



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
15 NOVEMBER 2020  
World Day of the Poor**

Dear Parishioners

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are reminded in the gospel parable to open up our hearts and serve our brothers and sisters. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others, many people in our communities look forward to hearing from us.

I take this opportunity, to express my gratitude but also encouragement to all our parishioners for everything that you do to serve our parish community, for generously sharing your talents, gifts and treasures. In this difficult time we are going through, I have witnessed this multiple times. We all know we may have to go a long way before we get into normality. As a Christian community we strive to achieve the messages of today's Gospel parable all the time but even more so in this time of crisis.

Fr. Habte

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As in last Sunday's Gospel reading, today Matthew recalls a parable where there is a bad ending for one of the characters, not because he killed somebody or swindled them out of money, but for not bothering to act in a particular way.

In today's story, two of the servants who were given five and two talents respectively from their master before he departed on a journey, were praised on his return for their "faithfulness in small things" for doubling their value. On the other hand, however, the servant who had been given one talent returned it only to be condemned for not, at least, banking it so that interest would have been available for the master.

How might this parable apply to us? Whoever we are or in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, we all have the ability to spread the Word by the way we live our lives. We do not need to be wealthy, influential in our positions in life or well educated to be able to spread the Word by the way we relate to others. We must respect ourselves and believe that we can do this. The question is....are we up for the challenge?

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**"The word of God re-affirms the original goodness of the human being, created as man and woman and called to a love which is faithful, reciprocal and fruitful."**

**Verbum Domini**

## Private Prayer

For the coming 3 weeks of the lockdown period our church will be open on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays** from **9:00am to 10:00am for private prayer**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time, so that we can pray in silence. There will be no communal prayer but please feel free to come as a family. Please also help us to look after the church during the time you stay in the church. **Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am during the weekdays, 10:30am on Saturdays and Sundays, all Masses will be live streamed.**

The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:00pm is suspended for the duration of the lockdown.

**Clarification of the New Guidelines:-** Following the new Covid-19 guidance November 2020 from the Catholic Episcopal Conference in England and Wales, few members of our parish groups such as readers, Altar servers and musicians will participate in our online services. For further clarification please read the guidelines:-[Please click this link for information](#)

***Churches may be used for Mass and other services to be streamed, without a congregation present. Musicians and singers may participate in online services, as long as they usually form part of the service that is being broadcast and are essential to its delivery”.***

***In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. Please download the November remembrance sheet here if you wish***

***<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P2K5XyN2xYL1GUr43NuxT63weT2EqQwD/view?usp=sharing>***

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheet/s and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can put your envelopes through the presbytery letter box.

Thank you



### **Isolation and Telephone Ministry:**

Please get in touch with us about anyone whom you feel is in need of assistance and companionship at the current time.

### **Celebration of Confirmation Postponed:-**

Unfortunately due to the newly imposed lockdown we have to postpone the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation which was planned in November. We will contact candidates and parents as soon as we have the opportunity to know the possible month and dates clearly.



**Gift Aid Envelopes:** We received the parish gift aid envelopes for 2020 in April but due to the lockdown, we were unable to prepare the envelopes for distribution. We have noticed that a number of

parishioners are currently using old gift-aid envelopes or plain white envelopes for weekly Sunday donations to the church.

We have placed the supply of gift envelopes on the table at the exit to the church, please collect your envelopes as you leave, If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary.

### One-off Gift Aid Donations

There are white envelopes at the back of the church for visitors (and parishioners who are not in our Gift aid scheme) to make donations which can be gift-aided ie for every £1 donated the church can claim an additional 25p. Please remember Gift aid donors must be UK taxpayers.



Gift aid is a significant source of income for charities. It provides tax relief by allowing charities to claim from HMRC, the basic rate of tax their donors have paid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%.

