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SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER2026

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

"So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.' (Matthew 25:28-29)

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, Christ invites us to think about apocalyptic or end-time realities, and the importance of giving account of our stewardship. In the Gospel, the Master gives unequal talents to three of his servants, hoping to get returns on these talents during the accounting period. Two of the servants were enterprising and the master rewarded them; while the other servant, who received the least talent and buried it, was reprimanded for being a lazy and wicked servant. The vision that Christ makes apparent in this narrative is none other than faith. Today, in a special way, Jesus focuses on a particular element of faith - risk. As Christ sees it, risk is no less essential to the life of faith than it is to successful investment; an investor always risks what he presently enjoys for a share in a better but unrealized future. The believer, likewise, exchanges his present security for a share in the divine promises - a share that he now possesses only "in hope".

Given the complaints of this third servant against his master, the crucial question is: was he fairly treated given that he received only one talent? The truth is that God has given each and every one of us our individual talents and most times, they may not be equal. What matters is our ability to maximize our talents however big or little. Our world is riddled with either gross misuse or neglect of our talents. Let us not complain about the size or nature of our gifts, but rather ask God for the grace to use our talents to benefit the lives of those around us.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	**Lord, have mercy.**	Kyrie, eleison	**Kyrie, eleison.**
Christ, have mercy	**Christ, have mercy.**	Christe, eleison	**Christe, eleison.**
Lord, have mercy	**Lord, have mercy.**	Kyrie, eleison	**Kyrie, eleison.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Proverbs 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious that jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5**

Response: *Blessed are all who fear the Lord.*

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper.**R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life!**R**

<u>Second Reading</u>: A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>

Alleluia, alleluia!

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

Alleluia!

<u>THE GOSPEL</u>: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 25: 14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<u>The Nicene Creed</u>

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of

the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from

true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) **was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living**
and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may beacceptable to God, the Almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English	***Latin***
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.	***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.	***Pleni sunt caeli et terra glóriatua.***
Hosanna in the highest.	***Hosána in excélsis.***
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.	***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.***
Hosanna in the highest.	***Hosána in excélsis.***

We shall pray**PrefaceIV of Sundays in Ordinary Time**and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

The Mystery of Faith
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.

English	***Latin***
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.	**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.**

O Sacrament most Holy,O Sacrament Divine,

All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine(x 3)

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Second Collection Next Weekend: Next Sunday is National Youth Sunday where the second collection will support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

Bible Study: The next session of our Bible Study Group will take place online on Thursday the 19th of November, starting at 7.45pm. The Zoom details are as follows Meeting ID: 838 8966 7814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome to join.

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday the 23rd of November at 7pm in the church hall.

Children's Christmas Party: The parish Outreach Group will be hosting their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday the 6th of December from 2-4pm. This party will be for primary school aged children. If you would like your child to attend please add their name to the list in the porch.

A Day With Jesus: Our Advent Day With Jesus will take place on Saturday the 12th of December from 10am. This is always a lovely opportunity to pray, reflect and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the busy Christmas period and we encourage all parishioners to attend. More details to follow.

November Birthdays: On the weekend of the 28th and 29th of November we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of November. If you have a November birthday and your name is not already on the list in the porch, please add it on.

Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up the link ishttp://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

Advent as a Season of Listening – Talk by David Wells: This event will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Bromley on Saturday the 5th of December, starting at 10.45am. There will be two sessions (around 45 minutes each) with a break for tea and coffee in-between. Finish time is expected to be approximately 1pm.

Parish Cleaning Teams: We are very grateful to all the volunteers in our four teams of church cleaners. They do an excellent job in keeping our church clean and tidy for all parishioners. We are now in need of a leader for Team 2 (who clean on the second weekend of the month) which involves unlocking the church for the team and keeping team members updated on cleaning dates. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with this role.

Christmas Raffle: The Parish Outreach Group are now selling tickets for the

Christmas Raffle. They are also collecting items to include in the Christmas hampers.

Youth Ministry: One of the priorities of the parish, and of the Church as a whole, is to support our young people in their journey of faith. As part of our commitment to these members of our parish family, we are working toward launching a Youth

Ministry in the New Year. This will provide ongoing formation to those aged 11-18. In order for this endeavour to be successful, we need a team of enthusiastic and dedicated parishioners to commit to this ministry. The aim is to gather as many people as possible to act as leaders, advisors and administrators. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help build this Youth Ministry and to continue to pray for our young people who are the future of the Church. Please contact Fr. Subba or the Parish Office for more information.

