

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** In our ‘Gospel of the Talents’, Jesus is reminding us that we are all blessed and gifted people, each in our unique and special ways. He is also challenging us to make the best possible use of what has been given to each of us. It is not important what our gift is but what we do with what we have. While we may not be blessed with musical, sporting or artistic talents, nevertheless, we are all more than capable of making a difference in the lives of others. We can do this in a wide variety of ways; by the love, care and generosity of spirit we share with our family; with the energy and enthusiasm, nay passion, we bring to our work. We do it by taking a genuine interest in others, spending time with them, listening attentively to their concerns, encouraging them in often small but significant ways. It is uplifting to know that some of the most anonymous, apparently insignificant people are making headlines in heaven.

Sadly, some people never come to realise or make use of the gifts they are blessed with. They are good and decent people who prefer to sit on the sideline as the world just seems to pass them by. They adopt a very cautious approach and it is this cautious approach that Jesus is critical of in our gospel. It reminds me of the a paraphrase of a well known poem that goes as follows:

**There was a very cautious man  
who never laughed or played.  
He never risked, he never tried,  
he never sang or prayed.  
And when one day he passed away,  
his insurance was denied.  
For since he never really lived,  
they claim he never died.**

As God’s beloved children, we are invited not to bury our ‘talent’ in the ground but to make the best possible use of our individual gifts. This will enable us to live joyfully and attain our sense of personal fulfilment.

**SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER  
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620054**

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S Sunday 10.00am:** Padraig Butler (Months Mind)

John & Elizabeth Beirne (Anniv)

Elaine Keogh (3rd Anniv) & her daughter Roisin

Chris McGreevy (Anniv)

**MASSES MONDAY 16th to SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER**

**Monday 8pm:** Deceased members of the O'Connor family

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wed 10 am:** Jim Gray (Anniv) Leitrim

**Thursday 10am:** Cathal McWeeney, Jim & Mary and their parents

William & Bridget (Anniv)

**Friday 8pm:** For all the deceased of the Parish

**Sat 10am:** Helen & Michael Dee (Anniv)

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S Sunday 10.00am:** Glen & Fredrick James (Anniv)

Mary & Bill Farrell (Anniv)

Moyna McGreevy (Anniv)

Margaret Gallagher (Anniv)

Damien Murphy, Michael & Dympna McKiernan & Mary Fahy

**CHURCH NOTICES:**

**DEATHS:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Mimmagh nee Gaffney (Moynehall, Cavan and sister of Thomas Gaffney Gort, Jamestown) May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**PIONEER CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Pioneer Christmas cards are available - pack of 5 cards & envelopes - from Attracta O'Connor (0861912334) and Seán Murray (0861266738), €3.50 per pack. Please support.

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