

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs



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

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

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

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

'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."'

The Gospel of the Lord



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15th November 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parable of the Talents

Mt. 25: 14-30

I've come to understand this parable not simply as a story about money, but more broadly as a lesson about how God expects us to use our gifts to grow his kingdom on Earth.

It's often easy to look at others—the musician, teacher, artist, doctor, minister, missionary—and clearly see their gifts. We assume they have something to offer God; we assume their skills are useful for growing his kingdom on Earth. But what about the rest of us? What about office managers and stay-at-home moms, accountants, waiters, and engineers? What do we ordinary people have to offer?

The truth is, God gives each one of us gifts, though some might not be as obvious as



others. Ask yourself this: what fuels my passion? What is it that I love to do and do well? The answer to that question may very well point to your God-given gifts.

The key, of course, is to recognize your gifts and use them for the good of others. Don't play it safe, Jesus tells us in this parable. Don't hide your gifts; don't bury them, like the fearful third servant did, where they can't impact anyone else. And don't squander them either, but instead, invest them in growing the kingdom of God.



Prayer

Lord, I am grateful for the gifts you have personally chosen for me. Please give me the courage and strength to invest my gifts to grow your kingdom as you so desire. I yearn to be like the first and second servants in this story—eager to use well what I have been given. Amen.

In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

Anniversaries for 15 Nov

Ballylinan (11.30am): Denis Lawlor, his parents Jack and Elizabeth and brother Jimmy
Cooperhill
Thomas & Margaret Cranny
George & Elizabeth Cranny

Anniversaries for 22 Nov

Ballylinan (11.30am): Michael Gleeson
Jimmy & David Myron
John Maguire,
(1st Anniversary)



We continue to wear a mask to protect ourselves and others.

November Dead List

The November Dead list can be renewed during the month of November by contacting:

Kathleen Noctor in Arles
Carmel Behan in Killeen
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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Thought for the Day

Your best teacher is your last mistake.

Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Thank you for your continued support of our Covid 19 practices.

Lough Derg

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE

for deceased pilgrims and benefactors



Live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, Sunday 22nd November at 7pm.
www.churchservices.tv/pettigo

To enrol a departed loved one please contact us by email: info@loughderg.org or Tel: 0 (0353) 71 9861518

Write to: Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60



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Due to the Covid-19 Level 5 Restrictions the Office will remain closed for 6 weeks. If you wish to have a departed loved one remembered in our Sunday mass, please email arlesparish@gmail.com

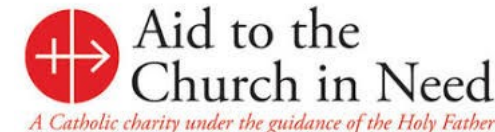


Vocations

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest?

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

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Aid to the Church in Need
A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

ACN Ireland began the Week of Witness and Red Wednesday as an invitation to Christians in Ireland to stand in solidarity with, and bear witness to the heroic example of, our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith across the world. Thanks to your continued support, we've been able to grow our mission and strengthen our message of support for the persecuted Church with the faithful of Ireland.

This year, the ACN Week of Witness will take place between 25 November and 1 December, with many important talks to be livestreamed on the theme of Christian persecution. During the Week of Witness, the Red Wednesday Liturgy of Witness to be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh. This is a beautiful opportunity for the faithful to gather as a community of witnesses and pray not only for persecuted Christians – but also for the persecutors of Christians.

Ways of participating in the Week of Witness are as follows:

WEARING a red tie, scarf or scapular as a mark of the blood lost by Christians in defence of our Faith.

PRAYING for the suffering and persecuted Church at the hours of the Angelus.

ATTENDING a Red Wednesday Liturgy of Witness (live-streamed via <https://www.acnireland.org/mass>)

DONATING to ACN Ireland.