

Monday 18 November 2019.

Saturday was the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland. Margaret was an English princess. She and her mother sailed to Scotland to escape from the king who had conquered their land. King Malcolm of Scotland welcomed them, fell in love with Princess Margaret and they were married.

King Malcolm and Queen Margaret led by example and helped to change Scotland for the good. Before she came, there was great ignorance and many bad habits. Margaret worked hard to obtain good teachers and have new churches built. In 1250 she was canonised by Pope Innocent IV and her remains were reinterred in a shrine at Dunfermline Abbey.

Let us take this saintly Queen for our example. While we do our duties, let us keep in mind the joys that God will give us in heaven.

Hail Mary...

Tuesday 19 November 2019.

This Morning we pray that we will answer God's Call in our lives and we pray especially for those called to the priesthood.

Lord, make me a better person,
More considerate towards others,
More honest with myself,
More faithful to you.
Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be.

Help me find my true vocation in life,
And grant that through it I may find happiness myself
And bring happiness to others.

Grant, Lord that those whom you call to enter the priesthood or the religious life may have the generosity to answer your call,
So that those who need your help may always find it.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We say together, the Our Father.....

Wednesday 20 November 2019.

The "Parable of the Talents", in Matthew's Gospel, tells of a master who was leaving his house to travel and entrusted his property to his servants. One servant received five talents, the second servant received two talents, and the third servant received one talent (where a talent was a significant amount of money).

Upon returning home, after a long absence, the master asks his three servants for an accounting of the talents he entrusted to them. The first and the second servants explain that they each put their talents to work, and doubled the value of the property with which they were entrusted; each servant was rewarded. The third servant, however, had merely hidden his talent, had buried it in the ground, and was punished by his master

The famous parable of the talents is a reminder of how we respond to what has been given to us by God and what is in our hands. In the gospel reading, we are reminded of our talents that God has given us and our responsibility in cultivating and developing our talents and using them to build God's Kingdom.

***God of gifts, thank you for the blessings you have given us. May we always use our gifts and talents in a way that demonstrates kindness, humility, and compassion. May we continue to do our part in developing our gifts. Keep our hearts and minds open to the direction of the Spirit, who calls us to celebrate our gifts by sharing them with others.
Amen***

Thursday 21 November 2019

During this month we remember the Holy Souls in purgatory, especially all of those close to us who have departed in the past year and will be prayed for at the November Service tomorrow. This month should not be a time of sadness but with a time of renewed confidence that we will meet our loved ones again in our eternal life. At our Service of Light at 12.20pm today we will remember in a special way our close friends and relatives who have died within the past year.

Let us pray,

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,

Your providence guides our lives and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,

and for all the dead known to You alone. Amen.

Our Father....

Friday 22 November 2019.

The Fruit of Silence is Prayer
The Fruit of Prayer is Faith
The Fruit of Faith is Love
The Fruit of Love is Service
The Fruit of Service is Peace

Mother Theresa believed that peace begins with a smile. Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. Let us always meet each other with a smile as sometimes the smallest things have the greatest impact.

Hail Mary....