

JUBILEE FOODBANK:

The Most Useful Foods Tinned Meat, Tinned Chicken, Corned Beef, Hot Dogs, Frey Bentos Pies, Sugar, (500mg), Biscuits (small packets), Toothbrushes, Shampoo.

The following supermarkets are still kindly collecting for us: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, B&M and both Co-ops. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village is our newest donation point. Lidl is on board now too! Thank you to the supermarkets and the work of their teams! We do not need: Beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, soup, fizzy drinks, pasta & meatballs, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tins or large/family size packets of biscuits.

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Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

15th November 2020
Week 33 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

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A few thoughts on Sunday's readings: We recently had the Feast day of St Charles Borromeo, the 16th Century Archbishop of Milan a great reformer and man of great holiness not least in his care of the poor & sick during the plague epidemic. (May he intercede for us!) Once asked whilst playing billiards what he would do if he heard the world was about to end, he said he would continue playing billiards. Thus, speaks a man with a clear conscience and a great trust in Our Lord. I suspect I would not be as tranquil but fly into a panic with so many things on my conscience "what I have done and failed to do." Our reactions would depend on what sort of servant we have been of the talents entrusted to us as in the Gospel, but a third key question for our Christian life from today's Gospel is what is our understanding of God. It seems to influence his response to the gift of the talent. The Lazy servant says: 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."

For some God is seen as the hard man with whom we have to show a good balance sheet. This was the attitude of the Pharisees. We keep the commandments (at least those we feel comfortable with) and thus keep our account in the black. Thus we can feel secure.

But the way of God is different. We should note that God gives us tremendous gifts – all of us. Even the man who received one talent received a fortune. One talent was more than the annual tribute of a medium-sized Roman province. We all receive immense gifts of grace, more than our wildest dreams even if some receive even more in the mystery of providence. God is not a hard man, reaping where he has not sown but rather, he entrusts us with tremendous gifts more than we will ever appreciate – at least in this life and we will spend eternity in wonder and praise of them.

There is a danger of a false humility that says I do not have the gifts of others, therefore I will keep my head down - in the sand! We all have the gift of the Holy Spirit that immeasurable talent - the fire of God's love with the seven gifts he brings that help us to use these talents of God's grace.

But I think fear is what can hold us back. It is interesting how often scripture says: Do not be afraid. The servant admits it in today's Gospel. I wonder, what fear holds us back in our Christian life? It is something to ask God about in prayer. Perhaps there is the fear God will ask too much of us, that we will fail. Maybe we suspect that God will lead us somewhere "where we would rather not go." Deep down we know we are called to go there but are afraid. We must always have in our mind, up front: God will never let us down. Our faith is all about love and love has to risk. All those who are married know that. We need to ask God to free from our paralyzing fear. Whoever may let us down in this life God will not. He proved that on the Cross.

The Gospel says that the man should have put the talent in the bank. That is to say he could have started in a small way. We can start with matters that present themselves to us in our daily life which we have not done but know we should do. Then before we know it, we will be multiplying talents we could never have imagined. Fidelity in small things leads us to fidelity in great things.

And what is the purpose of all this: As the Parable says: Come and share in your masters joy". Even now in the present and in fullness in eternal life!! And notice all the servants, who made use of the gifts, whether they had five, two or we could say one: all share in the Master's Joy. Let us not be afraid to risk ourselves or in the modern expression "go for it"- for the Love of God and indeed within the love of God. And it is for that reason we need not be afraid!! We do all within the love of God. Pope Francis frequently reminds us of this. His famous Spanish expression at his first world youth day "Hagan lio" expresses something of this.

So let us pray and reflect with and through the Holy Scriptures: How do we see God? How do we understand Him? **God Bless Fr. Chris**

Times of Services

Sunday: 33rd of Ordinary Time

Saturday: Private Mass: Duncan Brown RIP 17th anniv.

