



**St Margaret Mary,  
Birmingham  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Talking Faith and Finance III  
15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

*If you need detailed readings they are on p.140 of  
the books available from the back of church.*

Priest: ✠ In the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Confiteor: 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.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy  
upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to  
everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Kyries**

**Gloria in excelsis**

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.

**First reading: Isaiah 25.6-10.**

*The Lord will prepare a banquet for every  
nation.*

**Psalm Response: In the Lord's own  
house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

**Second reading: Philippians 4.12-  
14, 19-20.** *There is nothing Paul cannot  
master with the help of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please  
stand):** *The word was made flesh and  
lived among us: to all who did accept him he  
gave power to become children of God.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14.**  
*The parable of the great wedding banquet.*

**Homily**

**Apostles Creed** I believe in God, the  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, Our  
Lord, *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born  
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he  
descended into hell; on the third day he  
rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father almighty; from there he will come to  
judge the living and the dead.*  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic  
Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

## **Bidding Prayers**

### **Offertory**

Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. All: **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:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of faith: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb. All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Notices** \* Figures for 8/10/23, Gift Aid: £85.50, Loose: £276.72, 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Cafod Harvest: £148.92  
Attendance: 217

\* The funeral of Pauline Cassidy RIP will be at St Mary and St John Church on 16 October at 11am.

\* The funeral of Christina Timmins will be at Sacred Heart Church, Aston on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am, (reception into church on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm).

\* November blessing of graves: information as to the Blessing of Graves at our local cemeteries will be released soon.

\* The deadline for application for secondary schools (for Y7 in September 2024/25) is 31 October. Those applying for St Paul's School whose children have attended Sunday mass regularly over 5 years can supplement their form with a signed '*Certificate of Catholic Practice*'.

### **\*Sycamore Course Autumn, 2023**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm:  
18/10, The Sacraments  
*Half term*  
8/11, The Mass  
22/11, Forgiveness  
29/11, Vocations  
6/12 The Church

\* October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please consider praying the rosary more regularly and if you do not have one, there are rosaries

available at the piety stall at the back of church.

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

Judy Winn, Anthony Coonan, Joan Denny, Martin Anthony Conlon, Celine Nganwuchi, Sister Mary Bernadette CHC, Michael Fahey, Annie Whelan, Ester Mutumwa, Noel Hand, Helen Thomas, Bernie Layden, John Lenahan, Stephen Jones, Fred Hall, Jason Murtagh, Christina Alice Timmins, Fr John Morley-Bunker, Pauline Cassidy, Mgr David Silk, Claire Banks, Elizabeth McKeever, Fr Paul Chavasse, Cong. Orat. RIP

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Catherine and Christopher Russell).

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October **Talking Faith and Finance III** 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass. 11am Mass (Pro Populo RIP). *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Ordinariate Clergy Relief Trust.* 6pm *Prayers for the City of Birmingham following the declaration by the City Council of bankruptcy. Prayers at Birmingham City Church, The Parade, B1 3QQ.*

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> **ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, PATRON.** 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.* 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Patronal Mass, Preacher: Fr Gwil Lloyd (Parish Priest of St Anne, Streetly), followed by Parish Party.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (40 days Prayer Campaign for the Unborn). Pm: Youth Club cinema visit.

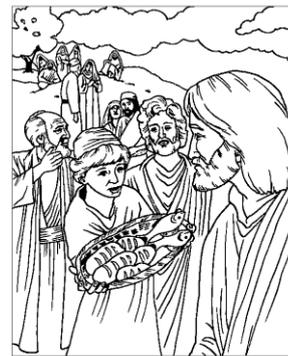
Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke the Evangelist . 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Ankwetta Maria N. Agendia RIP). 6pm Sycamore course in the Gallery.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass (The people of the Holy Land).

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> 11am Memorial Mass for Jessie Chinyere RIP. 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Josie Williams RIP).

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October **Talking Faith and Finance IV: PLEDGE SUNDAY.** **World Mission Sunday.** 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Joyce Anderson RIP). 11am Mass (Pro Populo RIP). *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for World Mission Sunday (APF – Missio).*

## Faith and Finance– Briefing 2



Reading again the story of **the feeding of the five thousand (John 6.1-15)**, we know that Jesus has come to bring eternal life, and to feed us with the bread which will give us life for ever, but we notice here Jesus' immediate concern for the crowd and their need for food (*verse 5*). Jesus is concerned to satisfy our basic physical needs. 'Give us this day, our daily bread' (*Matthew 6:10*).

Notice how Jesus knew beforehand how to meet the crowd's need – (*verse 6*). While Philip and Andrew come up with quite inadequate solutions to the

problem Jesus remains quietly in control. Notice how Jesus satisfies everyone in the crowd (*verses 11,12*). Compare the way the manna was collected in the Old Testament – ‘those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed (Exodus 16:18).

Notice how Jesus uses the food that was there (verse 11). He does not turn stones into bread. He does not conjure food out of thin air. *He multiplies the food he was given.* Notice how Jesus depended on the boy’s gift of food to satisfy the crowd. Here is a great mystery. Jesus knew what to do and how to do it, yet he *depended on the gift* to feed the crowd. So it is today. In a world starving physically and spiritually God depends on our inadequate resources and gifts to achieve his purpose.

Look at the boy. We are not told what prompted him to offer his food to Andrew, and then to Jesus. But:

- he gave what he had
- he gave *all* he had. He did not satisfy himself with three loaves and one fish and give what was left. Doubtless hungry himself, he gave first and not last.
- he took home more than he brought (from the twelve baskets left over). This tallies with Jesus words about getting

back more than you put in (Luke 6.38)

When we give like this boy, ‘*first to the Lord*’ (similarly to the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8-9) we receive back more than we give, not necessarily in money itself, but in the satisfaction we enjoy from giving, and in the joy that comes from having given to others. Even in those days of the early Church, Christians gave according to these principles:

- \***regularly** (1 Corinthians 16.1-2),
- \***proportionately** (2 Corinthians 9.6; 1 Corinthians 16.1-2),
- \***cheerfully** (2 Corinthians 9.7) and
- \***generously** (2 Corinthians 8.5).

During this project, *Talking Faith and Finance*, may we make the prayer of St Ignatius Loyola our own prayer:

“*Lord, teach me to be generous...*”

Over these weeks, sharing in the project *Talking Faith and Finance*, it is the hope many of us will think carefully and prayerfully about their giving and, at the end of the project, during a special **Pledge Sunday next week (21st/22nd October)**, we shall pledge our giving (obviously in sealed envelopes to ensure confidentiality) to our church for the next 12 months.

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