time)

Please visit the Franciscan Friars' facebook 'derryfranciscans'

Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King

7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; **9.00am & 11.00 am:** Mass



It is very important at this time that we pray asking God for protection. Perhaps individuals or families could commit to praying the Rosary each day for relief of this crisis.

A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus by Fr Brian Grogan SJ

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times. We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the coronavirus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health. We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen. *Our Lady of Knock pray for us. St Joseph pray for us. St John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen.*





AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that you desire to make your home within me and that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace your love as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

Requiescant in Pace Josephine Bradley, Fergleen Mews, Fr Stephen Kearney, Cappagh, Fr Terry Bennett, Cappagh and Dalgan.

Anniversaries and Birthday Memorials Tommy McBay, Margaret (Pam) O'Kane, John Doherty, Mary Downey, Sean Doherty, May Gallagher, Brian Gallagher, Sadie Campbell, Dorothy Gillespie, Mary McDaid, Anna Duffy, Neil McMillan.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Fiadh Danú Mullin, Shane John McCormick.

Supporting Your Parish Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the offertory collection through envelope, standing order, online payments and the 'donate' button on our parish website. Your support is greatly appreciated. Boxes are available in our three churches to return your parish envelopes. If you require information about any of the above methods of supporting Three Patrons Parish, please contact the parish office - stpatricks@threepatrons.org or 028 71262360. The bank account details for sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

Anniversary Masses and Prayers If you wish to have an anniversary Mass offered or a Mass or prayers offered for any intention, please email the parish offices at stpatricks@threepatrons.org or stbrigids@threepatrons.org or phone the parochial houses at St. Patrick's (028 71262360) or St. Brigid's (028 71351261).

Readings for Sunday 22nd November, Feast of Christ the King

In this, the last Sunday in the liturgical year, we honour Christ the King. It is a feast on which to renew our loyalty to Jesus our Saviour, shown in the way we love our neighbour. The shepherd-theme is prominent, both as basis for our trusting God's care, and as a challenge to be, each in our own way, co-workers with the great Shepherd of our souls

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm: 22:1-3, 5-6;*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*

1st Reading: *God promises to personally care for his people, as the shepherd cares for the sheep; 2nd Reading:* *At the end of the world, all enemies will be overcome and Christ will rule as universal king; Gospel:* *We will be judged by the standard of visible, tangible love.*

The Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help takes place in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, on Monday at 10.45 am Mass and continues every Monday until on 21st December. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Novena in St Joseph's or via the webcam.



The Net Newspaper The November edition of The Net is now available online at www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

An Inspired Gift Trócaire is again offering Christmas Global Gift Plan - a memorable collection of practical and life changing Christmas gifts which will be delivered directly to hard pressed families in the developing world. This year you can buy a selection of enduring gifts like goats, chickens, water, school fees, homes and other gifts in a friend's or relative's name, available from Veritas, Shipquay St or www.trocaire.org.

Sacramental Preparation Enrolment ceremonies for those children in Primary 4 and Primary 7 who are preparing for the sacraments of First communion and Confirmation this year will take place through the coming week.

Schools will make arrangements in the classroom for the children to join for these ceremonies via the webcam and parents / guardians and family are welcomed to join from home or work where possible. Each child will be named at the Mass.

The time of preparation for sacraments is an opportunity for all of us to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey. We look forward to working together at this challenging time.

The details for the Masses for the Primary schools are as following:

St Patrick's Primary School:

Primary 4 – Monday 16th November 2020 at 10am in St Patrick's Church

Primary 7- Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 10am in St Patrick's Church

St Brigid's Primary School:

Primary 4 – Monday 16th November 2020 at 9:15am in St Brigid's Church

Primary 7- Friday 20th November 2020 at 9:15am in St Brigid's Church

Greenhaw Primary School:

Primary 4 - Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 9:15am in St Brigid's Church

Primary 7- Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 9:15am in St Brigid's Church

St Paul's Primary School & Nursery:

Primary 4 - Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 10:45am in St Joseph's Church

Primary 7- Friday 20th November 2020 at 10:45am in St Joseph's Church

St Therese's Primary School:

Primary 4 - Monday 16th November 2020 at 10:45am in St Joseph's Church

Primary 7 - Thursday 19th November 2020 at 10:45am in St Joseph's Church

Do This in Memory of Me Programme It is that time of year when the parish begins its preparation for the sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. We use the parish programme Do This in Memory to help our children, their families, schools and parish community, as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus pandemic we have had to make changes to how we will run this year's Do This in Memory programme. We will continue with a Mass once a month aimed at the children preparing for sacraments. There will be no child participation in the Mass e.g. readings. Parents are encouraged to join in at home with their child via the webcam or those who normally attend can do so as normal, adhering to social distancing requirements.

