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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15th November 2020
(Readings-Sundays: Cycle A, Weekdays: Cycle 2, Psalter Week 1)**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30)

MASS ONLINE	
Sunday: 10am	Mass online via Zoom (Parishioners)
Sunday: 11.15am	Children's Liturgy via Zoom
Thursday: 9.15am	Mass online via Zoom (Frank & Tricia McGrath)
PRIVATE PRAYER	
Tuesday: 9.15am-10.15am	St Catherine's
Wednesday: 10.30am-11.30am	St Agnes

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The real shock in the Parable of the Talents is the apparent harsh treatment of the third servant. When summoned to give account, he states that he knew the master to be a hard man and that he was afraid. He believed that in hiding his talent he had been prudent. However, the master casts him outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. There is nothing in the parable to suggest the master was a hard man. Rather it was timidity that spelled the downfall of the third servant. Out of fear of failure, he refused even to try to succeed. The tragic flaw of the one-talent man is that he lived out of fear even when gifted. The time before the return of Jesus is, for Matthew, a time to be used responsibly. Have we used the time well? The Church today has been given vast treasures of "talents." Will these increase or remain hidden and guarded? Perhaps this week we could prayerfully reflect on our gifts and talents. We might then ask how we could use them for the good of the Church.

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently and their families especially Simon Duffy, Anne Harrison Ellwand and Florence Wild.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are ill.

NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS are now in effect for a month until Wednesday 2nd December. This means that St Catherine's is now closed for the celebration of Mass, Baptisms and Weddings. However, it is open for private prayer on Tuesdays at 9.15am until 10.15am. Funerals are exempt from the restrictions and are able to take place in church with a maximum number of 30 people. Fr David will celebrate Mass via Zoom on Thursdays at 9.15am and Sundays

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at 10am. Children's Liturgy via Zoom continues on Sundays at 11.15am. There is now one link to access both Masses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> This link will take you straight to the Mass. The link is also available on our website. Those who are already on the Online Mass mailing list will continue to be sent the link each week together with the recording of Sunday Mass shortly after Mass has been celebrated. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathoylake@gmail.com) if you would like to receive the link and the weekly recording of Sunday Mass.

GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and guide you to a suitable bench depending on whether you have come as part of a household or as an individual observing at all times a 2m social distancing procedure. A maximum of ten people are permitted in the church at any time during private prayer.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- individual private prayer is for 15 minutes duration. Please support the stewards by keeping to the guidance. You may be politely reminded when your 15 minutes has elapsed.
- you can choose whether you would like to leave your name and contact details as part of the NHS Test and Trace service. You can either use the QR code on the posters which can be found at the entrance, or you will find a card and pen in your bench to do so. This information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
- Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER: If you are in need of help or would like a friendly voice on the phone, please do email Fr David frdavidjroberts@gmail.com or Deacon John Fegan jfegan.meols@btinternet.com and they will contact you.

NOVEMBER is the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through the November List. If you wish to have the names of your departed loved ones included in the November List then please put their names in an envelope and post it through the presbytery door. Each envelope will be opened and all intentions will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar and any offerings will be put aside for banking. Fr David will be remembering all our deceased loved ones during Mass in the month of November and will offer Mass for all the names on the November list. The annual Mass of Remembrance will take place at the end of November.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020: Caritas would like to provide food and gifts to those most in need in the Shrewsbury Diocese this Christmas and are asking for your support, even the smallest contribution will make a big difference. Online giving is available through Virgin Money Giving and links can be found on the Caritas website: caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/contact.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: This week the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you are visiting Church for private prayer, please leave your donation in the basket provided near the entrance. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is now available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND are selling Christmas Cards this year and are happy to deliver to you if required. A pack of 10 cards is £3.50 with a choice of designs. Please contact Peter Ryan on 0151 625 5158. Thank you.



Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter electronically or do you know anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet and would like a paper copy sent to them? Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathhoylake@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... A master gives three servants some gold to look after. One has five talents, or coins, another servant has two and the last has only one. The first servant uses his gold talents to make five more, the second makes an extra two talents, but the third buries his in a hole. The master is pleased with the first two, but cross with one who buried his gold.

A PRAYER TO SAY Dear Jesus, thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us to use them wisely and always to try our best. The gift of a smile is something we can always use to make other people happy, help us to do that. Amen.

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30*



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