

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th November- 21st November 2020

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 4

MAKING THE BEST OF WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US

Each year, when the liturgical cycle approaches its end, the Church proposes to us texts from the Scriptures which touch rather directly on the return of Christ to earth at the end of time. The epistle of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians clearly alludes to it. Today's gospel also speaks of it: the master of the house who goes on a journey is the symbol of Jesus who went away and who will soon return.

In today's gospel parable, Jesus shares a story about trust. The Master who was going on the journey handed everything he had over to his three servants. He did not give his servants just a little cash to tide them over until he returned. He gave everything he had over to them. When he returned, he expected that his servants would respond by giving their best back to him. The first two did. The third gave nothing of himself back to the Master.

The story is really about a trust that is never accepted. The master gives the servant the talent because he trusts in the ability and the intelligence of the servant. The real problem is that the servant never accepts and lives out that trust. Instead, he lives in fear; he does nothing; he takes no risks or chances. That sense of fear; that stance of simply waiting is not rewarded – it is punished.

You can imagine what he called him - FEAR (False Evidence Appearing Real), as someone defines it, had paralyzed the useless servant. Obviously, the Master is God who is extravagant with His people. He gives His life to us, all His love, all whom He is. He does this freely, generously, and without reserve. The third servant missed this. He took the money as a risk rather than as a gift. When the Master returned he said, "Here's everything back, safe and sound." That is not what the Master wanted. The Master wanted the servant to be generous with himself just as he had been generous to the servant.

God gave Himself as a gift to us. We are to give ourselves as a gift to others. Jesus put this another way, "The one who saves his life will lose it. The one who loses his life will save it." Everything we have is a gift. Our lives, in turn, must be a gift to others.

This Gospel story can be easily misunderstood as an endorsement of our modern-day achieving society or of high interest rates. Actually, the lesson has nothing at all to do with investing money or accumulating wealth. Jesus merely uses the analogy of money to make an important point about our lives as Christians. Jesus is telling us that each of us is expected to perform our Christian duty according to our individual abilities. Each disciple of Christ is graced with his or her own unique power and capability to perform God's will. Each is expected to live up to that power and that capability. Moreover, the lesson is clear that the power conferred on us grows with use and withers with disuse.

The Lord expects us to make the best of what He has given us. The parable is nothing to do with money. It is to do with grace. He expects us to use the gifts of sanctifying grace which He gave us at our Baptism, and which He renews throughout our lives. His gifts must not lie dormant. They must increase and multiply. Otherwise, He will judge us to have wasted what He himself invested.

READINGS

FIRST READING:
PROVERBS 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :
PSALM 127(128):1-5

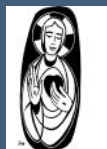
SECOND READING:
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

GOSPEL:
MATTHEW 25:14-30

LEARN

“...Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic”.

CCC546, MATTHEW 25:14-30



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

15TH NOVEMBER—21ST NOVEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY 15TH

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10.00 AM

Frances Deighton
Philomena Obianwu's intentions

12.00 NOON

People of the parish
Special intention of Felix and Richard

MONDAY 16TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Fr. Victor & Fr. Alfred, continued strength and guidance

TUESDAY 17TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Johnny Conroy, RIP
Deceased members of the Soares family, RIP.
Papa Ngang Paulin, Mama Essissima Ntolo Anne Marie, RIP.
Florence Chonwa Nkemayang & her twins, RIP.

WEDNESDAY 18TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings(Former President—Ghana)
RIP.

THURSDAY 19TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY 20TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Francis Houlihan, RIP
Deceased family members of Benn and Asare families
Parish memorial mass
Patrick Ani RIP,

7.00 PM

SATURDAY 21 ST

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

JEREMIAH 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place .

