

Parish Newsletter



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THE FALSE PROMISE OF GREED

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed', says Jesus. Some of the most bitter cases to come before judges involve rows in families over money, property, wills or possessions. Greed can poison personal relationships and, on a global scale, greed can lead to the exploitation of natural resources for profit, without considering the consequences and the oppression of people by power-hungry leaders and politicians.

These are tragic examples of people who have lost their way. Wealth, possessions and power can seem alluring and attractive objectives, but are they the most important things in life? Have we not all seen that greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life and in the life of individuals? Perhaps you may be unfortunate enough to have personal experience of that? Greed is a demanding taskmaster, always wanting more. In contrast, is it

Today's Readings



Ecclesiastes 1:2,2; 21-23
Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Next Sunday's Readings



Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

not liberating when you find yourself satisfied with what you have? Money is not everything. God's kingdom is the kingdom of mutual love and respect. That is something money cannot buy. Do you not know this from your own experience?

The transient nature of material possessions is another reason why Jesus warns against greed. The message in today's parable could be summed up by saying: 'If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans'! Life takes many twists and turns that we do not anticipate. How often have you found that you have to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? That happens to me nearly every day. I make a plan in the morning and often need to change it to deal with unexpected events. We need plans and hopes to get us out of bed in the morning. Yet we also need to be

flexible and resourceful if we are to adapt to changing circumstances.

It is natural to aim for success in business, in our chosen career and in our personal life. More important is growing to be the best people we are capable of being. Life is a journey and none of us is born as a finished article. As we progress we grow and develop to our full potential, both to our own satisfaction and for the benefit of our family and the community to which we belong. People wrapped up in themselves make very small parcels. We are capable of being so much more.

St Augustine said in one of his sermons: 'These things [material goods] are for necessity's use, not for love's affection; let them be as the traveller's inn, not the possessor's estate. Refresh yourself and pass on.' (Sermon 177.2) ■

– John Byrne, OSA



Reflection

Do you ever remember longing for something, and then feeling quite disappointed when you got it?



Lesson

Our lives are not made secure by what we own.



Prayer

'Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.'

(Ps 90)



This Week (5-11 August)

- 5 Mon** Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
- 6 Tue** THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
- 7 Wed** St Sixtus II and Companions, martyrs
- 8 Thur** St Dominic, priest
- 9 Fri** St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, martyr
- 10 Sat** St Lawrence, deacon and martyr
- 11 Sun** 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)
 Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)
 Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am
 Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.
 Wednesday: **Communion Service discontinued until further notice** (Day off)
 Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am
 Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.
 Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



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SEEKING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 12:13-21

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,' says Jesus. What have you found to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up as: 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans.' Life takes many unanticipated twists and turns. When have you found that have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Canon Bernard Magee PE CC, (The Month's Mind Mass will be held in St Malachy's Church, Castlewellsan on Sunday 4 August @ 11.00am.), Eilcen Ferguson, Kyle Bradshaw, Fr Philip Dunlea CSSR

Anniversaries: Stuart Wright, James McGrillen, Jean O'Connor, Elizabeth, Paul and Vince Spiers, Dan Gallagher, Bobby McParland (Sat 3rd August at 6:30pm), Mick Gibney (Sun 4th Aug at 11:30am), Thomas & Isobel McGiffin (Sun 11th Aug at 11:30am), Brenda Gunn (Sun 18th at 11:30am).

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 4th Aug READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anthony Clifford
 Morning Mass: Suzanne Hopkins & Margaret Woods
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 Vigil Mass: Stephen Murphy
 Morning Mass: James Henderson



Sun 11th Aug READERS:

Easter Vigil Mass: Eamon Blaney
 Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard & Kathryn Curran
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty
 Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan



COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly collection £499.67, Shrines £103.24, Missalettes £15.06

Food Bank. It is suggested that since a lot of the recipients are of Asian extraction, that less pasta should be donated and more rice donated. AND ALSO the food bank is for nutritional food and there are 6 bags of Tea! We ask you to think of foods that are nutritional.

Collection for Fr Krzysztof Sanda SChr. Fr Krzysztof will be saying his last masses at St Anthony's on Sunday 1st September, before taking up his new placement in Boston, Lincolnshire. He will be replaced by Fr Włodzimierz Dźiduch SChr. (Fr Vlad). There are collection envelopes available in the porch for a collection to be taken up before August 18th. I trust you will help show our appreciation for his work here.

