

Gospel commentary for 33rd Sunday in ordinary time

Today's parable is about a man who leaves and returns, but before leaving, entrusts his servants with his affairs, although his instructions are not very specific.

Parables are notorious for turning upside down the expected order of things, and this is no exception. The high risk takers are rewarded for their audacity; the prudent one is punished. It is clear that playing safe with God's gifts is not an option in the kingdom of heaven.

Parables speak to us today. Those who took risks are not given extra talents; they are praised identically for being good and faithful servants, and are invited to come and share their master's happiness. The one who played safe, risking nothing for his master, is deprived of his talent and cast out.

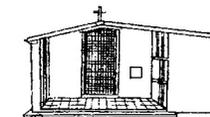
The emphasis is on the positive. The parable reminds us that we have been given much by God. We do not have the option of not using our gifts to build God's kingdom. Whatever we invest, the promised reward is to share in the happiness of the master's kingdom. It is a lovely idea to pursue during the month of November when our prayers are for those who have died. We pray for them, and for ourselves, secure in the promise that if we invest in the kingdom of God, we can look forward to a life that takes us into the fullness of God's life. Itself.



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Parish bulletin for Sunday 19th November, 2017



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

At Wellington unless noted				
<i>Mass this week:</i> 				
33rd Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	19th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i> For the parish
			11.15am	
	Monday	20 th	9.15am	
Presentation of BV Mary	Tuesday	21 st	9.15am	
St Cecilia	Wednesday	22 nd	9.15am	
			9.45am	<i>Rosary</i>
	Thursday	23 rd	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Friday	24 th	9.15am	
	Saturday	25 th	NO	MASS
Christ the King	Sunday	26 th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
Readers / Communion ministers:				
Sun 19 th 9am: Oliver Donnelly, Greg Hunt/Mary Crabtree, Yvonne Hunt				
11.15am: Steve Tapsfield, Julia Tucker/John Nutt, Alma Hamilton				
Sun 26 th 9am: Jane Dyer, Anna Bingham/Mary Crabtree, Geoff Rowsell				
11.15am: Jim Hawkins, Liz Stafford/Jimmy Jose, Cynthia Rafter				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass				
Ent: 65; Kyrie said; Gloria:48; Gifts:677; Holy Holy:50; Mem acc:50;				
Amen:50 ; Agnus Dei:51; Comm:730 , Recess:512				
Psalm response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.				
Tea/Coffee after 11.15am. Mass: Sun 19 th : Jackie & Steve				
Sun 26 th : Help needed				
Collection: Cash: £171.15 + direct debits c.£350				

General

First Holy Communion: names of children (aged 7 or over) for 2018 Holy Communion preparation, please give to Fr Ikeokwu or Julia Tucker.

Christmas cards now on sale in aid of church funds.

Some spectacles were found in the front garden recently. Anyone who has lost them, please see Julia Tucker.

This Week

P.P.C. meeting: Tuesday 21st November, at 7pm.

Calling all singers and instrumentalists: please come and join with other singers and instrumentalists from the deanery parishes to lead the music for the Confirmation Mass on 30th November at 7pm at St George's, Taunton.

Practice on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm also at St George's.

Instrumentalists please contact Anne-Marie Twort (01823 253293) beforehand to advise which instrument you play.

“Something to Say”: Diocesan gathering for young people to celebrate NYS and participate in conversation about how best we can serve them; Saturday 25th November 10.30 – 3pm. At St Brendan's 6th form College, Bristol. Full details on poster in porch.

Next Sunday: Second collection for Catholic Youth Service. This national collection supports the work of providing opportunities for young people in our diocese to grow in their faith.

Please pray for SICK: Mary Wallace, Kathleen O'Connor, Joy Bellekom, & sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.