

**R/. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation
of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We remain STANDING to sing the following hymn as the
priest leaves the sanctuary:*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Communion Reflection:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gifts you lavish continually on me, and especially the favour of your risen Self in Holy Communion. I am sorry for the many occasions that I have buried such treasure in the self-centredness of my own pleasure. Help me to holdout my hand to the poor, my arms to the needy. Grant that, having shown faithfulness in small things, I may, like the good servants in the Gospel parable, be trusted with greater. Amen.

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15th NOVEMBER - 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09:30 THE PARISH MASS

10:30 SMSG open for Private Prayer

Monday 16th November - St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

18:00 The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Tuesday 17th November - St Elizabeth of Hungary

12:00n The Angelus & Mass

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**SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER - THE SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

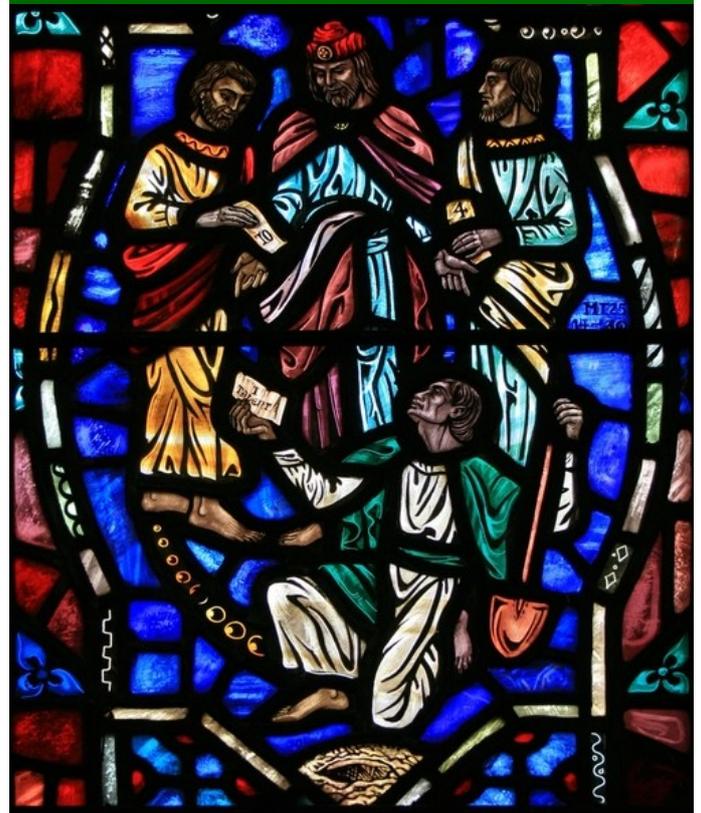
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*N.B. Due to the ongoing works at All Saints, all Masses scheduled above will be live-streamed from St Mary & St Giles.
Monday's Rosary will be live-streamed from the Rectory.*

The Parish of
**STONY
STRATFORD**
with
CALVERTON

**THE 33rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
15th November AD 2020



For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, this morning's parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary grace to ensure the final victory. Grace is given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still 'God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us. These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart, yet He does ask us to make necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labour. He will certainly return to settle accounts - it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

Prayer Thought

In today's Gospel we meet a man giving out talents to his servants, 'cacti in proportion to his ability'. Our loving God and Father bestows on each one of us his gifts. A week-day Preface puts it: 'You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift.' In this Mass, we respond in thanksgiving for the divine favour.

Introit Hymn

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heav'n affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'n's eternal Light:**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is giv'n;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav'n.**

**They suffer with the Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, ✠
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
and also with you.

Penitential Rite

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

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

Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison

**Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Christe eleison, eleison**

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God,

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer
you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us
out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen.**

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and uses a form
of blessing appropriate to the season.*

.....; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the
Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and re-
main with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Before we conclude with the Recessional Hymn we recite 'The
Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation).*

The Angelus

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. Be it done to me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;
R/. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

The Priest says the Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving, recalling the command of the Lord Jesus, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer thanking God for all he has done for us in Jesus Christ. At the end of the Doxology, all join in the Great Amen:

Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei (KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

An antiphon and/or hymns may be sung quietly as the people reverently receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace 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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**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,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will. Amen. Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

(Old Testament Page 510 in the Bibles) describes the ideal wife. She manages her home wisely and is generous to the needy. Such a one brings joy to her husband.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 128)

R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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. ®

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

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. ®

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

(New Testament Page 172 in the Bibles) repeats the belief that the second coming will take place unexpectedly. Christians

must always be prepared for that decisive moment.

Gospel Acclamation (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia! Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord; he who abides in me bears much fruit. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30

(New Testament Page 24 in the Bibles) teaches that we all have a duty to use the talents we have got. The Lord will punish those who neglect to use their gifts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠✠✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed (STAND)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: My brothers and sisters, when we appear before the judgement seat of God, we shall be called to give an account for our use, or misuse, of his many gifts to us. In prayer, let us seek the help of our Creator...

Intercessor: That the Church will always recognise and use the many gifts of her members, and that all the brethren may 'stay wide awake and sober, watching for the coming of Christ.....

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the nations and their governments that they may honour and respect human dignity, freedom and the common good...

For all those who are seeking the truth; for universities and other institutes of learning that they may be centres of wisdom amidst the follies of this world...

For our parish and the strengthening of our common life,; for all those who nurture our children at home, in school, or

in children's and youth work...

For all those who are in pain or suffering at this time, either in hospital or at home, especially.....Jane, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Theresa, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Fr Francis Rodriguez-Veglio, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric...

That our beloved dead may join in their Master's eternal blessedness, in particular we are asked to pray for the souls of...Carl Done, Dale Marshall, Bob Wain, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**15th** Rose Eglesfield; **16th** Elizabeth Godfrey, Ronald Blundell, Doreen Reed; **17th** Thomas French, Jean Edwards; **18th** Eleanor Perceval. Stanley Luckett, Cecil West; **19th** Ethel Goodman, Wyn Prendergast, Grace Bazeley; **20th** Henry Broughton, Mary Longhurst; **21st** Daniel Flatley...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Father, help us to be faithful to you in all that you call us to do; forgive us when we fall, and guide us by the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

(STAND)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable 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 Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Priest sings the Preface, at the end of which the People KNEEL... all join in the acclamation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**