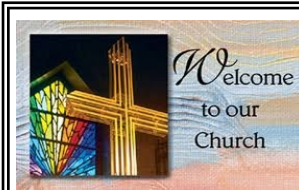


Mass Times Services are only available on the webcam because of COVID restrictions



Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m.



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 8th Nov. – 33rd Sunday of the Year

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Opening hours: 9:15 – 1:00pm
Monday to Friday

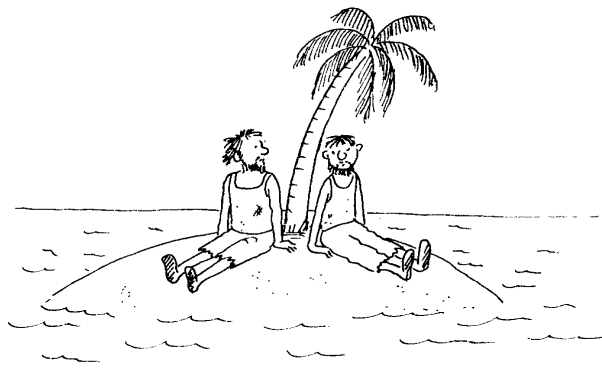
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Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022



"I don't think anyone will ever find us."
"Don't worry I give £10,000 a year to St Mary's Parish. The priest will find us!"

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

During the roof restoration work the church will be open for private prayer on Saturday and Sundays only.

Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THE LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

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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.

