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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME . NOVEMBER 15th 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 155 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Sunday Reflection:

Theme: Faithfulness, Responsibility and the Urgency of Mission

There are a few television programmes with word 'talent' in them. 'Britain's got talent' comes to mind. We understand 'talent' to be some natural gift with which we have been born and that, hopefully, we have had the opportunity to develop. That meaning of the word 'talent' has been derived from today's parable, and reflects especially the phrase in the parable, 'each according to his ability'. In the New Testament, and in this parable, in particular, 'talent' is money. It was the largest single unit of currency throughout the Roman Empire. One talent was the equivalent of several thousand pounds today.

The master in the parable was clearly a very wealthy person. He entrusted eight talents between three servants, a very large sum of money, and, presumably, only a fraction of what he possessed. When you read the whole parable, it appears that he didn't expect this money back. He gave it on trust to his servants. He only wanted them to make good use of it. He knew the varying abilities of his servants, and he entrusted them with a sum of money that reflected their ability. Even the third servant who received one talent was given the equivalent of several year's wages for a labourer at the time. There is a generosity about this master towards his servants which was not typical of his social class. Jesus may be portraying here God's great generosity towards us all.

The gospel suggests that each of us is gifted in different ways; one person received five talents, another three and another one. In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit allotting to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. What we are given is not important, but how we use what we are given is important.

The widow standing by the temple treasury in Jerusalem put in two copper coins, a tiny sum, and, yet Jesus said that she put in more than all the rest because she put in all she had to live on. There is nothing to be gained by comparing ourselves with others. We are simply called to give generously and courageously out of what we have received.

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene Rice, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Bernadette McLaughlin. Anne Daey
May God grant them good health of mind and body.
May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Richard O'Connor. Janet O'Connor. Joe Naughton
Memorial Anniversary: Delia and Tom Michell and their sons Tom and John. Michael Cassidy (2nd).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our Christmas Fair is in the Parish Centre on Sunday 6th December at 12pm. Raffle tickets are on sale before & after Mass at St Mary's & St Richard's each Saturday & Sunday.

   Donations for the tombola stall, bottles of alcohol, boxes of sweets/chocolates/biscuits, toiletries & new toys will be greatly received. A box is at the back of Church for any donations, or they can be given to Fiona Keane. If anyone can help with the Christmas Fair, organising stalls and managing the stalls, please speak to Fiona Keane or Peggy Sweeney as any help will be greatly appreciated.

   Attending the Christmas Fair is a great way to support our parish & also a lovely way to catch up with fellow parishioners, everyone is welcome, so let your family & friends know about it! There will be various stalls, a bouncy castle, burgers, hotdogs, tea, coffee, mince pies, scones & Gaelic coffees, we need your support to make the fair a success.

2. Funeral for Richard O'Connor RIP will be on Friday 27th November at **11:30 am** in St Marys.
3. **Registration to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open for any child who is not attending a Catholic School. Application forms are available from the Sacristy. Also, if anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic, registration is now open and the programme will begin before the end of November.**
4. The **Parish Mass of Remembrance** will be on **Monday 30th November at 6:30pm** in St Mary's. Please place framed phots on the Altar of Remembrance and place your list of deceased loved ones in the collection or White post box, the names are placed in front of the pulpit and prayed for at each Mass in November.
5. Any parent who would like their child to play the piano in Church, please speak to Fr Kris and he will arrange lessons for them in Church.
6. Anyone going into hospital or in hospital please let Fr Martin or Fr Kris know. MFT require a referral via the nursing staff for the Chaplaincy. (MRI, St Marys, Eye Hospital, Trafford, Wythenshawe or North Manchester) For Christies it is sufficient to inform Fr Martin or a nurse. MFT call switch 0161-276-1234 and ask for the Chaplaincy. Christie's switch is 0161-446-3000 answer machines are available in both Chaplaincy offices.
7. There is a good selection of Christmas cards, 2027 diaries, 2027 calendars and Christmas Mass cards for sale in the piety stall. At the back of Church there are 2027 Mission Calendars please take one.
8. **You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.**

Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses'

Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's
Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's
Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's
12:00 pm First and Third Saturday of the month @ St. Richard's
Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday
St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am