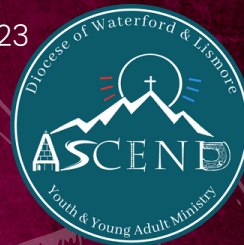




# To the Heights



**Year A 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Students from De La Salle College, Waterford who were some of the 78 young people in the Diocese awarded with their Pope John Paul II Medals in Lismore on Wednesday 8th November. Well done to all!

## HEAR: Sunday Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

Fr Patrick Cahill



## PRAY:



Lord, help us to be wise and faithful servants. May we use whatever we have for good, so that we may help others. May we return all that you have given us to you - all for the greater glory of the Father, so we might hear these words someday with our own ears: "Well done, good and faithful servant, ... come and join in your master's happiness."

## TUNE!

Well Done  
The Afters

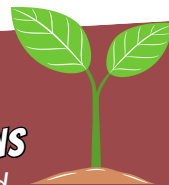


## GROW:

### RESOURCES: ADORO TE DEVOTE DESIGNS

Looking for some Catholic-themed clothing and merchandise? Check out new company, Adoro Te Devote Designs.

Share your faith in style with modern Catholic clothing, unique designs, beautiful artwork and Catholic gifts for all occasions.



## EVENTS

**November Remembrance at Holy Family Mission:** You are welcome to email any names you would like to be included in prayers at Holy Family Mission throughout the month of November to [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie) **Special Remembrance Mass on Thursday November 30th @ 7:30pm.** Live-streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/glencomeragh](http://www.churchservices.tv/glencomeragh)

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat:** Newbridge College, 8 - 10 December. For 16 - 35 year olds. Donation only. More info on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Take some time this week to take an honest look at your time, your talents and your treasure. How can you use these to serve others and bring glory to God? What concrete changes do you need to make?



## GAMECHANGERS!

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

22 November

Click the image to discover more about this feast

The Catholic Church offers us so many examples of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them here, **Game Changers!**

More Gamechanger resources available on our website.



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[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)



## PUZZLE

buried  
faithful  
five  
good  
good for nothing  
happiness  
kingdom  
lazy  
master  
one  
parable  
servants  
talents  
traded  
two  
well done  
wicked

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

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M	R	G	O	O	D	F	O	R	N	O	T	H	I	N	G	S	D

Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



## RESPOND!

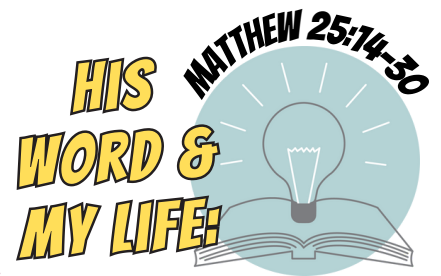


Reflect on scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; COME AND JOIN IN YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS."**



[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)  
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO



It's been said that love can be spelled "T-I-M-E"... we put our time and our treasure into what we love. Today's parable is an interesting one. Each servant was given a measure of silver, a number of talents, according to their ability to use or invest them. We shouldn't look to others and wish for their lives, we each have been given exactly what we need to serve others and give glory to God in the situations we find ourselves in. There's a simple phrase that's worth remembering: "Blossom where you're planted!" If we don't use the time, treasure and talents we have at our disposal, but instead wish for another situation in life, or to be someone else, we miss out on the exact opportunities God has given to us to become the best version of ourselves. False humility isn't helpful either: if you are good at something, there's no point pretending that you're not, but rather use that gift for others! The amazing thing about all of this is that whatever we give, we know the Lord will bless and multiply. Think of the little boy with the loaves and the fish - all Jesus needed was his yes to feed thousands! Whatever we have been given, let's give it back to God, using it to do good for others and glorifying God by our attitude and actions!



# TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

*Do the best  
with what  
you have!*

YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND CAN SPEND UP TO 6 HOURS A DAY ON THEIR SMART PHONES - DOES THIS TREND REFLECT YOUR USAGE?

WHAT DO YOU SPEND THE BULK OF YOUR TIME ON, OUTSIDE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

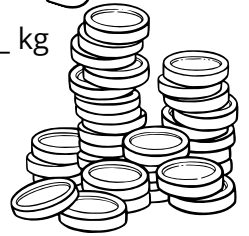


WATCH FR PATRICK CAHILL EXPLAIN THIS GOSPEL IN HIS VIDEO: "TIME, TALENT, TREASURE FOR OTHERS" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



A "talent" in biblical terms was a measure of silver. How much silver was 5 talents? \_\_\_\_\_ kg

What were the servants supposed to do with the talents they were given?



*Summarise each of the Three Ts in the grid below:*

TIME	TALENT	TREASURE

Explain Fr Patrick's analogy of the plastic tools and real tools in your own words:



Referencing the gift of intelligence, how does Fr Patrick explain the ways you can use that for yourself only or for serving others:

**What is key to remember about the Three T's and why we were given them?**

*THINK ABOUT IT! If a class or a sports team or a family even were striving to serve others - how awesome would that be!?*

What situation in rural Ireland exemplifies this attitude really well? Explain.

Choose one of the following and explain how they could use their talents to serve others and give glory to God: **teacher** | **singer** | **politician** | **mechanic**



## TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Explain the following in your own words: ***"To whom much has been given, much is expected."***

God doesn't care about the things we can think are important e.g. the accumulation of wealth. What matters to God is the good we do with these things.

Why was the Master so angry with the servant who buried the talent?

What is the end goal for all of this selflessness and service? Where should we keep our eyes focused?



### Now Read Matthew 25:14-30



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#### MISSION!

TAKE SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO TAKE AN HONEST LOOK AT YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR TREASURE. HOW CAN YOU USE THESE TO SERVE OTHERS AND BRING GLORY TO GOD? WHAT CONCRETE CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO MAKE?



#### PRAYER TIME!

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### CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON SERVING GOD AND OTHERS



- The Afters: Well Done
- Matthew West: Do Something
- Kathy Troccoli: Go Light Your World
- Sidewalk Prophets: Live Like That
- Casting Crowns: What If I Gave Everything
- John Waller: While I'm Waiting
- Steven Curtis Chapman: Love Take Me Over
- Kari Jobe: The Cause of Christ



What does God want me to do? Fr Mike Schmitz





Bishop Barron on The Parable of the Talents




# TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

*Reflected on your own Time, Talents and Treasures below and how you can use them to serve others and God*

TIME	WHAT FREE TIME DO I HAVE EACH WEEK?	HOW CAN I USE THIS FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

TALENTS	WHAT TALENTS AND SKILLS HAVE I BEEN BLESSED WITH?	HOW CAN I USE THESE FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

TREASURE	WHAT WEALTH OR OTHER MATERIAL POSSESSIONS COULD I SHARE? (IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MONEY!)	HOW CAN I USE THESE FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

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