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DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 20 Sept	5.30 pm	For Anne Holtom's niece in Ireland, for success in procedure
Sun 21 Sept	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Mon 22 Sept	9.30 am	For the victims of warfare and violence, especially the children
Tues 23 Sept	9.30 am	Michael RIP (Jimmy's son)
Wed 24 Sept	9.30 am	Martin McAllion RIP (in Ireland)
Thu 25 Sept	9.30 am	Donor's special intention
Fri 26 Sept	No 9.30 am Mass	
	10.00 am	Requiem, Mrs Brenda Dunworth
Sat 27 Sept	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	Mark Crosbie RIP and P J Crosbie RIP
Sun 28 Sept	9.30 am	Jimmy Mooney RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Parable of the Dishonest or Unjust Steward (vv.1-8) is a tricky one to understand. In the ancient world stewards worked to make the maximum profit for their masters. A common practice was charging clients a high interest rate for goods supplied but not yet paid for. But since charging high interest (usury) was forbidden by the Torah (cf Lev 25:36-37), it could not be shown as such in the accounts.

Instead, it had to be disguised as extra goods supplied. This steward had wasted his master's property and not acted in his master's best interests. Faced with dismissal, the canny steward immediately set about currying favour with his master's clients in the hope that, remembering how he had saved them a great deal of money, they would later welcome him. For sure he 'knew which side his bread was buttered'.

He reduced their bills by removing the disguised high interest charge. He thereby deprived his master of the extra profit and, at the same time, put the clients in doubt to him. His master, recognising how shrewdly he had acted – even though it has been at his expense – praised the steward for his astuteness.

What's the lesson of the parable. The most obvious one is be shrewd with money. Money itself is neutral, the love of it is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Money is tainted. It seduces and blinds. It has a way of enslaving us so that all our energies go into becoming richer, even at the expense of others. In the world the use of money is always for our material benefit and advantage. Abraham Lincoln said, 'You can tell what God thinks of money when you see the people he gives it to'.

In the kingdom the shrewd use of money is for the furthering of the kingdom by doing good to others. This always brings blessing. When we share our possessions, which are on loan from God, we receive in return the treasure and blessings of heaven as our own inalienable possession (see Luke 12:32-33).

Lord, make me now just a cheerful and generous giver of my money and time but also a canny, cunning and astute steward of all my resources.

St GEORGE'S PARISH DONATES £200 TO MARY'S MEALS

Gatherings on a Sunday morning continue to be a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to come together as a community after Mass each week. The refreshments and cakes are donated each week by parishioners which allows the team to donate the proceeds to charities near and far. Since the beginning of the year, we have raised an amazing £200 for Mary's Meals, which provides the world's poorest children with food, education and hope for a brighter future. Many thanks to everyone for your generous contributions. Please feel free to join us after Mass on a Sunday, all are very welcome!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.**

SECOND COLLECTION: For Home Mission Sunday (Evangelii Guadium Day)

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 23 Sept: Padre Pio (St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest)

Wed 24 Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast)

Fri 26 Sept: Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Sat 27th Sept: St Vincent de Paul, Priest

A RECENT DEATH: Please pray for Mrs Brenda Dunworth of Eastcroft Avenue, Littleover, who has died recently. Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26th September at 10 am. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and our prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.*

Children of Light

For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. LUKE 16:8

Many of Jesus' parables are intended to catch us off guard. Today's parable is certainly one of them. How to make sense of a manager of his boss' property, down on his luck, who bilks his boss and alas, ends up receiving the boss' praise? It's called prudence. The manager is admired for sizing up his situation correctly and acting decisively to save the day – or, in this instance, to save his own skin. This is how the children of this world – or at least the most clever of them – make their way through life. How much more, Jesus says, should the children of light guard their eternal possessions? It may not top the list in our own examination of conscience, but how enterprising are we in the deployment of the gifts we have received?

TWO NEW SAINTS

St. Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassiti

Last Sunday in St Peter's in Rome the two new saints were canonized. **Carlo Acutis** was born in London and baptised there before returning to Rome with his Italian parents. They then lived in Milan. Carlo as a youth was not over pious and liked to play computer games. Also, he became well known for his website which gave a lot of details of miracles. He also liked to teach about his Catholic faith. Sadly he caught leukaemia and died at the young age of 15, about 2005. His canonization has come very quickly, it is usually far longer before a person is declared a saint, it can be even hundreds of years. A picture of Carlo's incorrupt body, now preserved in wax may give a clue. He is seen lying as if asleep in the basilica in Assisi. At his funeral time a woman who prayed to him was cured of cancer. Also, two miracles have been authenticated following prayers to him. His life story, though short, is a great inspiration to many people, not only the young. *St Carlo Acutis, pray for us.*

St Pier Giorgio Frassiti was born in Turin in 1901. He died of polio in 1925. He was well known as a great helper of the poor and destitute and a person of great prayer and devotion, and a promotor of the St Vincent de Paul Society for the needy. His body when exhumed, after a good number of years was as that of St Carlo found to be incorrupt. *St Pier Frassiti, pray for us.*

SINFIN CHURCH NEWS: From September the Syro Malabar Catholic Community will be leasing the church. If you wish to know more please speak to Fr Mark or Canon Alan.