Making a Killing. Join Trócaire for their annual talk at Féile an Phobail. Making a Killing: holding corporations to account for land and human rights violations. Speakers include Caoimhe De Barra, Trócaire's CEO. Thursday 8th August | 7pm | St. Mary's University College. For more information +44 (0) 28 90 808 841

Free Event, promoted by Shalom World: Jesus Heals. Holy Mass, Preaching, Healing Adoration. Celebrant Fr Jilto George CMI, Shalom Director of Retreats. 2 events coming up in August 2019 in Down and Connor. Both Venue times: 6:30pm - 9:30pm:

Thurs 8th August - St Colmille's Church, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB
 Mon 12th August - St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Whitehouse, 305 Shore Road, Belfast, BT37 9RY.
 Programme includes: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass, Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, Individual Anointing of Holy Oil, Finishing with Eucharistic Blessing. You are invited to join us at this Mass and experience Jesus' healing touch for the body, mind and soul! Contact Jacinta 07756 225114, or Roshni 07737 230680.

Holy Land and Fatima Pilgrimages:
Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land €1,795.
Special Belfast Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31st October for Halloween 8 nights €1,685 (taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee)
Special Belfast Fatima Pilgrimage for Miracle of the Sun on 13th October €759 (prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima).
 Contact James Treacy 00353 860572216 (all ex Dublin)

Priory Institute 2019 Online Summer School. Paul: The Radical Gospel. A two-week online course will begin again on 12th August. One lecture per day. Cost 80. To enrol today email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com, or see www.prioryinstitute.com, or phone +3531 4048124.

Marie Curie Hospice Belfast invites you to attend our Summer Fete, 1a Kensington Road, Belfast, BT5 6NF, Sunday 18th August 2019, 12noon-4pm. Refreshments, Nurses Cake stand, face-painting, Tombola Stalls, Crafts.

Mary's Meals Annual Walk in support of Mary's Meals, 7th August-15th August, walking across Ireland and finishing in Knock. Suzanne and Dessie Hopkins, and Margaret Sheppard are joining in this Sponsored Walk and are seeking sponsorships and volunteers along the walk to give our flyers. Please support them. Sponsorship sheets are found in the sacristy and for further information contact Suzanne 07825449133

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will be held from 15th -18th August, at the Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is both Youth 2000's largest event and the largest Catholic youth event in Ireland with over 1,000 attending. There are free buses going from all around Ireland. For more information and to book your place visit <http://youth2000.ie/>

Protecting Our Unborn Children. Talk by Dr. Anne McCloskey in Glen Community Complex, 41 Suffolk Road, Wednesday 7th August at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

The Legion of Mary Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 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 our website <http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com/> or contact Lucy 087 9959803.

National Centre for Liturgy Course on Pastoral Liturgy and Ministry offers to parishes four modules: What, then, is Liturgy?; The Church's Year; Christian Initiation: Order of the Christian Initiation of Adults; Scripture and Liturgy - Ministers, Proclamation, Books. These modules will provide training for those who may be called upon to undertake roles of leadership in parishes, cluster of parishes and deaneries. See Flyers in the Porch.

Faith and Life Convention. Online bookings for this year's Faith and Life Convention are now open. We hope that you will be able to us on Saturday 28th September 2019. This year our theme for the convention is Faith in a Better World and our Keynote Speaker will be Michel Camdessus. Michel is the former director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. We look forward to welcoming Michel and his wife Brigitte to Belfast. Our keynote speech will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today. Dr Nicola Brady, from the Irish Council of Churches will moderate our panel and we can look forward to responses from Dymphna Mallon (Laité Co-ordinator for SMA), Prof Thomas Bremer, (University of Münster, Germany) and Mrs Eileen Gallagher (Clogher Diocese and Northern Ireland Catholic Council on Social Affairs). The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. Early booking is a great support for the administration of the event. Entering the discount code early bird will give you a £5 discount (available until 12th August). See www.faithandlifeconvention.org.

Vocations Prayer Card featuring the heroic biographies of two priests of our diocese, Fr Hugh Mullan and Fr Noel Fitzpatrick, who gave their lives consoling and administering the sacraments to dying parishioners, during the difficult times of "the Troubles". Please take one home per family and keep praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.