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All Masses are live streamed through our parish Webcam

The church will be opened from Monday to Friday from 11am - 1pm for prayer and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thank you to all our volunteers who assist, welcome and during the period of private prayer.

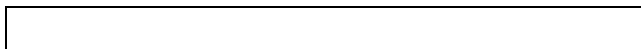
As we approach the end of our liturgical year, if you wish to book a mass in remembrance of a loved one, or the anniversary of specific occasion please contact the parish office.

Entrance Antiphon- 15th November.

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon.

To be near God, is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. –Year A. 15th November 2020.

Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm.

Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

6.30pm People of the Parish.

8.30am Deceased members of the Pinto Family.

10.00am Tony Driscoll.RIP.

11.30am Intention of Blackheath and Chislehurst Catenians.

Monday 16th November

9.30am Canon John McNamara. RIP.

Tuesday 17th November

9.30am John Griffith. RIP.

Wednesday 18th November.

9.30am Peter Lyons. RIP.

1.45pm- Mass for Christ the king College.

Thursday 19th November

09.30am Emily O' Connell .RIP.

Friday 20th November

9.30am Tom Barry. RIP.

Saturday 21st November

09.30 am Kathleen Power. RIP.

Sunday Readings:

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20.30-31.

Psalm: 127. O' Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6.

Matthew 25:14-30.

Acclamation: Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia,

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In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the three servants and how they dealt with the talents given to them. A talent was a large quantity of money, possibly a six figure sum, Two of the servants use the money to make more; the third buries his in the ground. The use of the word talent to mean a gift or a skill originates from this parable. "There is a side to us which identifies with the insecurity of the man who is punished for his laziness in not using God's Gift. He was so wrapped up in himself and his personal concerns that he failed to face up to his responsibilities. At the end of his life he had nothing to show for his years on earth because he did not avail of the opportunities that came his way. This Gospel is direct in reminding us of the blunt truth that the gifts of God are not ours to dispense with as we please. Neither does it allow us to hide these gifts away, to leave them unused or allow them to wither.

As Christians we are in the business of spreading the kingdom of God, Christ came to serve and service others to grow in his image and likeness. Whatever our gifts happen to be and we all have a variety, we are expected to make full use of them for God's Glory – we call this energetic living of the Gospel. The Message in this parable is to make a great deal more of life, to tackle it positively and with enthusiasm, by reaching out beyond our own selfish world and taking the risk of sharing something of ourselves. It may be worth remembering that the times when we experience true happiness and real satisfaction are normally those which find us completely absorbed in caring or supporting a worthwhile cause . In a real sense we come closer to God when we help further the growth of his kingdom on earth by our actions. As we listen to this gospel we are asked to reflect on the talents we have been given and how we have used them in the service of God. Failure to use our talents can be caused by poor self-image based on the false belief that we have nothing to offer. The lord will reward us for the faithful carrying out of our daily tasks and responsibilities. The ordinary deeds of love offered for the benefit of others may not seem to matter much, but are the most important in the eyes of God." –Taken from Fr. Knowles- Sharing a Thought.

