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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Last week, we saw that the delay in the coming of the Lord requires that we be vigilant. This Sunday we are encouraged to live industriously. It is not enough that we wait patiently. We have been entrusted with talents, talents that really belong to God. We are required to use our talents to the best of our ability. We are required to invest ourselves in the here and now. It makes no difference to what our talents may be or how many talents we may have. They have been entrusted to us as the possessions of the master are entrusted to a servant.

If we have been wise and have used the talents entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew the householder was exacting. He made his choice, and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

The list of November memorial services are as follows:

Annual Remembrance Mass for members of PNT, Telecom, Eircom and Eir.

Saturday 14th November at 11 am

Wilton Bowls Mass of Remembrance

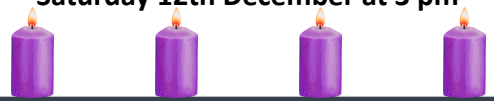
Thursday 19th November at 8pm

E.S.B. - Annual Mass in memory of Deceased Staff (Cork)

Saturday 28th November at 11 am

Féileacáin (Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Association of Ireland)

Saturday 12th December at 3 pm



ADVENT RETREAT 2026

"Your Liberation is Close at Hand" - Luke 21:28

5 DECEMBER | **SMA PARISH CENTRE**
11.00 AM TO 3:30 PM | **COST: €20 (Lunch included)**

A retreat on healing and hope as we cultivate a spirit of stillness through the beautiful season of Advent into Christmas with

MARTINA LEHANE SHEEHAN



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL.

Once again, the parish displayed its generosity in the very positive response to our shoebox appeal. In all, we have dispatched over 140 shoeboxes. Well done and thanks! Below is a picture of the assortment of boxes.



WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS.

15 -22 November 2026.

220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated, that is 18%, or about one in five Christians.

Around the church and in the Parish Centre are fact sheets outlining some facts of the top countries where this persecution is real and the types of persecution being faced by Christians.

Red Wednesday 2026 will be observed on Wednesday, 18 November 2026, as part of a global initiative by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to highlight the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom.

On that day we invite people coming to church or visiting our Parish Centre to wear some red item of clothing as a gesture of solidarity with our fellow persecuted Christians around the world.

RED WEDNESDAY

Sacred Space

Sacred Space - Advent/Christmas - €8
Sacred Space 2027 - €12
On sale now in the Mass Office.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us... **Amen**

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.**



OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of Poor **15th November 2026**

We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.



She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 - 30

(or 14-15, 19-20) ***(Shorter form in italics)***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.
The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." '

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

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**
All bow for following two lines:
**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.**

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Pray, brothers and sisters,
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.



AFTER THE CONSECRATION.

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God.....
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

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