



St Saviour's, Abbots Langley & Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, Chipperfield

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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A Warm Welcome to you! If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to the Priest & to other parishioners. Census Forms are available at the back of the Church!

The 'talent' in today's Gospel was a huge sum of money. The numbers one, two and five can be misleading, as if the risk was not that great, but even one talent was more like a mortgage than petty cash. These servants were being asked to invest more money than they would see in a lifetime. Therefore, we might sympathize with the fear of losing a sum so large that it could never be paid back. But the point of the parable is that failure to invest is worse than risking the investment. Like many of Jesus' parables, the analogy is transparent. The master represents God, and the servants represent different types of responses to God. Specifically, in this parable, the three servants respond differently to the resources that their master (God) gave them. Notice that they are not all given the same resources. Presumably, they were given resources according to their ability, which means that we don't all get the same gifts from God, but we are given what is appropriate to our personalities and our individual vocations, or as St Paul said "different gifts, one Spirit" (1Corinthians 12:4) But God gives gifts to be used, not to be kept for ourselves. So (like the master in the parable) God would have us try and fail, and keep trying, rather than give up and "bury" our gifts. If we are sincerely trying to use our gifts, God is not disappointed with failure. That's because as long as we don't give up, failure is learning. Failure will be forgiven, but the refusal to use a gift is a refusal of the gift – which is also a rejection of God, the giver of the gift.

MASS INTENTIONS – November

Saturday 14th Feria	10.00: Private intention	Confessions: Saturday on call during Covid 19 Also available during monthly Adoration & upon request. Adoration & Rosary: Every Friday 9am-10am Baptisms & Marriages: Contact Parish office to make appointment (preferably by e-mail) Signing of School Applications, Legal Documents etc.: This will be carried out every Wednesday 5pm-7pm. Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Year 2
Sunday 15th +33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00: Michael McDonagh +, Nancy Keating +, Peter King + & Cardinal Anthony Soter Fernandez + Deceased Members of Doris Stott +	
Monday 16th Feria St Margaret of Scotland	10.00: Charlie McDonagh (Conversion & healing) 18.00 (Chipperfield): Requiem Mass for Denis Kelly +	
Tuesday 17th Feria St Elizabeth of Hungary	10.00: Maria Grimaldi +	
Wednesday 18th Feria	10.00: Maureen & Patrick Scott ++	
Thursday 19th Feria	10.00: Mary Addison Payne +	
Friday 20th Feria	10.00: Germaine Lazere Mouton & Bill Gardner ++++ Phil & Mary Cassidy +++	
Saturday 21st The Presentation of the BVM	10.00: Private intention	
Sunday 22nd Christ the King (34th Sunday Ord. Time)	10.00: James O'Reilly, Eileen O'Meara, Bill Gardner & Margaret Turner (Anniversary), Tom & Sylvia ++++	

Please Pray for those who are sick, especially: Helen Downing, Hilary Usher, Jean Bradford, Tracey Jefferson, Breda Dale, Trevor Redpath, Mary-Kate Muir, Jane Broom, Stephen Hughes, Amy & Family, Paul Murray, Paul Goggins, Eileen Healy, Ann Long, Kathleen Masterson, George Crawford, Gediminas Moliejus, Alice O'Sullivan, John Connolly, Debbie Fisher, Mary Bianchi, Maria Di Lima, Peter & Christine Aldridge, Mary Murphy, Michael Murphy.

National Lockdown until 2nd December

The Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches & other religious buildings.

Churches can remain open & in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer & support for those in need. Funeral Masses & funeral services may still be held.

Our church will be open for Private prayers on the following days and times until 2 December 2020:

Sundays: 10.45 am – 1pm
Tuesdays: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Fridays: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Daily Mass will be streamed online at 10am except Saturdays.

I am sure that we will all have breathed a huge sigh of relief this past week with the encouraging news about the development of what appears to be an effective vaccine for the coronavirus. Although there is still a considerable way to go, we can at least begin to look forward to 2021 with some hope in our hearts, as we see a bit of light at the end of this dark tunnel in which we have been living so much of our lives in 2020. Of course, we have to be realistic in recognising that life isn't going to simply go back to how it was in 2019 before we ever heard of COVID 19. We will be living with COVID 19 and its after effects upon our lives and our society for the foreseeable future. Still, we can rightly give thanks to God that, through the skill and hard work of so many scientists, we can look forward to brighter days. For now, of course, we must remain vigilant, especially during this second (and hopeful short) lockdown. With my SLT, I am continuing to plan and prepare for the celebration of Christmas Masses across our three parishes - should government regulations allow them to go ahead. As I have said before, we all need to begin to shape our expectations about what Christmas Mass will look and feel like this year. It will be very different as we will certainly be greatly restricted in what we can do due to all the measures we have to put in place to ensure that our churches are COVID-secure environments. Nevertheless, we will do all that we can to ensure that our celebrations are as joyful and special as the restrictions will allow.

Recently Deceased Parishioner: Mary Payne

Mary passed away Friday 25th October 2020 after she had briefly come to our Church for her confession. Arrangements for her funeral are being finalised & more information will follow. May she rest in peace.

Unfortunately, due to the nationwide lockdown our Sponsored Walk is postponed until the restrictions allow.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available at the back of church for anyone you would like to include on the list. Masses will be offered for all listed, as far as possible during the month of November. Please hand your envelope in at the Sacristy or Presbytery to ensure safe keeping.

Parish Life: Please see the current guidelines we are following regarding weddings, funerals & Baptisms:

Weddings: due to the current restrictions weddings are unable to take place.

Funerals: contact the clergy for current guidance.

Baptisms: due to the current restrictions baptisms are unable to take place.

The Zoom Liturgy classes are going well – every Sunday at 10am. It is lovely to see all the enthusiastic children and hear their lovely prayers. If you have not already joined and would like to go forward. Please email aoifewoodman@outlook.com. Please, please, please we need volunteers to help run some sessions. No expertise required!

7 DAY MEMORIAL

CANDLES will be available from next weekend. The cost is £5. It would be a fitting memorial if we were able to keep the glow of the candles continuous for the whole of the month.

IICSA REPORT On Tuesday of this past week the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) within the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales was published. Cardinal Vincent Nichols' statement upon the publication of the report can be viewed at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/message-from-cardinal-and-statement-following-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/>

Sanctuary lamps may be lit for the personal intentions of Parishioners. Please enquire at the sacristy after Mass. The Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

1. Pam & Terry Ints 2. Jeanne Johnson (Ints)