

Our Lady Help of Christians

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — **15TH NOVEMBER 2026**

PARISH TEAM

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Morning Prayer:
Tue - Fri: 10:00 am

Exposition:
Fri: 10:45am - 11:15 am

Masses Times:
Tue - Fri: 10:15 am

Masses during the week are celebrated in the daily Chapel

Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Sung Mass)
11:00 am (Family Mass with Children's Liturgy)

Church opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 4.00 pm

LAST WEEK COLLECTION
£ 428.77

STANDING ORDERS OCTOBER
£ 3,833.36

CONTACTLESS INCOME OCTOBER
£ 0

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You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master
(Mt 25:14-30)

Meditation: What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to others to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

God rewards those who use their gifts for serving him and the good of others
What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honours those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?

Fr Allan

DIOCESE ACTIVITIES

SICK & RETIRED COLLECTION

14-15 November 2026

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at **rcdow.org.uk/SRP** – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



COULD YOU HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

We are exploring the possibility of organising our Christmas lunch again this year for those who might otherwise spend Christmas alone.

We are looking for a volunteer willing to help coordinate and facilitate the event, supported by our existing volunteers and anyone new who would like to get involved.

Whether you can offer practical help, share ideas, assist with preparations or contribute on the day, every helping hand would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping to bring some Christmas joy to our community, please speak to Father Allan or Gina(email: ginacusumano@hotmail.co.uk)

Together, we may be able to make Christmas a little brighter for those who need it most. Thank you.

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Our Machine is not working, please donate by scanning the QR code with your phone.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 14h	**6:00 pm**	For the People of the Parish
Sun 15th	**9:00 am**	Mass offered for the Holy Souls
	11:00 am	Margaret Davis (RIP)
Tue 17th	**10:00 am**	Book of Remembrance
Wed 18th	**10:00 am**	
Thu 19th	**10:00 am**	Book of Remembrance - School Mass (Yr 3 &4)
Fri 20th	**10:00 am**	Piero Orizio (RIP)
Sat 21st	**6:00 pm**	Mass offered for the Sick

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month traditionally dedicate to the Holy Souls. It is part of our Catholic culture and faith to have Masses offered for the dead. The Mass is the greatest prayer that we offer to God when the very Act of Redemption, Christ's death and resurrection, are made present again on the altar and bread and wine become the reality of our Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity.

Having Mass offered is a way of showing our love both for the living and the dead. The death of a family member or friend does not end our relationship with them and we can help them gain heaven through the offering of the Mass and our prayers.

Envelopes with a list where to write the names of your beloved will be left at the back of the church for you to take. Please remember to include a donation for the offering of Mass. As mentioned before, the donation given is supposed to keep a priest for the day which includes his meals etc. The diocese have stipulated that this should be at least £10.

OLHC GOSPEL CHOIR

After a successful performance at the Castlehaven celebrations, we are making plans for performances at Christmas.

Please feel free to join us in every Tuesday at **6.45 pm**, in the hall on Falkland Road.

WILLS & LEGACIES

Have you consider making a legacy gift in your Will in favour of Our Lady Help of Christians?
To find out more about the difference a legacy gift can make, please take a leaflet or visit https://rcdow.org.uk/donate/gift-in-wills/

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

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