Baptism: If you would like to have your child baptised in the parish, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. You should include in your email your details including phone number and the Mass you normally attend.The next Pathways to Baptism course will take place on the 8th and 15th of December.

Legion of Mary: The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

Cray Young Adults Network: CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If
you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email craysyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

Legal Advice: Legal advice is available to Our Lady of the Crays parishioners. Please contact Pedro on 07888 691332.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Subba after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
16/11/26	Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5a	Ps 1:1-4,6	Luke 18:35-43
17/11/26	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22	Ps 15:2-5	Luke 19:1-10
18/11/26	Revelation 4:1-11	Ps 150:1-6	Luke 19:11-28
19/11/26	Revelation 5:1-10	Ps 149:1-6,9	Luke 19:41-44
20/11/26	Revelation 10:8-11	Ps 119:14,24, 72,103,111,131	Luke 19:45,48
21/11/26	Zechariah 2:10-13	Lk 1:46-55	Matthew 12:46-50

BANK DETAILS

If you would like to donate to the parish, please scan the QR code below or contact the parish office for our bank details.

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time.
The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion.
If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest orCommunications Team.

CHURCH MINISTRIES		
	14th& 15th Nov	**21st& 22nd Nov**
READERS 6PM	G Winter Chima	A Dsouza V Martis
READERS 9AM	A Garber F Garber	M Francis C Meaney
READERS 11AM	W Chung T Onwudinjo	N Boateng P Chitongo
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	J Smith	S Fernandes
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	I Floyd T Wickenden	M Abu T Meaney
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	N Esong E Williams	M Alademerin M McEveney
CLEANING	Team 2	Team 3-Anne-Marie Glancy
LINEN	Helen Coker	TitiObende

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND



Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, Stella Hawker, Pauline Burgess,Douglas Hine, Valerie Robbins,all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR NOVEMBER

We remember in our prayers: Catherine Morrell, Martin Morrissey, Perry Cook, Derek Barrowclough, Molly Harris, Rita Sally Clifford, Michael McEveney, Elizabeth Jowah, Vera Ekpateta, Harry Stevens, Katherine Doonan, Charles Wenham, Olive Stevens, Robert MojolaAnjorim, Steven Spiller, Errol Cunningham, Michael Hickling, UjuOtuogbodo, William Eyre, Martin Morrissey, Derek Beadle, Michael Esenwah, Margaret Mills, Delia Ball, Eileen Morris, Janet Perera, Michael Hurley, Jerzy (George) Grun, Joseph Fay, Patricia Hobbs, Peter Howes, George Frisby, Beatrice Knight, Deirdre Boswell, Kay Frances May, Christy Gahan, Antonio Dos Santos, Mary Cannon, William Forsythe, John Rye, Margaret Drysdale, John van der Luit, Lilly Lockhurt, Jonathan Rye, Eddie Hebenton, Damian Crowley, Mimi Viliesid, LigoryOsuuzu, John McCulla, Kitty Quirk, Monica Okonkwo, Patrick Dunford, Gladys Beard, Mark Daly, Irene Stone and Teresa Hanks

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Nov. 15: **Thirty-Third Sunday (A)**

6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Jim Kent, RIP

9am Mass: Sheila Santos, RIP

11am Mass: Victor Keogh, RIP

(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)

Sat: Nov. 21:**Vigil of The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**

5.15-5.45pm: Confessions

6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Pro Populo

Mon: Nov. 16:**Feria**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am: Roger Jocelyn Smith, RIP

Tues: Nov. 17:**No Mass**

Wed: Nov. 18:**Feria**

6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

7.30pm Mass: George & Ivy Mee, RIP

Thu: Nov. 19:**Feria**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am Mass: Sundaramma Perumalla, RIP

Fri: Nov. 20: **Feria**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am Mass: Jose Mario Desouza, RIP

Sun: Nov. 22: **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**

9am Mass:Anne-Marie Glancy, TG

11am Mass:Orlando Botelho, RIP

Note:
SI means Special Intention
SR means Speedy Recovery
Bl means Blessed
GB means God's Blessings
GP means God's Protection
WB means Well-Being
TG means Thanksgiving
PI means Private Intentions
BT means Birthday Thanksgiving
WA means Wedding Anniversary
Pro Populo: People of the Parish
Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone

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