

Granaghan Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 15th November 2020

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 - You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

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.'"

STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL

(130 Tirkane Road, Maghera)

We are holding Our OPEN EVENING on Wednesday 25th November 7pm – 9pm also an OPEN MORNING on Saturday 28th November 10am – 1pm.

TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19, those families wishing to view the Preschool are asked to contact Ciara on Tel: 02879549482 (Mon-Fri 8.30am – 1.30pm) for an appointment slot.

FULL-TIME FUNDED Places for September 2021 available and we are currently accepting Pre-Preschool children who are 2years and 10mths.

GRANAGHAN DISTRICT AND WOMEN'S GROUP

Just a wee update. Since May we have been running all our usual activities online, mostly via Facebook Live.

To join us, go on to Facebook and search for Granaghan & District Women's Group and you will find our Facebook page: gdwg Swatragh and all our 'Live' Facebook pages-:

- Vitrual Nutrition LIVE
- Vitrual Hand Reflexology
- Cooking demo
- Yoga, Pilates and Calorie Burn-Off,
- Vitural Midfulness;
- And more!

All activities currently offered are FREE as a Thank You to our loyal supporters in these challenging times.

ADVENT: Sunday 29th November is the 1st Sunday of Advent, a time to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ. The Advent Wreath is a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. The light of the world in darkest winter. We encourage families to make a wreath, place it on their table at home and light one of the candles each week. Candles should be available in the Cathedral or presbytery next week.

Making a Wreath:

The Circle - oasis or with wire

Like the Wedding ring, the circle is a sign of god's love, which includes all of us.

The Evergreens

These point to God's unchanging love, constant in every time and season and mood.

The Three Purple Candles

Purple is the advent colour for repentance and change of heart in preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives.

The Pink or 'Rose' Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent (Rejoicing Sunday), the joy of the forthcoming Christmas event is celebrated.

The White Candle

The white candle in the centre is the Christmas candle. This is lit on Christmas Eve to herald the birth of Jesus.

It is our intention to have a prayer in the bulletin each week for the lighting of the new candle.