FIRST READINGS

PROVERBS 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

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

PSALM 127(128):1-5

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

- 1** 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 .
- 2** Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
- 3** 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 4:13-18

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

REVELATION 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

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 teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:

Sacred Heart Church Camberwell

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November is the month we pray for our loved ones who have died. Our parish memorial mass will take on Friday 20th November at 7pm. Fr. Victor will light the easter candle at the end of Mass on behalf of everyone who have written the names of their departed loved ones and placed their pictures on the board in the sanctuary, praying for their eternal repose and the gift of eternal life on them all. Amen

FOOD BANK

Any family or persons in need of food support during this lockdown please get in touch with Fr. Victor or Fr. Alfred. Our food bank team is on hand to provide support.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday 22nd November is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of the church's Liturgical year. As people of God, we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

MASS BOOKING

We have Mass spaces for this week. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days. See the parish newsletter on the website or parish WhatsApp group to know the days that are free.

BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The first compulsory class with parents of the children and Fr. Victor is **Saturday 21st November at 11am on Zoom.**

The first class for the children and their parents is on Saturday 12th December at 9am in the parish hall. **Parents should ensure they are registered on the WhatsApp group to be acquainted with the necessary information concerning the classes.**

MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

Our parish Masses during this second phase of the lockdown are as follows: **Monday—Friday, 9am. Saturday, 10am. Sundays, 10am and 12noon.** Masses are Livestreamed, and we are encouraged to follow the Mass and make Spiritual Communion during the Mass. The Church is opened daily from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday and 11am to 3pm on Saturday for our individual private prayers.

NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

The Parish will hold a night of praise and worship and prayer **every Tuesday commencing this week from 7pm to 8.30pm** as part of efforts to foster continuous fellowship and prayer during this second lock down. Parishioners are encourage to us Join on Zoom with the following Log in details:

MEETING ID: 8978 439 0236

PASSCODE: 358 763

Visit the parish website for details:
www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk

CONFIRMATION CLASSES NOW ONLINE

Our Parish Confirmation classes are now held on zoom due to COVID restrictions. The Login details to the Classes are as follows:

Group 1—Wednesday Class:
Meeting ID: 846 8122 1353
Passcode: Group1

Group 2— Thursday Class:
Meeting ID: 736 483 7613
Passcode: Group2

Group 3—Friday Class :
Meeting ID: 848 5503 7558
Passcode: Group3

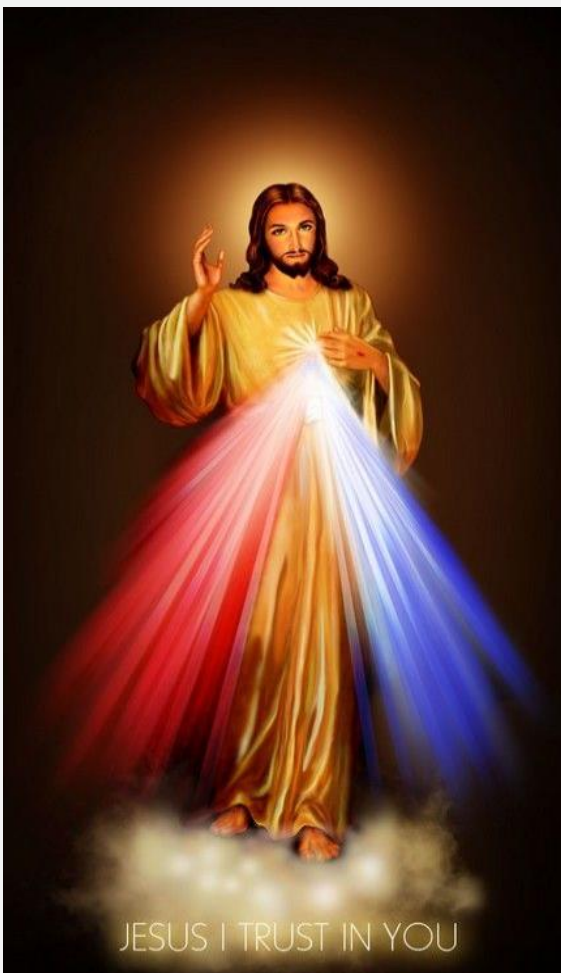
NOTICES OF THE WEEK

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND THE ROSARY DAILY FROM OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/divine-mercy



FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone visiting the church for private prayers except for those exempted on health grounds. The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,

It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally.

Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be reassured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING gill@tangney-tours.com OR CALL 01732886666.**

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.

We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Amen.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debritu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh

