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SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020 THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A (World Day of the Poor)

GOSPEL: ST MATTHEW 25:14-30 THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

The Gospel today teaches us, in the Parable of the Talents, to be good stewards of the blessings God has given us. God gives us the greatest gifts that we will ever receive – the gift of life, the gift of His unconditional love, in the person of Jesus, His only Son. God gives us the gift of faith. However, faith does not spread if it is buried or hidden: it needs to be nurtured, promoted and shared with others through actions and words that reflect the example of Jesus. The Parable of the Talents challenges us to look at how we use the blessings that God has bestowed on each of us. Are we responsible stewards, who use and share our gifts and talents in the service of others, encouraging them in their faith journey? Do we use them to serve well the faith-life of our parish community and our own families? Perhaps we take our gifts and talents for granted, but today's Gospel reminds us that these are not our personal possessions, to do with what we will; rather, we are called to share them so that they will multiply, enabling ourselves and others to one day enter into the joy of the Master

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Vigil Saturday 14th November 7.30pm

Sunday 15th November 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THIS INCOMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

All Masses continue to be live-streamed – www.aghyaranparish.com or www.castledergparish.com

SUNDAY MASS NEXT WEEKEND – 21st NOVEMBER 2020

(AREA C) (Saturday 7.30pm)

Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh area

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place here in St. Patrick's Church this Thursday from after 10am Mass to 12noon

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to £685 and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled £550. Standing Orders for October were – Weekly £250 and Church Restoration Fund £315. Many thanks to all who make their contribution to the church by this method. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass Standing

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCHES (IN NORTHERN IRELAND)

Under the current restrictions, everyone must wear a face mask when entering and leaving church. It is also strongly recommended that masks are worn while in church. It remains most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, do not come to Mass. We continue to pray for the protection of everyone at this time of pandemic.

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB

Draw: As we are now fast approaching the big club members Christmas draw and we urge all our draw members to make sure they are fully paid to permit them to be entered in this draw when £7,000 will be paid out in prize money.

AGM: St Davog's GAC are making arrangements for the club's annual Convention - so pencil into your diary Friday 18th December. More on this in the coming weeks.

Congrats: The committee and members of Aghyaran St Davog's would like to wish our two senior players - Roger Leonard and Stacey Dolan many congratulations and best wishes on their wedding last Saturday. We wish you both a happy and healthy married life together.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

'REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER' Those whose names you place in your Sacred Space in your home and those whose names you place in the Sacred Space in the church will be remembered each time we celebrate Mass during the month of November. (In compliance with Covid precautions, no facility will be in place within the church this year to write the names, so you should write them out in advance of coming to the church). You might also like to light a candle in the church in memory of your loved ones.

PRAYER RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. To view all the available resources, visit www.catecheticalcentre.org

NOVEMBER FAMILY PRAYER BOOK An online version of this booklet (the printed version which can be collected in the church) is available on <https://derrydiocese.org/images/november/november-a-month-to-remember.pdf>

LOUGH DERG Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors. Live via webcam, St Mary's, Pettigo on Sunday 22nd November, at 7pm: www.churchservices.tv/pettigo. To enrol a loved one, email: info@loughderg.org / Tel 0035371 9861518.

ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN WEEKEND MASS ROTA - NOVEMBER 2020

(Saturday Vigil Masses 7.30pm - Sunday Morning Masses 11am)

AREA A The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienaongan, Legatonegan and Shanaghey Area
Saturday 14th November

AREA B Tullycar Road-Essan, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park, Ballymongan and Pullytean Road
Sunday 15th November

AREA C Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh Area
Saturday 21st November

AREA D The Laught's, Garvagh, McNally Park
Saturday 28th November

AREA E Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan
Sunday 29th November

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2020: The Church celebrates World Day of the Poor today, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pope Francis established the commemoration in 2017 at the end of the Year of Mercy. The theme this year, **"Stretch forth your hand to the poor"**, is drawn from the Old Testament Book of Sirach, with the Pope stating in his Message for the Day that, "these words are a sacred rule to be followed in life; today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40)."

The Pope goes on to say in his Message that the current worldwide pandemic "arrived suddenly and caught us unprepared, sparking a powerful sense of bewilderment and helplessness. Yet hands never stopped reaching out to the poor. This has made us all the more aware of the presence of the poor in our midst and their need for help.....The present experience has challenged many of our assumptions. We feel poorer and less self-sufficient because we have come to sense our limitations and the restriction of our freedom. The loss of employment, and of opportunities to be close to our loved ones and our regular acquaintances, suddenly opened our eyes to horizons that we had long since taken for granted. Our spiritual and material resources were called into question and we found ourselves experiencing fear. In the silence of our homes, we rediscovered the importance of simplicity and of keeping our eyes fixed on the essentials".

The full text of Pope Francis' Message can be accessed on www.vatican.va

St Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

NEXT SUNDAY, 22 November, is Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The Gospel we will listen to is St Matthew 25:31-46, 'Seeing the face of Christ in others'. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the Scripture Readings in advance. You can access them on www.catholicbishops.ie/readings