

webcam because of COVID restrictions

Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Mass Times Services are only available on the





St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 8th Nob. – 33th Sunday of the Pear Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

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 selfcentred 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.

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

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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

For all parish queries contact Fr. Kevin on0872242230orbyemailrevkevmonkstown1@gmail.com

PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year we have a mass when we remember those who have died during the previous twelve months. Usually we invite the families of the deceased to gather with us for the mass to





ones. This of course

will not be possible this year because of the current COVID restrictions. However next Sunday 22nd of November we invite you to join us via the parish webcam for a mass of remembrance at 11:30 a.m.

when the names of all those who have died during the year will be read out and a candle lit in their memory.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST



We are currently compiling the Altar List of the Dead for the year ahead. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November. If you would like to have a loved



ones name included on the list please collect an envelope and sheet from the back of the church on a Saturday or Sunday and return it to either Fr. Kevin's house or the parish office.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Pat Murray (A), Kay& Tom Walsh (A) Brian Wilson (A)

Deceased Members of the Walsh and Colgan Families

Mary Bradley (R.D.)





GIFTS OF GOD

Helder Camera once said: I believe in the gifts of God and feel gratitude for all I have been given. These gifts are not mine to have, but mine to share. When they are shared, my gifts will make a difference for others. And I

believe the act of giving is more important than the gift itself. I will make giving a priority. I will give to others because so much of what I have comes from others. I will give of who I am, what I do, and what I have. To my family, faith, and community, I will give myself. As Christ gave so much for so many, so I will give to you. And I will be thankful for the opportunity to give.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Christ the King



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 : God tends the sheep and judges between them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 : When all creation is submitted to Christ. God will be all in all.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 : Judgment Day arrives, and the sheep and the goats find out who they are.