



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

15th November, 2020

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.

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: Proverbs 31.10-13,
19-20, 30-31 *A perfect wife holds
out her hand to the poor and needy.*

Psalm response: *O blessed are
those who follow the Lord*

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians
5.1-6 *Do not let the day of the Lord
overtake you like a thief.*

*Gospel acclamation: Alleluia,
alleluia, Even if you have to die,
says the Lord, keep faithful, and I
will give you the crown of life.*

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30 *The parable of the talents.*

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 God 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.

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: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

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 from 8/11/2020: Gift Aid £55, Loose: £272.40, Candles: £126.40

*Many thanks to our fantastic **stewards** who are helping to keep church open and to our **buddies** who are keeping in touch with elderly or vulnerable members. Please remember our **foodbank** is open throughout this lockdown. Please phone Carmel Dowdall on 07943 577638 if you have foodbank enquiries.

***Please note that church during 'Lockdown 2.0' will be open at**

these times for individual prayer, until 2 December:

**Sunday 9am- 11.30am
(including Adoration)**

Monday 6pm-7pm (including Adoration)

**Tuesday 8.45am-9.45am
(including Rosary)**

**Wednesday 8.45am -9.45am
(including Adoration)**

**Friday 8.45am – 9.45am
(including confessions)**

Saturday 6pm – 7pm (including confessions)

* Lockdown 2.0: Please pray at 6pm every day in union with Christians throughout the UK.

* Many thanks to all who wrote to their MP to ask that churches will also be able to celebrate mass during the lockdown. No amendment was made to the law, so we await the easing of restrictions on 2 December.

*Govt guidance for Lockdown 2.0:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

*Mr Aldred wrote to Governors and parents before half term to inform

them that he will be retiring at the end of this academic year (July 2021). Mr Aldred has worked at St Margaret Mary School for 23 years, most significantly, for fourteen years as Head teacher, and, before that as Deputy Head.

**Walk with me* Advent prayer books available now. Suggested donation, £1.

* If you also would like a prayer sheet and holy water for the graveside prayers during this All Souls prayers for the departed, please speak to Fr Simon. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions there will be no gatherings for blessing of graves at cemeteries.

* St Chad's Sanctuary can't accept any donations of bedding at the present time. What they do need are this time are: 1) Umbrellas 2) Men's trainers and 3) Girls' clothes (aged 4-5)

* If anyone has information of the funeral details that occurred for Veronica Orme, RIP, please contact.

* Pre-Christmas piety sale includes rosaries, 2021 calendars and Advent calendars: please let John Kearney know on 07738 715140

* If you give by Gift Aid and you would like your gift aid figures for

your tax returns, please speak to Terry Brown (Treasurer) on 07969 978007 or email

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*Sunday 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to: www.nationalyouthsunday.com

Pope Francis said this recently: "After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together,

not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity." There is a collection scheduled this weekend for the diocesan Youth Service to support their work in serving the young people of the Archdiocese. Please keep our young people in your prayers. For more information on National Youth Sunday, please visit:

www.nationalyouthsunday.com
RESOURCES/

* John Taylor Hospice Light Up a Life virtual event:

<https://www.johntaylorhospice.org.uk/events/light-up-a-life/>

* www.portal.mag.uk is now out for November.

* Pope Francis' prayer for November: *We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.*

* If you are wanting help with setting up a computer at home to help keep in touch with family and friends please speak to Fr Simon who has access to community ipads

* Giving by standing order is through our Bank, NatWest, Sort Code 60-08-02, Account Number

14403749. Account: *Archdiocese of Bham St Margaret Mary.*

***Prayers for the departed:**

George Floyd, Trisha Marshall, Daniel Keogh, Jimmy Judd, Mgr Georg Ratzinger, Frank Cracknell, Ken Moreton, Mary (Myra) Brennan, Veronica Orme, Francis (Frank) Murphy, Maureen Beashel, Michael James Francis McGreene, Margaret Lemathy, Kathleen Donnelly, Claire Duffy, Jacob Billington, Frances Raczka, Doreen Nevitt, George O'Sullivan, Hilda O'Sullivan, Clare Duffy, Martin Hegney, George Compagno, Gladys Wakefield, Francis (Frank) Cleland, Sonia Pike, Sandra Ware, Joan Gilbert, Carmel Mahon, Colin Niblett, Gina Tovey, Baby Shai Williams, Arthur Wills, Rev Andrew Wilson, Jaisamma Abraham, James Dargan, Carol Hill, Paddy Joyce, Fr Alan Griffin, Beverley Cooper RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 14th Mass (The Government)

Sun 15th November **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass (Carol Hill RIP).**

Monday, 16th Mass (Margaret Perks and family)

Tuesday, 17th Elizabeth of Hungary. Mass (Holy Souls). 11am Requiem Funeral Mass for Baby Shai Williams

Wednesday, 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul. Mass (NHS staff on the frontline).

Thursday, 19th Mass (Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham)

Friday 20th Mass (Paddy Joyce RIP)

Saturday, 21st NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple. Mass (Paddy Charles RIP)

Sun 22nd November **CHRIST THE KING. Mass (Michael Long).**
National Youth Sunday.

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33rd Sunday Matthew 25.14-30
Welcome to outdoor lockdown
homily for 15th November, World
Day of the Poor.

I am standing outside the façade of Heaton's Mint, the factory in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, where much of this country's coins were made from the mid 19th century until the early part of this century. A fitting place to consider the parable of the talents. Having said that, a biblical talent wasn't a coin as such, but a measure worth about 50kg of silver, being around 15 years of wages, so a huge amount of money. In the parable three servants are given money by their boss, who is about to go abroad but will return. To one servant 5 talents, equivalent to 75 year's salary, another is given 2, so that's 30 year's salary, and another is given 1 talent. You know the outcome, to the one given 5, he made 5 more. To the one given 2, he made 2 more. But to the one given one talent, he buried it in the ground because he is afraid of the master, who he believes is harsh.

Recently, 23 year old, Man Utd footballer, Marcus Rashford, MBE was able to extract from the Government a U turn on its free school meal provision through the winter. This story may show us the power of celebrity and the way that

power is exercised today, but I think, at the heart, Rashford displays a genuine kindness and he has used the gifts with which he has been entrusted to a good cause.

Parables, of course, are never *only* about this world. The Master says to servant 1 and servant 2, as a result of their actions, 'Come and join in your master's happiness'. For those of us following Christ, we do know that every act of kindness has eternal consequences.

16th century Spanish saint, Teresa of Avila, with characteristic humility, 'we cannot be sure if we are loving God, although we may have good reasons for believing that we are, but what we can know quite well if we are loving our neighbour'.

Let us consider today then, all that has been entrusted to us by God and use it effectively, not for selfish purposes. Let us not bury the talent given to us by God. As another Spanish 16th century saint, St Ignatius of Loyola, said, 'Lord teach me to be generous'.

Fr Simon Ellis