



FAITH IN FOCUS: CAPITAL GROWTH

Young Antonio's voice was high and squeaky and so he did not pass the auditions for the Cremona Boys' Choir. When he took violin lessons, the neighbours persuaded his parents to make him stop. Yet Antonio still wanted to make music.

His friends gave him a hard time because his only talent was whittling wood. When Antonio was older he served as an apprentice to a violinmaker. His knack for whittling grew into a skill of carving and his hobby became his

craft. He worked patiently and faithfully. By the time he died, he left over 1,500 violins, each one bearing a label that read, "Antonio Stradivarius." They are the most sought-after violins in the world and sell for more than £100,000 each. Antonio couldn't sing or play or preach or teach but his responsibility was to use his ability, and his violins are still making beautiful music today.

Our potential is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God. Are you investing what you've been given, regardless of how much it is? Or, have you buried your blessing and kept it hidden from others?

We can sometimes confuse hiding our talents with humility, with not wanting to push ourselves forward. Yet if we stop to think for just a moment we'll soon realise that, whatever our talent is, it is God-given. God has entrusted us with skills and talents to be used for his divine purpose. And no one else can ever be you and me. We're unique, with unique gifts that God has welded into our character and

personality. And it's part of God's plan from the beginning of time that we should use what we have been given so that the good news of the gospel might be spread and people should come to experience God through you and me.

Today's gospel reminds us that life will not last for ever on this earth. The master is returning and we are returning to our master. What answer will we have to give him when he asks what we have done with all that he gave us? Will we have buried it, or will we have produced a capital return?



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Sunday 14th November 2010 33rd Sunday

Prayer for the Parish

O God our Father and Creator

Where two or more are gathered together in your name you are there in their midst.

We bring to you our parish of St Joseph to ask your blessing as we meet the challenges of our mission of witness and discipleship.

Give us courage and enthusiasm.

Give us spirit of initiative and originality of thought.

Give us charity and unity and make us aware of each other as we work towards the renewal of our parish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Joseph pray for us.

EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND QUIET PRAYER

Saturday 11-00am to 12-00noon

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

11-00am to 11-30am

5-00pm to 5-30pm

SATURDAY MASS

5-30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m.

Monday 12.00 noon Mass

Tuesday 7-30pm Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 9-30am Mass

Friday 12-00 noon Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers all those who are sick, especially :

Basil Sanders, Mary Derrick, George Porter, May Marron, Edward Burke, Bridget McLaughlin, Fr Colm O'Riain OMI, Wendy Swinton, , Mary O'Leary, Fr Chris Dunne OMI, Eddie Mann, Neil Hogan, Mike Tobin, John Lyon, Rose Bostock., Drina Watts, Gay Merrick, Francis Shaw, William Richardson, Mary Bushell, Betty McCarthy, Peter Smith, Kathleen Edwards, Nancy Bowden, Anthony, Brenda Jones, Norman Graham, Josie Canning, Cathy Murphy, Eddie and Sheila Hosker.

All whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Paul Anthony Smith (2004), Dorothy Hodgetts (2006), Veronica Branagan (2004), Anne Wilkinson.

Recently Deceased

John Edwards, Maureen Fitzsimons, Brendan Roberts, Gillian Fletcher (Hong Kong).

Fr Damien's Prayer Group has resumed again at 8-00pm on Tuesday Evenings

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Was

£646-69

(including £237-99 loose)

S.P.U.C.

Little Feet Club

October Raffle Winner

Gay Merrick

Next Meeting will be on Thursday November 25th

WORD OF GOD

A man entrusted his property to his servants. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability.

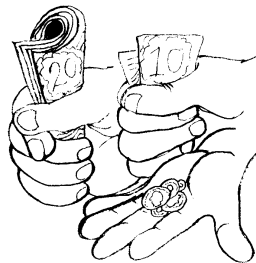


REPOSITORY

Christmas stock is now available in the Repository which is open after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses And also from 12-30pm till 1-00pm weekdays.

WORD FOR TODAY

God has given each one of us talents: particular skills or qualities that he expects us to use for his glory. As the Church draws towards the end of its year we are invited to reflect on how well we are making use of what we have been given. For no one has been given nothing. What has been entrusted to you and how are you using it?



PARISH NEWS

St Joseph's Social Group

A Christmas Market shopping trip to Manchester on Saturday 27th November. Cost £10-00. Pick up points at Rhos/Colwyn Bay/Old Colwyn. Depart approx 8-20am/Retruning by approx 7-00pm. Names to **John Williams (organist)**

Parish Retreat 20th November 2010

With only a week to go, the response to date has been brisk and enthusiastic! The Presbytery alone will no longer suffice and we will now need to use the Church and Community Centre. With these facilities, space is not a problem and all ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Forms continue to be available from the back of Church. Please don't hesitate sign up today!

Starting with registration at the Church entrance at 10-00am, there will be a break at about 13-00pm for a lunch comprising of dishes brought in and shared by those attending the retreat. We are grateful to those who have already told us the dish they will bring. If you haven't done so already, please let us know as soon as possible, completing the list at the back of Church.

The day will finish with the retreat joining the 17-30pm mass. This will be an opportunity to share with the wider Parish, and will continue the themes of the day—Advent: A new Beginning....A Walk of Faith....Connecting the Parish.—**The Adult Faith Group**

St Beuno's Outreach Prayer Group

St Beuno's Outreach Prayer Group will meet here at the Presbytery each Monday at 10-45am. All are welcome to come and pray with us.

Sister Mary Childs (Loreto)

Advent Family Day

Advance notice—A family day will be held in PantAsaph on 28th November from 11-45am / 4-15pm. There will be various Christmas craft activities, Christingle singing and Mass with the Bishop followed by hotpot.

Social Group Meeting

There will be a Social Group meeting on Monday 15th November in the Presbytery, at 7-00pm. This is to discuss plans for the coffee morning and quiz night before Christmas. All are welcome to attend.