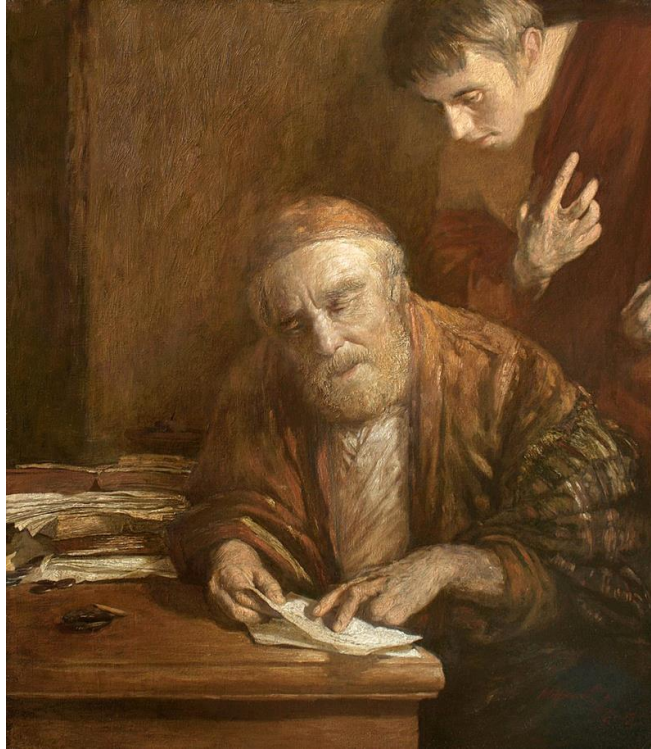




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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Parable of the Unjust Steward, 2012, Miranov

### **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)**

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today!

An audio loop system is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

- Today: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**
- 9:00am** Eucharist in the Side Chapel
- 10:30am** Family Eucharist
- 6.00pm** **A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE MARKING THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**The Eucharist (sung 10:30am) ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004**

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**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading -

Psalm -

Second Reading **1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

2First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke chapter sixteen beginning at verse one* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

16Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” <sup>6</sup>He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take

your bill and make it eighty.”<sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.<sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,

the source of truth and love:

Keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **READINGS:**

**Amos 8:4-7:** A prophecy against the corruption and greed of the wealthy among God's people who exploit the poor, and whose wickedness God will not forget.

**Psalms 113:** A song of praise to the God who is over all nations, and who lifts up the poor and needy and includes them among influential people, and who removes the shame of the barren woman making her a mother of children.

**1 Timothy 2:1-7:** Paul calls for believers to pray for all people, including leaders, reminding them of Christ's pleading for us with God – for which Paul has been called as an apostle to the Gentiles.

**Luke 16:1-13**: Jesus parable of the shrewd manager who wins social capital and his master's commendation through the act of radical, inappropriate, forgiveness.

**REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

This is a week for lots of prayer and reflection – the Gospel reading is one of the toughest parables to preach, by all accounts! But, there are two clear themes that emerge when all the readings are placed together. The first is the obvious one – the subtle power of money to lead us into corrupt and exploitative practices.

Jeremiah bemoans the people's devotion to idols (of which money is a significant one according to Jesus in Luke); Amos speaks out against the corrupt business practices of wealthy merchants; Psalm 113 praises the God who uplifts the poor and needy. Clearly, how we use our money is a spiritual concern.

The second theme this week is that of forgiveness and undeserved honour.

Jeremiah pleads with God for grace for God's people, as does Psalm 113 praises God's grace toward those who are most vulnerable, giving them undeserved honour; Paul reflects on God's grace in Christ, extended to all people, and embodied in the prayers of God's people; And Jesus tells a story of a master who, about to be dishonoured because of his dishonest (incompetent?) manager, decides to fire him, but has to reconsider when, through radical, inappropriate, forgiveness, the manager wins honour both for the master and himself, and a connected and secure future for himself. Put these two themes together and what emerges is the power of gracious, generous forgiveness to lift us to places of honour and connectedness.

**Services this week**

**Wednesday Zoom Compline** has now resumed at **7:30pm**. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10.30am Eucharist** with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side chapel.

*A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

**Next Sunday: Trinity XX 25.9.22**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist**

**6:30pm Choral Evensong**



## **Notices:**

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the Churchwardens.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming today. The cameras will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and only on occasion, towards the entrance doors. Those coming to and from the side areas and exiting will be in the camera view for a short time.
- **We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank** again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.
- Prayers for the sick and all those in need are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. You can send names for the list to the Rector via his email.
- If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about the following: GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Gift Aid Magazine, organisations or wanting to know more about life at St John's. We'd be delighted to help and to get to know you.
- As from next week 18/9/22 it is proposed to open the remaining pews that have been closed as a mitigation measure against Covis-19. For the time being the north transept will be retained for those who wish to continue with distancing. If anyone has any issues regarding the opening of these pews, please speak to the Rector before then.  
The measures in place for the 9am service will remain.
- Parents & Toddlers starts again on Tuesday 20th at 10:00am to 11:30am
- Church premises will be closed to users and organisations on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September in respect of the state funeral for the late Queen.
- Coffee/tea will follow this service as new teams get up and running.

## **Organising your wedding in St John's**

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church.

We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.





If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following...

Tinned meat Tinned potatoes/ Smash Long life juice Tinned soup Toiletries Toilet roll Washing up liquid Washing powder You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on [info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk)



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***Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.***