If you are a UK Tax payer and wish to join the parish Gift Aid scheme, please contact Mary for details. Please make a note to advise the parish office via email if you change your address or if your tax status should change so we may update our records accordingly. Thank you

### Gift Sunday

We will once again be collecting gifts to pass on to Voluntary Services Lewisham to help with their Christmas Appeal. They distribute boxes of food, toys and vouchers to families in need living in our community of Forest Hill and Sydenham, perhaps even more important this year. We are collecting donations of: new and unwrapped toys and books for children, gift vouchers for teenagers (e.g. Superdrug, Boots, clothing retailers, WHSmith), Supermarket gift vouchers for families, small Christmas puddings, boxes of Christmas biscuits and chocolates, crackers.

Watch this space for further information on when to bring your gifts to church!

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINSTERS FOR DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS:**

We need readers and Eucharistic ministers for December, Christmas time and beyond, please consider to help if you are able to.

## **STEWARDS NEEDED**

We are currently preparing the steward's rota for December and January. We will be very grateful for additional volunteers for stewarding at weekday and weekend Masses. If you would be able to help, please contact Mary via email at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) indicating your availability or volunteer using this link to our website [PLEASE VOLUNTEER BY CLICKING THIS LINK](#)  
Many thanks in advance for your support.

## **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November 2020 Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



**Prayer for the Nation** As part of our desire to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer, we're encouraged to come together at 6pm every day to pray - pray privately, pray together at home, pray without ceasing.

[Read More](#)

**Bishop urges prayers and support for healthcare workers and carers** "We are surrounded by people who are going the extra mile during the Covid-19 pandemic to save and protect lives all over the country" [Read More](#)



## **COVID-19 and Vaccination**



The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 would be an important breakthrough to protect others from the scourge of this virulent virus which has caused a global pandemic and led to huge loss of life as well as stretching healthcare systems to their limits.

[Read More](#)

## **Statement from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the Publication of the IICSA Report**

The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life.

An important aspect of the Inquiry's work was the voice given to victims and survivors of abuse, including the accounts which they gave of their subsequent engagement with the Church. Listening attentively to their witness testimony has brought into sharp relief the extent of the damage this sexual abuse has had on their lives. We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures.

This is an ongoing task and one to which we are wholly committed. Child sexual abuse is a crime. It is a crime that requires committed vigilance and strict procedures to ensure reporting to the statutory authorities. This is the Church's policy. It is also why our safeguarding work needs to be continually reviewed and improved. Where there have been failings and inconsistency in the application of our safeguarding procedures, we acknowledge these and commit to actions which will bring about improvement.

Abuse is an evil act against the most vulnerable; it must never be excused or covered up. Abuse committed against children and the consequent damage to people's lives cannot be undone. For this, we apologise without reservation, and we are committed to listen attentively to the voices of those who have been abused.

This report is an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church in our countries. It will now be considered in detail by us, the Bishops, at our Plenary Assembly beginning next week so we can explore how to integrate the findings of this important Inquiry into the life and work of the Church in order to consistently safeguard children and the vulnerable.



**Cardinal Vincent Nichols**  
President

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP**  
Vice-President

[A copy of the IICSA report can viewed and downloaded here](#)

## **MARY'S MEALS JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Mary's Meals has an opening for a Supporter Engagement Officer in London - to develop local strategies and plans, to secure increased support and funding for its feeding programmes around the world. This is an exciting job that involves growing and nurturing the Mary's Meals volunteer network by building relationships with community volunteers, churches, schools and faith groups. All the details can be found on the website here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/useful-links/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-london>

**Closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

## **DVD/CD of the First Eucharist Masses**

We have live streamed the first Eucharist Masses, if you would like a copy on a DVD, please let us know via email [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) and we will prepare you a copy. A contribution towards the production will be appreciated.

