



15 November 2020

## Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things,  
I will trust you with greater. (Matthew 25:21)

### Faith in Focus

### Lost Talent?

It would be easy to think that the parable of the talents is about making the best of what you have got so that you can get on in the world. For example, practise the piano so as to become a concert pianist, or brush up your cooking skills and end up a top-class chef. But this is so self-centred that it has nothing to do with Christ's message. Someone who didn't believe in God would do just the same.

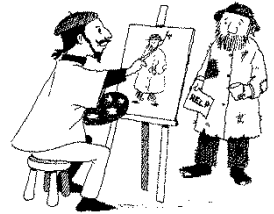
What Christ is pointing out is that each of us is expected to make our contribution to furthering the day when the kingdom of God will be fully established on earth.

And so Abdullah had three sons. The oldest was in charge of the family oil refinery; the middle son ran the farm and the youngest made beautiful oriental rugs. On the day Abdullah flew abroad on business, war was declared against the country and he was prevented for several months from returning home.

When he eventually got back he found that the eldest son had given away many barrels of oil to help the ordinary people with their cooking and heating. The middle son had slaughtered most of the

animals to feed the locals when food supplies were cut off.

And the youngest son had followed the war on TV and radio; he could see no point in making rugs during a war since people had other things on their minds. Can you guess what the father, Abdullah, had to say?



The youngest son was actually the only one to preserve something of the family fortune, but he had not made use of his talents. Using our talents doesn't simply mean getting better at something or storing up wealth and fame for ourselves. God gives us talents to use for the benefit of others. That's what the two older sons had done.

What's the point of having a talent if we do not use it to seek the kingdom of God, to benefit other people? When we meet God face to face at the gates of heaven he will not mind if we have nothing in our hands to show for our lives. As long as we have given it away generously.

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley,  
L10 9LG

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Road, L9 6BU

**Parish Office at Holy Name:** Open Monday,  
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to  
5.00 pm.

**Baptisms:** By prior arrangement. Please  
see Father John or Father Thomas at  
weekend Masses. Currently suspended.

**Confessions:** Holy Name on Saturday from  
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on  
Wednesday from 6.30pm or by request.  
Currently suspended.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Currently  
suspended.

**Hospital Visits:** If you wish to see a priest  
please let the hospital staff know.

**Mass Requests:** Please complete the pre-  
printed envelopes and place in the Mass  
intention box or with weekly collection.  
Please also specify the reason for the  
intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary  
etc. For a particular day, please request  
early.

**Newsletter Notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Currently closed.

## Parish Social Media

Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

Instagram: [holynome\\_stphils](https://www.instagram.com/holyname_stphils)

Twitter: @holyphilomena

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

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## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £88.15.

## To donate by standing order

If you would like to donate to the parish  
by standing order you can use the form at  
the end of this newsletter or download a  
form from the parish website by following  
the link to the [donation](#) page. There are  
separate forms for Holy Name and Our  
Lady & St Philomena.

The details on the form can be used to  
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Alternatively return the completed form to  
your own bank. If you set up a standing  
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provide a copy of the form. This will help  
ensure everything is recorded correctly. If  
requested, please use your name as a  
reference.

## Parish website

[www.holynamestphilomenas.wordpress.com](http://www.holynamestphilomenas.wordpress.com)

New additions this week include  
resources provided by the Archdiocese  
on this weekend's readings and week 10  
of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis  
Blackledge SJ.

## November Novena filmed and uploaded to YouTube daily

November is the month when Catholics traditionally remember loved ones who have died and offer services and support to those who have been bereaved. Starting 13<sup>th</sup> November and for the next 9 days, Father John will film and upload a Novena (approx. 5 mins) each day to <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>.

This will conclude with a concelebrated Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for those who have died over the past year.

For a copy of the Novena please see the parish website or follow this [link](#).

## Mass online

Daily Mass is uploaded to YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

Mass will also be 'live streamed' to the Parish Facebook page at 10.00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday; unless there is a funeral the same day.

## Closure of our churches

Both Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena are closed for public worship until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Our churches are not open for private prayer.

Our churches remain open for funerals; the number of mourners at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend.

## Parish newsletter via email

To receive the parish newsletter via email please provide your email address to the parish office.

## Irenaeus newsletter

The latest Irenaeus newsletter is available on the Parish website or from the following [link](#). The newsletter contains lots of new and useful information, including the Zoom Christmas Carol Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December. To book your place at the carol service email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

## Mary's Meals

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever.

Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million.

Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](#) or buying a Christmas gift card on our [website](#).

More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove)

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		Carol Braithwaite
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Pious Lists
	Celebrant: Fr John		People of our Parishes
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		Mary Evans
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Lily Allmark (Birthday)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Annie & Patrick Moran (Anniversary)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Joan Tant, RIP
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Pious Lists
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		Claire Smith Benson (48 <sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Clare Eccles, RIP
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Ronnie M <sup>c</sup> Loughlin
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		Pious Lists
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Mary & Gerry Cooney (birthday & 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King			
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		People of our Parishes
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Peter Clarke, RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Celebrant: Fr John		Denis King, RIP
	Celebrant: Fr Thomas		Pious Lists
COVID-19 Guidance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn.</li><li>The number of mourners at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend.</li></ul>			
We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Ann Brown, Clare Eccles, Joan Tant, Angela Shuttleworth, Peter Clarke, Maureen Jones, Francis Dwyer, Frances Fisher, Gerard Ian Morrison, Catherine Rooney May they rest in peace			
Mass is uploaded daily to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26">https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26</a>			



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Holy Name 148

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