

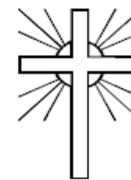


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 15th November 2020

Thoughts from this week's Gospel Reading, Mt 25:14-30

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities.

A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

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.

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Thought for the Week

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith, if it is giving, then give generously. Rom 12

Diocese of Nottingham – Grapevine News

For the last 43 years, **Faith in Families** have provided struggling families across the East Midlands with hampers of toys and food for Christmas. These families have experienced difficult times and have been referred via the charity's School Social Work Service. Without such support these families will have nothing; children will have no presents to open on Christmas Day.

The aim of **Faith in Families' Christmas Appeal** is to ensure that these families don't go without each year. This year their aim is to provide 100 families across the region with a £100 voucher for a local supermarket. Visit their website:

(<https://faithinfamilies.org/news/christmas-appeal-2020/>) to find out ways in which you can help a family under pressure this Christmas.

Vocations Café

The Diocesan Vocations Team are holding a Zoom Café for men and women on Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane at:

vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!!!

St Mary Crowned Restoration

Fr Martin writes, Good news! After five years of hard work and meticulous planning by the Glossop Parishes Maintenance Committee, and generous fundraising by parishioners, the plan that Fr Greg began five years ago to repair and improve the interior of St Mary Crowned is soon to turn into action. Plans have been drawn up, tenders have been received, and the project has been approved by the Historic Churches Committee, who have granted a faculty for the work to begin. It has been approved by the Diocesan Buildings and Sites Committee, and has gained permission from the Diocesan Trustees. Since there is not enough money to do all the work at once, it will be done in two stages, and the first stage, of repairing and redecorating, may now begin as soon as the chosen contractors are ready to start.

Further news will follow later, but for now, let's breathe a sigh of relief, thank God, and thank the people who have worked with such determination to save St Mary's.

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Joint Parish Pastoral council: 08445 880856. Jenny Cieslik, Lorraine Doyle, Christine Hulley, Ann King, Natalie Mellor-Fallon, Sandra Mellor-Fallon, Sue Nash, Barbara Payne and Fr Martin Sylvester. (Calls to 0844 numbers cost 7p/min plus your network charge. The parish does not receive any income from this charge - it is retained by the virtual switchboard service provider.)
Parish Newsletter Editor Liz Nash **Website** www.glossopcatholics.org.uk
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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

Saturday 14 th Our Lady's Saturday 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer	Visiting our Church during Lockdown
Sunday 15th Thirty Third Sunday of the Year 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer	Thankfully, in this lockdown, churches may open for private, individual, silent prayer, and going to a church for private prayer is one of the valid reasons for leaving the house.
Monday 16th St Margaret of Scotland 9.45am to 10.45am, SMC open for private prayer	The usual restrictions we are now used to apply, of course, with people required to wear a face covering and sanitise their hands on entering, and sit where directed by the stewards.
Tuesday 17th St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, Patron of the Diocese	Nobody who has any Covid symptoms may visit.
Wednesday 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer	There are no toilet facilities.
Thursday 19th St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 9.45am to 10.45am, SMC open for private prayer	Thank you to all the stewards whose generosity makes it possible to open the churches for private prayer.
Friday 20th Feria 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer	
Saturday 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.45am to 10.45am, ASC open for private prayer	
Sunday 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer	

Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 14th November, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:
For the people of the parishes (twice); for the welfare of Carmela and Gabriela James (V&JT);
For a private intention (PB); for deceased members of the McLeish, Dalton and Martinez families, RIP (BB);
For Anthony Mellor, Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon, RIP (SMF); for the welfare of Bruce Axten (OB);
For Violet Longson RIP (CW); and for the Holy Souls.

Live streaming services for This Weekend:
For Bishop Patrick, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>
For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127: 1-5; 1 Thess 5: 1-6; Mt 25: 14-30

Phone Scams In Dronfield and Glossop: Derbyshire Police are alerting those in the **Chesterfield and Glossop** areas, to a scam call that we have had an increased number of calls about over the past few weeks. The call is from someone pretending to be a police officer, who tells the person who answers that he is 'a DC Mark Andrews from Paddington police station'. The caller goes on to say that he is investigating the unauthorised use of that person's bank card and advises that the person should not tell anyone about this call as it may jeopardise the police investigation. A number of different names have been used by this scammer including DC Morris, DC Ryan, DC Clarke and Sergeant Wiggins. Also DCI Spencer, Scotland Yard and PC 747 Robinson Paddington Fraud Squad. If you receive such a call you should not give out any personal information and hang up the call immediately. We know that this type of call can be linked to courier fraud. This means that victims will be encouraged to withdraw funds from their bank account or give bank cards to a courier, arranged by the 'police officer' making the call under the guise of 'assisting with a police investigation'. The police will never contact you asking for banking information or request that you withdraw money from an account to aid an investigation. Fraudsters often target geographical areas where they know elderly or vulnerable people live, so we would ask that if you have family or friends who are vulnerable in any way that you make them aware of this scam. If you, or someone you know, receives a call of this nature please contact us as soon as possible. We will then assess the area that is being targeted, alert the banks and endeavour to protect other local residents to prevent any financial loss.

Phone – call us on 101. **Facebook** – send us a private message to /DerbyshireConstabulary
Website – complete the online contact form www.derbyshire.police.uk/Contact-Us
All Saints Draw: The winner of the £100 October Draw was Mrs M McDonald.