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The dates of the Sunday Masses when the First Holy Communion programme, Do This in Memory, will take place are:

- 1) Sunday 22nd November 2020
- 2) Sunday 13th December 2020
- 3) Sunday 10th January 2021
- 4) Sunday 7th February 2021
- 5) Sunday 21st March 2021



"We need to find God and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . ." How are you called to use your talents? Perhaps Christ is calling you to use your talents in faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious. If He is calling you to discern serving Him as a priest or consecrated religious, speak to your local priest, call your Diocesan Vocations Director

(visit derryvocations.org) or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie.

A Prayer for Vocations based on the words of Pope Francis

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may co-operate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Adapted from Pope Francis' Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Lough Derg November Memorial Service for Deceased Pilgrims and Benefactors

will take place live via the webcam on Sunday 22nd November at 7 pm (www.churchservices.tv/pettigo). To enrol a departed loved one, please contact us by email: info@loughderg.org or tel 0035371 9861518 or write to Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 YC60.

Prayer Resources and Activities for Families for November The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. There is a 'World Drawing God Day' which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum. To view all available resources, visit www.catecheticalcentre.org.

St Eugene's Cathedral is offering a course on 'Death and the Afterlife' on Wednesday evenings on 11th, 18th and 25th November after Night Prayer, facilitated by Fr Farren via the Cathedral Hall webcam at www.steugenescathedral.com.

Saints of the Coming Week

Monday:

St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, virgin

Tuesday:

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Wednesday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul

Saturday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Margaret of Scotland

Patron of: death of children, large families, learning, queens, Scotland, widows

Lord,

you gave Saint Margaret of Scotland a special love for the poor.

Let her example and prayers help us to become a living sign of your goodness.

O Heavenly Patron of Scotland, pray ever to God for me; strengthen me in my faith; establish me in virtue; guard me in the conflict; at my end be steadfast at my side and plead for me with Christ, my Judge and Savior, that I may vanquish the foe malign and attain to glory everlasting to behold one day thy beautiful countenance. Amen.

Feast Day

November 16

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020 Christmas time is the busiest time for St Vincent de Paul, giving out lots of toys and food parcels kindly donated by the public. However, this Christmas is going to be different with COVID-19 and government restrictions. The safety of the public and their members is paramount. Therefore, St Vincent de Paul are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food that they buy a voucher or make a donation for the amount they were going to spend. If you have any questions or need any help please ring St Vincent de Paul on 028 71265489 or email svp.derry@svpni.co.uk.

Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be: long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support. To learn more, please tel 028 90652288 or visit <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster>.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

Derry Diocesan Trust Part-Time Housekeeper for Leckpatrick Parish This is a parttime temporary position: 8 hours per week with possibility of extension to 14 hours. Part-Time Cleaner for Derry Diocesan Office Part-time permanent contract 5 hours per week. For application packs, please contact Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, Derry, BT48 9AP. Tel: 028 71262302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5 pm on 18th Nov 2020. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful."

**We know Father that all of your children are precious to you.
You knitted each one of us in the womb and
know the very number of hairs of our head.
The numbers on a death toll are not anonymous people to you Lord.
And precious in your eyes Lord are the deaths
of your faithful children in this pandemic.**

**Heavenly Father we entrust into your loving care
all those who have died in this pandemic
along with the families and friends who mourn their loss.
In these times where we have been unable to grieve together
may we all experience Your closeness to us.**

**We pray for a speedy end to this pandemic and
that we emerge into a new time of healing, restoration and
rebuilding of lives according to your loving will.
Amen.**

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

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



12th November

Plenary Indulgence for the Month of November Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st - 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day of November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed. **Plenary Indulgence for the Feast of All Souls' Day, 2nd November** This year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence. **The Homebound** For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental, Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions. The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one's own life".

A Prayer Booklet in which you will find a family prayer service and a series of prayers that you may wish to use in your own home is now available on the diocesan website. It is hoped that this resource will be a support to everyone as they remember and pray for their loved ones at this time. You can download the Family Prayer Booklet at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/november-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>.

**On this World Remembrance Day for Victims of Road Accidents,
we pray for all those who have been injured on our roads;
those who have been hurt in their bodies, minds, or emotions;
and all whose lives have been damaged in any way.**

**Let us commend them to God's infinite mercy and goodness
and let us surround them with compassion and love.
We remember families and friends who are suffering loss
and pain and ask you to comfort them.**

**We pray that they will experience your healing love.
We give thanks for those who help when things go wrong,
for the motoring organisations, the police and rescue services,
the hospitals and all who care for the injured.**

**Give courage to those who minister to the victims of accidents
and help them care for those in need of help as Jesus, The Great Healer, did.**

**Today we remember especially those who have been killed on our roads.
Heavenly Father we ask you to give them eternal rest and peace with you.**

Amen.

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

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

