

Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th August 2019



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Lk: 12:13-21

If I were a rich Man.....

"Dear God, you made many, many poor people. I realize, of course, that it's no shame to be poor.

But it's no great honor either!

So, what would have been so terrible if I had a small fortune? "



So goes the opening verse of the famous song from Fiddler on the Roof a wonderful verse that reveals the universal desire of the human heart for material wealth. As the song progresses, Tevye dreams of how his mundane and difficult experience of life would change should he become "a wealthy man". "I wouldn't have to work hard... I'd build a big tall house with rooms by the dozen.....". The song indeed reveals a truth: no matter who we are, in terms of mere material possessions, more is always welcome and less is to be avoided: creating the perception that one is 'upwardly mobile' has become, in this day and age, a very real goal.

The obvious question arises can one be rich and grow in holiness? Well if we think on the lives of King St. Louis of France, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Thomas More, Blessed Pier Giogrio Frassati, St. Anthony of Padua and indeed on Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who paid for Jesus's tomb, it is obvious that wealth was not an absolute hindrance to any of these people achieving sanctity.

Riches and wealth as well as poverty and hardship can be roads to holiness depending on how they are received and utilised. Yes, Jesus tells us that it is hard for any rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven if they are preoccupied with their wealth to the detriment of their relationship with God and neighbour.

Whilst it may be easy to see how charity, love and concern can be demonstrated through a distribution of any excess of wealth we might have, it is a little more difficult to see how extreme poverty and real need could achieve the same result. We will let Mother Teresa explain: "Sometime ago a man came to our house and he said, 'Mother, there is a family, a Hindu family, that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them or they will die.' When I arrived at their house I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother, and she took the rice. She divided it into two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, 'Where did you go?' She said, ' Next door neighbour, they were also hungry.' What struck me most, not that she gave the rice but she knew they were hungry. And because she knew, she shared. And this is what we have to come to know.... Love, to be true, has to hurt and this woman who was hungry – she knew that her neighbour was also hungry, and that family happened to be a Muslim family. So it was touching, so real." (Mother Teresa)

So when we think of Tevye's desire to be a rich man we can see that it was for purely selfish reasons. Yet, as Mother Teresa shares "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

FEAST AND MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tues. 6th August: The Transfiguration of our Lord

Thurs 8th August: St. Dominic

Fri. 9th August: St. Benedicta of the Cross

Sat. 10th August: St Lawrence

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

NAAS: Teresa Fitzharris, Sarto Park



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

RECENT BAPTISMS

NAAS:

Tessa Catherine Clarke,
Brannockstown

Sally Frances Clarke,
Brannockstown

Zack Declan King, Oldtown
Demense

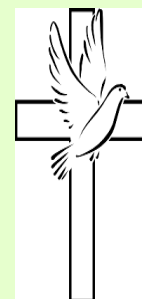
Beth O' Connor, Monread
Heights

Caoleann Rose Murphy, Oldtown Demense

Donnacha Keane, Kerdiffstown

Lanna Lima Warszawa, The Park

Jakub Lima Santos, The Park



NAAS PARISH LOTTO:

You could win the Jackpot of €4,400 this Wednesday coming, 7th August

There was NO Winner of the Jackpot on Wednesday last, 24th July.

Numbers Drawn were 18-24-7-2

There were four Lucky Dip winners of €100 each.

The draw takes place at **6.30pm** at the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Message from Bishop Denis

I ask you to pray for all of us on Pilgrimage that our journey goes well and that our Pilgrimage brings many blessings.

We will remember you at home and especially those who are too sick to travel with us this year. May our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette and St Benedict Joseph Labre shower all of you with their blessings.

Cemetery Mass at St Corbans Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 7.30pm.

NAAS PARISH NEWS

Summer Mass Schedule for CIM, Ballycane: Weekday Mass Change for July and August: 7.30pm Mass will take place on **Friday evenings only**. Normal schedule of Masses resumes Monday 2nd September.

SALLINS PARISH NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration in Sallins will be suspended for July and August.

TWO MILE HOUSE PARISH NEWS

Weekday Morning Mass is celebrated from Monday - Thursday at 9.15am. Friday evening Mass at 7pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Tuesday 13th-Thursday 15th August, bus leaving Naas at 7.10am. Please contact Michael on 087 669 7902 or Joe on 087 381 5887.

National Dawn Walk for Cancer: Saturday 24th August 2019, starting at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow. Registration online at www.nationaldawnwalk.com. All support for this event is greatly appreciated.

Medjugorje Conference and Day of Prayer with Sr. Briege McKenna. Saturday 31st August, Neptune Stadium, Cork. Tickets €20, available online at eventbrite.ie. Please contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 295 9380 for more info.

Pilgrimage to Fatima: 9th - 16th September 2019, last remaining seats! Spiritual director is Rev. Fr. Tony Gavin P.P., Tubber, Moate, Co. Westmeath. For all further details and bookings contact Mrs. Anna Condron 090-6482228 or 085 7700198

The Priory Institute, Dublin: Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and a number of undergraduate theology programmes are now accepting enrolment for the autumn semester. Details on www.prioryinstitute.com.

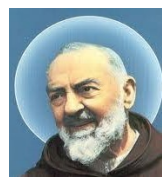
Irish Cancer Society Annual Church gate collection at all Masses next weekend, 10th and 11th August.

MOVE!

Our Parish ARK Youth group are joining 10 other youth groups from around the country for a 5 day retreat called 'Move' in Clongowes Wood College this week. We wish them a joyful and fruitful experience.

Congratulations to Bishop Denis on the 6th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on this Sunday 4th August.

Youth 2000 The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will be held from the 15th - 18th August 2019 at Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. This is the largest Catholic Youth Event in Ireland with over 1000 attending. There are free buses going from all around Ireland. For more information and to book your place visit youth2000.ie



St Pio's Glove will be in the home of Betty Malone, Shindella, Rathangan (on the Rathangan - Monasterevin Rd.), Sunday 1st September 11am-5pm. Please contact Betty at 045 525094. Religious items relating to St Pio will be on sale on the day. Everyone welcome.

Legion of Mary The annual Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday and Sunday August 31st and Sept. 1st 2019. This is a fantastic weekend packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25-€50, accommodation also available. For further details visit www.legionofmary.com or contact Lucy 0879959803.

Art and Craft Market, Moat Theatre Next Market on Sunday 11th August 12pm-3pm.

Alpha Ireland Conference 2019: Taking place in Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Co Laois on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th October. Keynote speaker is Ron Huntley of Divine Renovation Ministries. The conference is designed for priests, parish teams, key Church leaders and laypeople who want to see their Parishes renewed and revitalised. Tickets from €45 and are available on www.alphaireland.org or by calling 01 236 9821.

Befriending Service This Service is for anyone over 60 who has limited social contact. If you are interested in having a visitor or becoming a volunteer befriender please contact Susan Higgins 087 1149175.

Sports Lottery Results:

Naas: 25/07 (3-12-14-20) No Winner, Jackpot €10,000

Sallins: 29/07 (10-14-25-28) No Winner, Jackpot €5,200

Parish Finances:

Sallins: Baskets: €665 Envelopes: €435

Naas: Offertory: €3,405 Development Fund: €2,820

Two Mile House: €860

Naas, Sallins
& Two Mile House



Youth Group