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PARISH NEWSLETTER

33rd Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd November 2020.

Monday, 16th November. St. Gertrude. St. Margaret of Scotland.

8.00am: Jim Wynne (A). 10.00am: Darren McGlynn (A).
7.30pm: Bridget and James Galligan (A).

Tuesday, 17th November. St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

8.00am: Seán and Kathleen Ward (A). 10.00am: People of the Parish.
7.30pm: Paddy and Mary Ann Killane (A).

Wednesday, 18th November. Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul.

8.00am: Kevin and Leo Farrell (A).
0.00am: Jan Pirko (recently deceased). 7.30pm: Rose Lennon (A).

Thursday, 19th November.

8.00am: Michael and Bridget Drumm (A).
10.00am: Baby Mary Molly Mongan (1st A).
7.30pm: Nan and Tom Geraghty (A).

Friday, 20th November.

8.00am: Nancy McDonnell and Kathleen Carrig (A).
10.00am: Frank, Maura and Danny Dolan (A).
7.30pm: Jimmy and Monica Brady (A).

Saturday, 21st November. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

8.00am: James and Brigid Rogers, son Sheamus, daughter Celine and DFM.
10.00am: Sabina Doris (A).

Sunday, 22nd November. 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

6.00pm: *(Vigil) Liz Barry (A).*
7.30pm: *(Vigil) Anthony, Gerry, Mary, Ava and DM of the Carberry family.*
8.00am: Special Intention. 10.00am: John Halligan (A).
11.30am: *Shared.* Brendan Turner (A). Harry Ryan (A).
Deceased members of Longford Credit Union.
1.00pm: Joe McDonagh (A).
6.00pm: Jim and Frances Kelly (A).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to last Sunday's Offertory Collection that amounted to €3,040. Thanks to all parishioners who have opted to contribute to our collections electronically.

NOVEMBER DUES COLLECTION for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish is due at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Jimmy McLoughlin, Clooneena and Frank Manicle, MacEoin Park whose funerals took place during the week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY MASS DIARY 2021: The Mass Diary for 2021 has now opened. Anniversaries may be booked at 33 46465.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: We will celebrate Mass at 7.30pm each weekday during the month of November.

BAPTISM: Unfortunately all Baptism Ceremonies have to be postponed until after these current restrictions.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: Wednesday 18th to Friday 27th November. Rosary and novena prayers at 8.30am each morning.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Due to Covid 19 restrictions we currently cannot hold collections in person. You can still donate by using the St Vincent de Paul envelope which is available in the Cathedral. The funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who are in need of it for education, food, fuel and heating during the winter and beyond.

TAX RELIEF SCHEME: Thanks to all who have returned their tax relief forms. This is an important source of income for the Parish. Everyone who donates more than €250 in any year is eligible to sign the form by which the Parish can reclaim the tax paid. We would be delighted to receive any outstanding forms.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We are currently updating our census in the Parish office. We would like to have every household registered and to ensure that each home receives their box of envelopes. If you are not registered or unsure, please contact the Parish office at 043-3346465 or email: stmelscathedral@gmail.com

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

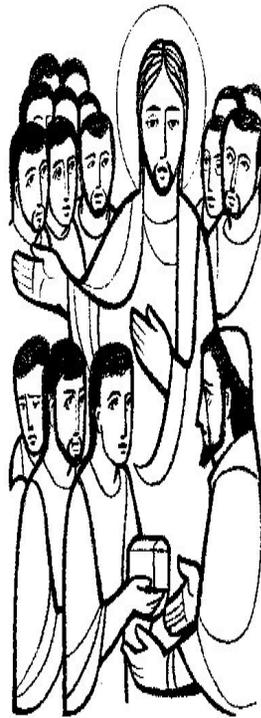
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

"The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"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." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "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." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take



the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

FREE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 – 12 YEARS: The flu spreads easily from person to person and can cause serious illness in children. That's why children, aged 2 to 12 years, can now get a free flu vaccine. Book a free appointment with your GP or Pharmacist. *Visit hse.ie/flu for more information.*

SHOP LOCAL IN LONGFORD: Now more than ever, it's time to think local first by supporting your local businesses. Support your community, support your town, and support each other. *Keep Longford in Business.*

ADVENT: Sunday 29th November is the 1st Sunday of Advent, a time to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ. The Advent Wreath is a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. The light of the world in darkest winter. We encourage families to make a wreath, place it on their table at home and light one of the candles each week. Candles should be available in the Cathedral or presbytery next week.

Making a Wreath:

The Circle - oasis or with wire

Like the Wedding ring, the circle is a sign of god's love, which includes all of us.

The Evergreens

These point to God's unchanging love, constant in every time and season and mood.

The Three Purple Candles

Purple is the advent colour for repentance and change of heart in preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives.

The Pink or 'Rose' Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent (Rejoicing Sunday), the joy of the forthcoming Christmas event is celebrated.

The White Candle

The white candle in the centre is the Christmas candle. This is lit on Christmas Eve to herald the birth of Jesus.

It is our intention to have a prayer in the bulletin each week for the lighting of the new candle.