Sunday: Private Mass: Edward Tolley

Monday: Feria

Private Mass: Michael Ashman RIP(McCabe)

Tuesday: St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese

Private Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Feria

Private Mass: Peter Paris RIP(Croucher)

Thursday: Feria

Private Mass: William Murphy RIP(Crocker)

Friday: Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Private Mass: Margaret Cotter(Cotter)

Sunday: 34rd of Ordinary Time - Christ the King of the Universe

Private Mass: People of the Parish

Sadly, there are no Public Masses at the moment until the end of the Lockdown. However, Individual prayer is permitted: the church will be open at the following times:

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between
10.00am - 12 Noon**



*You have shown that
you can be faithful
in small things,
come and join in
your masters
happiness.*

FR CHRIS WRITES:

We are not able to celebrate Mass at this time, but we will be open for Private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar on

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between 10.00am – 12 Noon,
so pop in and pay Our Lord a visit if only briefly.



In these difficult times and indeed at any time, it can make all the difference spending some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament “talking things over”. Great graces are given through the personal presence of Our Lord where his heart burns with love for us.

Please keep Sunday special by reading the Scriptures of the Sunday as a family (or on your own if you live alone) and praying about them together. What do the readings say? What do they say to me or to us is a good and simple

method. Then pray prayers of intercession as a family for the needs of the Church world and your own needs. It is particularly important to pray together at this time when we cannot gather as a Community. You can then follow Mass online as well having prayed together.

I will continue to celebrate Mass each day holding you all in my intentions.

God bless you all ,Fr. Chris, Parish Priest

PS Those of you with internet please print off a copy of the Newsletter for Parishioners who do not have the internet. Paper copies are available at church.

DAILY PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC:

We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. We encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need. This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** *President Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Vice-President*

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) are planning to celebrate **the Feast of Christ the Universal King on 22nd November. National Youth Sunday.** This year the theme is **“TOGETHER”** and it would be great if as many young people as possible would like to join us via Zoom for an uplifting Young People’s Liturgy, supported by Fr. Simon Gillespie, hosted by LACY and led by young people. Our challenge for Christmas is to raise some funds for “Menphys” and all information regarding this will be given out at our Christ the King Celebration with suggestions for “fundraising from home”. **“TOGETHER”** we can share Faith and Fun” and as we follow Jesus know that “He is the greatest King of all!” Want to get involved? E mail LACY at paul-inepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com for more information. See also our publicity poster attached and nearer the time an ID and password will be sent out to you for linking into our Zoom get together. **Please note that all people under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult when linking in.**

SOME LINKS FOR FOLLOWING MASS ONLINE

There is a good website: www.churchservices.tv. with regular Masses from all over the country.

St Barnabas Cathedral will be live streaming Mass accessed at www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Also Walsingham is very popular at . <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

Bishop Patrick tends to stream his Mass on Sundays via www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured (This can be found by searching for ‘Bishop Patrick McKinney’ on YouTube)

For our Little Church age group & youth:

CAFOD also have Children’s Liturgy activity resources on their website. Please see the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> There is also <https://video.ewtn.com/kids/> which has videos for children including Stations of the Cross.

Also **St Mary’s Parish and School Derby** have a podcast channel - <https://www.mixcloud.com/DerbyCatholic/> Sundays 9am - Children’s Liturgy

Also check out our **Youth Service NDCYS** for their live streaming on you tube: <https://ndcys.com/>

NDCYS (Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service) have a “You Tube” Channel, [NDCYS Live!](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqYkLmKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKj)

TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER - 7pm - ZOOM

Sycamore is a new resource for catechesis and outreach consisting of wonderfully produced films exploring different aspects of our faith, it is free and very adaptable. It can be used very easily as a programme of sacramental preparation, as an evangelisation tool, or for faith formation and growing in holiness. It can be run in person or virtually. Fr Stephen Wang, the creator of the programme will be leading a webinar exclusively for our diocese, explaining what Sycamore is and how it can be used in your parish.

Who is it for: Parish Priests, catechists of sacramental programmes, those interested or involved in faith formation, Deacons and Religious.

Booking Here: [Register for Zoom Webinar](#)

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT:

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project: The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions please would you kindly consider making a donation of £15 to Prison Fellowship (Angel Tree). This is instead of purchasing a gift for a child whose parent is in prison. A member from Prison Fellowship will buy a gift and post it to the child on your behalf. Thank you for your support. **For more information on how to make a donation please contact Maureen Douglas on 07966 515115**

