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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th November 2020

Because of the 2nd Lockdown,
all Places of Worship have to Close except for Funerals.

Stay Safe / Pray Safe!

Below is a List of the Mass Intentions being Offered this week,
Privately, & Livestreamed.

Sunday

6.00pm Pious List
Privately Pious List
10.30am Pious List
Privately Parishioners

Monday

8.30am Pious List

Tuesday

8.30am Pious List

Wednesday

8.30am Pious List

Thursday

8.30am Pious List

1.30pm **Funeral Service:** Prudence Shorrock (RIP)

Friday

8.30am Pious List

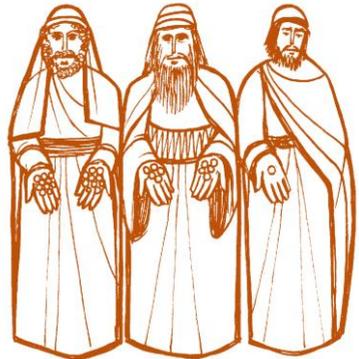
10.30am **REQUIEM:** Eddie Donegan (RIP)

Saturday

9.00am Pious List

Sunday next

6.00pm Pious List
Privately Parishioners
10.30am Pious List
Privately Pious List



Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Canon Albert Shaw, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, Anna Hennessy, Willie Pike, Mary Hanson, Simon Milner & Jack Maynard, Sr. Marie Bolton & Elmo Allan (7 months old). We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, our Nursing Homes & all those affected by Covid-19.

V. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

R. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

IMPORTANT – During the current Pandemic, Eucharistic Ministers will not be going into the hospital with Holy Communion. The Hospital, via the Ward, will contact St. Joseph's or the On-Call Priest for any visits to patients. Only priests who have been Mask Trained & Clinically Instructed via Royal Preston Hospital will be allowed into the hospitals.

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** Prudence Shorrock, Eddie Donegan & Cyril Taylor & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Gerald Thompson, Kevin Walsh, Sr. Francis Calderbank, Tina Owler, Bill Parker, Fr. George Houghton, Brian Lamb, May Culshaw, Edmund Cooper, Margaret McPartlin & Herbert Smith & all those on our **Pious List** during the Month of November for the Holy Souls.

Keeping in touch: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email during these uncertain times? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same. We will continue to send out any information as and when it becomes available. Also, e-mails are sent out on a daily basis with reflections and information, so please, if you would like to receive this then request it by the above bulletin email address. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

Collection: You can still make your weekly Offering to the Parish when you are out for your daily exercise by putting it through the Letterbox at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continuing & wonderful generosity & support to the parish.

St. Joseph's Parish Centre – Members Notice: Under the new Tier 3 restrictions the Parish Centre has once again had to close. Please contact the Parish Centre for any further information on: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447. E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

Churches Together in Lancashire: www.ctlancashire.org.uk/

Mass Online at St. Joseph's: Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: **6pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday and **10.30am Mass** on Sunday. On Weekdays Mass will be televised at **8.30am** Monday to Friday, & **9am** on Saturday. Some Masses will be said Privately in the Presbytery.

The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

Spiritual Communion - Prayer of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen.*

NOVEMBER - The Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes and lists have been provided for the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. These may be found in the porch at the back of the Church. Please return them as soon as possible to the Church or Presbytery. Your intentions will be placed on the altar, remembered every day during the Month of November. The Faithful may gain a Plenary Indulgence applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, by:

1. Visiting a church or chapel and saying the usual prayers (Our Father, Creed and prayers for the Pope's intentions). This Indulgence may be gained from Midday of All Saints to Midnight on All Souls Day.

2. By visiting a Cemetery and praying, even mentally only for the dead. Normally, this Indulgence may be gained on each of the first eight days of November, however, because of the Pandemic, Pope Francis has extended the period to the end of November.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

This book's depiction of the perfect wife may cause eyebrows to rise nowadays, but the principle always applies: virtue entails us doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing – no more and no less.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

This second reading reinforces the message of the first. If we live as we should, we need not fear what lies ahead, and certainly not the return of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The famous parable of the talents has a surprising twist to it. People are rewarded for using what they have been given; not for the return they make.

“Come and join in your master’s happiness”

There’s room for confusion when one word has multiple meanings; especially so when it happens in a parable. The word *“talent”* figures in today’s Gospel. Today we think of *“talent”* as a special attribute that a person possesses – in sport, in art, in music or whatever. Talents are the gifts that enable people to excel in a particular area or field in their lives. These talents are not earned, but they can be developed. We’re annoyed when we see gifted people who don’t use their talents properly; we are particularly impressed with people who use their talents for the good of others. The talents in today’s Gospel are different, however: more like sums of money that can be invested, which is what two characters in the parable do with them. One man does what people in New Testament times were advised to do with their money: he buried it for safety. Two thousand years ago the sensible thing was to dig a hole and bury your savings because it was too easy for burglars literally to break a hole in the wall of a house and steal valuables. The image is still not entirely accurate. The talent was a measure of weight of an amount of metal. A single talent of silver was worth more than fifteen times the basic daily wage of the time, so gifts of one, two or five talents were very extravagant. Parables are notorious for turning upside down the expected order of things, and this one 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. Matthew’s Gospel was probably written for a group of Christians who had been expelled from the synagogue for following Jesus’ teachings. Some would have tried to lie low, play safe and hope the trouble passed by. Perhaps Matthew used the parable to encourage the fearful to risk everything for the Kingdom of God, where the rewards would be spectacularly high. Parables speak to us today, however, and we may wonder how this one can do so. Perhaps the clue is in the reward. Those who took risks are not given extra talents; they are praised identically for being good and faithful servants, and they 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 & cast out. The emphasis is on the positive, however. This parable reminds us that we have been given much by God. We don’t 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 this month 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. It is the perfection of anything we could ever hope for.