## **Wednesday Singers**

The parish Wednesday Singers have re-started their meetings via Zoom after a break in August. We meet each Wednesday at 8pm. listen to the Gospel for the coming Sunday, share some prayer together and listen to and sing the songs that we would be singing in church, and also have time to chat and catch up with each other. Please come and join us if you would like to, we would love to see you! Details below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874401982?pwd=bVQ1STcyUTIDZHlKNVnkWC9CY2pOQT09>

Join by phone - Dial 020 3695 0088

Enter meeting ID: 898 7440 1982 #

Enter password: 622409

## **Evening Prayer from the Divine Office**

Since Easter, a small group of parishioners have been saying Evening Prayer together via Zoom on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. Evening Prayer is one of the "Hours" of the Divine Office, prayed by ordained and lay members of the church around the world. If you haven't joined us before, why not try it this week, details below. Evening Prayer includes a hymn, psalms, a reading, the Magnificat and prayers, and usually lasts 20 minutes. We share the words on screen so you don't need your own copy, or we can send you a copy if you

prefer. You can also join by phone if you don't have a computer or tablet. Contact [liturgy.swoy@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.swoy@gmail.com) to find out more.

Evening Prayer this week

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391776863?pwd=STIHaktOb2xvNlByTnp3cUVoSjR3UT09>

Meeting ID: 813 9177 6863

Password: 061154

Join by phone - Dial 020 3695 0088

Enter meeting ID: 813 9177 6863 #

Enter password: 061154

### **CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Prayers and resources for children's liturgy catechists and for families who aren't able to attend church in person at the moment.

Virtual children's liturgy

Although parishes have started to reopen, we will be continuing with our live sessions for the moment as we know not everyone will be able to return to church immediately.

Join us at 10am this Sunday for our next virtual children's liturgy. Please register if you haven't before. Follow the link and click on "Enter the series" to register. If you can't join us live, a recording will be available to watch afterwards. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

### **FINANCES**

If you would like to continue supporting the Parish during this very difficult time, you can post your donation in a sealed envelope through the presbytery letterbox or you can make an online donation - as a "one-off payment" or set up a standing order to make regular weekly or monthly donations.

Thank you to all those who have increased their regular donations to the parish. Any donation you are able to make will be greatly appreciated during this time.

Our parish bank details are as follows:-

- **NatWest Bank**
- **Sort Code 60-50-01**
- **Account number 79124437**
- **Account name St William of York Reg Charity 1173050**
- **Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no**

## **JUSTGIVING**

Parishioners who usually use gift aid envelopes or cash donations may also do so online via using this link [JustGiving St William of York](#) or access via the parish website. Please note donations are credited to the Diocese central charity bank account in the first instance and then reallocated to our parish so it is important to add our parish name and location when donating.

## **SWOY FAMILIES IN NEED CRISIS FUND**

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support to our Families in need Crisis Fund. To date we have received **£8,830.00**, in donations and **£620.00** in Supermarket food vouchers a grand total of **£9,450.00**. Please continue to contact Mary by telephone 020 8690 4549 or email [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) if you are able to make a donation.

## **EMPLOYEE CHARITY MATCHING SCHEME**

We are very grateful to a number of parishioners who have set up a Charity Matching scheme with their employers and are now making regular monthly donations to the parish and the Families in Crisis Fund. A charity matching scheme doubles the donation of the individual from the company's own resource up to a pre-determined level. We are aware banks, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, telephone companies and car manufacturers are known to offer Charity match-funding schemes. Please contact Mary if you are willing to set up a matching scheme with your employer and she will be pleased to assist in the provision of information required for these purposes.

## **COLLECTION FOR FOOD BANK & SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Please continue to drop off items at the collection point outside the school hall each Wednesday from 10am - 2pm.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY WITH YOUR DONATIONS!**

## **NEEDING ASSISTANCE**

Members of our parish community in difficulty who may need some assistance please contact the SVP via Mary at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or call 020 8690 4549, if you like to contact me directly please e-mail at [habteukbay@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:habteukbay@rcaos.org.uk) or call me on 07869 533823. Also people who might not need any financial or other assistance but

might benefit from a volunteer to pick up the shopping or collect a prescription, please contact Mary as we have many stand by volunteers willing to assist you.

## **2021 MASS INTENTIONS**

We will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions for 2021 by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone **020 8690 4549** or email to the parish office [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account, please remember to include your gift aid number.

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Why not offer a mass for any particular need for yourself, a loved one or a friend, birthdays, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one.

