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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th November 2020

Due to Covid 19 Restrictions, we are no longer able to open for Public Worship!

Our **Church is open** for Private Prayer on the following Days & Times:

Monday 9.30am – 12noon

Wednesday 9.30am – 12noon

Friday 9.30am – 12noon

Sunday 10.00am – 12noon

Please observe the safety guidelines!

Confession: On Request

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 1pm

Saints Days

Mon 16th - St Edmund of Abingdon

Tue 17th - St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln &

St Elizabeth of Hungary
Wed 18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

Sat 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Recently Dead:
Patrick O'Donnell (Rip)

Sunday Reflection: “Talents are for use not for burial” – Given the present global crisis, we need to be careful on how we interpret the parable of the talents. In the past some used the parable to promote an aggressive form of capitalism. Jesus telling of the parable predates our now familiar “Credit crunches” and the “Banking Crises”. It was never intended to promote a kind of reckless investment of other people’s money in the hope that would yield a 100% profit. It is imperative that we understand and use the parable wisely and avoid any suggestion of sanctioning dubious monetary morality. Essentially the story is about a God who freely bestows talents on all of us, notice, “each in proportion to his ability”. So, all of us are gifted or talented. The parable envisages a God who risks bestowing his gifts upon us. He dares to trust us to do his work in our own way. There is no guarantee that God will get a good return for his generosity. In this lies the risk. The first two servants in the parable have such a different attitude to God than the third one. They know that their God gives talents to be used responsibly and creatively in the service of His kingdom. There is a touch of “launch out into the deep”, and don’t just sit about waiting for the “parousia”; You can be both creative and watchful. Let us take our example from the woman in the 1st Reading who uses her talents to live a very productive and virtuous life. The third servant sees his God as a fierce exacting character, so paralyzed by fear, he buries his single talent – nothing is lost but nothing is gained. All God-given talents are to be received with gratitude and to be used responsibly in the service of God’s kingdom. Life is always God’s gift to us. What we do with our gifted life is our gift to God.

November Dead Lists – Envelopes are available for your Mass offerings and your list of names of deceased family, friends, and those you wish to remember. Please return envelopes through our letterbox and they will be placed on the Altar for the Month of November when Mass is offered for them daily.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – registration is now open. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.

Confirmation – Details of the Celebration of Programme 2019/2020 will be announced shortly. **First Holy Communion** – Dates of registration for our next programme will be announced shortly.

Catholic Proficiency Forms – Will be signed by our Priests on Monday 7th to Friday 11th December from 3pm to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print “Catholic Proficiency Forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance – Admissions: Certificate of Catholic Practice (*Please see our website for CCP meaning*).

Safeguarding Representatives – Contacts are on our website.