Please print the Mass intention clearly and please include your name and telephone number. This will enable us to confirm the Mass booking and notify you if an intention has to be moved due to a cancelled Mass or a funeral and also if you are requesting a specific date for the Mass, it is often impossible to give you the date that you request but we will always do our best to give you the closest date available. Mass cards are available from the presbytery.

## **FOUNDATION MASS**

A Foundation Mass is a Mass Intention that lasts for 25 years. Please give details for whom the Mass is offered - full name of living or deceased person, date and time the Mass should be celebrated each year and your name and telephone number. The cost is £300 (cheque made payable to RC Archdiocese of Southwark) please hand to Fr Habte or drop it in to the Presbytery.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 14 November</b>	
10:30	Emmanuela Irihari & Garvey & O'Connor Families RIP
<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)</b>	
<b>World Day of the Poor</b>	
<b>Sunday 15 November</b>	
10:30	Peter Hann RIP & Holy Souls for the Parishioners
<b>Monday 16 November      Feria</b>	
10:00	Jamie Paul Harper RIP & Forgotten Souls
<b>Tuesday 17 November      Feria</b>	
10:00	Honorine Tia
<b>Wednesday 18 November      Feria</b>	
10:00	Umu Orji Idodo & Family - God's Protection & Guidance
<b>Thursday 19 November      Feria</b>	
10:00	David Irihari
<b>Friday 20 November      Feria</b>	
10:00	Yvonne Orieso Personal Intention & Alice Mary Gillett (FM)
<b>Saturday 21 November      Feria</b>	
10:30	Ernesto da Rosa & John Costello RIP
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)</b>	
<b>Sunday 22 November</b>	
10:30	Pauline Garley RIP & Holy Souls for the Parishioners

\*(FM) = Foundation Mass



St William of York Catholic Primary School  
Brockley Park, Forest Hill, London. SE23 1PS



St  
William  
Of York

School Association

Christmas Trees

Buy a Tree & Support School



Dear Parishioners,

Help SWOYSA support your School this winter and grab a high-quality Nordmann Fir Tree for a perfect Christmas!

Trees can be collected on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm.

**Orders should be placed no later than:**

**Thursday 26th November 2020 please.**

Standard Tree sizes available:

**3-4ft** (1-1.25m) **4-5ft** (1.25-1.5m) **5-6ft** (1.5-1.75m)  
**6ft-7ft** (1.75-2.0m) **7ft-8ft** (2.0-2.5m)

No price rises! We have been able to secure the same competitive prices as in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. These are fantastic quality trees for the price!

**Price List**

<b>3-4 ft £26</b>	<b>4-5ft £30</b>	<b>5-6ft £37</b>	<b>6-7ft £45</b>	<b>7-8ft £54</b>
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**NB. Trees can be kept in water outside until you're ready to put them up (remove from net and cut one inch from the base) and should be watered regularly once inside.**

Please indicate your interest on this form or email [swoysa1@gmail.com](mailto:swoysa1@gmail.com).

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If you would like to order a tree, please complete the form below.

- 3-4ft Nordmann Tree (£26)     4-5ft Nordmann Tree (£30)     5-6ft Nordmann Tree (£37)  
 6-7ft Nordmann Tree (£45)     7-8ft Nordmann Tree (£54)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques should be made payable to 'St William of York School Association'

Payment can be made in advance by Cheque or Cash, or settled on collection (including contactless payment).

This form should be sent back to school or orders can be emailed to [swoysa1@gmail.com](mailto:swoysa1@gmail.com)

All profits from the sale of trees go towards the SWOYSA Charity, which is dedicated 100% towards the improvement of your School and your Child's Education.



## **Prayer for the Year of the Word**

***Living God,  
you walk alongside us and speak to us  
throughout the Scriptures.***

***Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and  
fears and shows us how to live for one another.***

***Send us the Holy Spirit  
to open our hearts and minds so that we may be  
your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.***

***Your word is our path and your truth is our light  
This day and every day Celebrating, living  
and sharing God's word***

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