

the Parable of the Rich Fool



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

31st July 2022

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Saturday 30th

6.00 Brendan Byrne - A

Sunday 31st

10.00 Pat and Phyl Doyle – A

11.30 Elizabeth Smith (née Sharpe) M.M

7.30 Geraldine Duggan – A

Monday 01st August

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 02nd

10.00 Liturgical Service

Friday 05th

10.00 Altar List

Saturday 06th

6.00 Margaret Daly – A

Brian & Pat Barrett and their Son Brian - A

Sunday 07th

10.00 Kay Doyle - A

11.30 Angela Mullen -A

There is more to life than wealth and riches

Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. Are they at the centre of our lives? The texts also suggest that what we are is more important than what we have.

Qoheleth, 'the Preacher', who wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes 300 years before Christ, gives a pessimistic view of the world. Is it worth working hard and worrying about our wealth, since we have to leave it to others after our death? He declares: 'All is vanity!' (**First Reading**)

The **Gospel** develops the same theme. The main problem with wealth is that it risks taking centre stage in our life, and displacing God from his rightful position. What really matters is making ourselves rich in the sight of God.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, develops similar ideas. As Christians, we should put aside our former preoccupations – in particular greed – and turn our thoughts to 'heavenly things', for Christ is 'in everything'.

As the **Psalm** encourages us, we ought to praise and thank the Lord in word and song rather than grumble and worry. We should listen to his voice today.

This week, I might want to make some time each day to listen to what the Lord is telling me about myself, and about my relationship with others and with money.

Support Missionaries at UCD

FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is a missionary group that works with students on campus at The University College Dublin. Sean and Sara Flack, two newly married FOCUS missionaries, are in need of a residence for the upcoming year. They will work full-time at UCD alongside the chaplains, meeting students and leading them in prayer, faithfulness to the sacraments, service opportunities, mission trips, and conferences. These missionaries invest deeply in students' lives and build them up in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith, sharing with them the joy of the Gospel, and they need your help.-

Should you know of a residence, an apartment, basement, or backhouse that is vacant, please contact Sean Flack at sflackfamily@gmail.com or at 083-045-3100.



The Monthly Collection for SVP will take place this weekend of 30th and 31st July. Many thanks for your generosity.

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MASS TIMES

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service

Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm

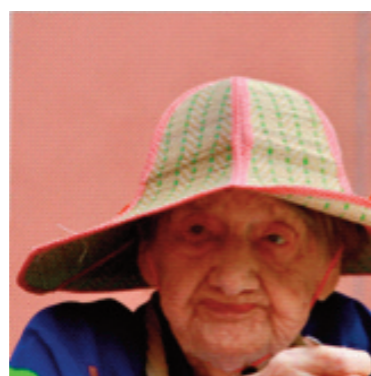
Sunday: 10:00am | 11:30am | 7:30pm

A few words from Father Joe.....

Last week when I was writing these few words I hadn't realised that it was a weekend of special prayers for Grandparents and the elderly. Pope Francis, who is getting on in years himself, has many kind and thoughtful things to say to, and about, the senior members of the community. I think he probably grew up in a culture where the grandparents lived in the house with one of their children, a constant presence in the home, a welcome member of the family. For children who grew up with these older people around, with their wrinkles and grey hair, sticks and hats, medicines and potions, prayer books and beads, teeth that came out at night and clothes that had a funny smell, there was a real appreciation for them.

Grandparents have a special way of showing their tenderness and love, their wisdom and insight, to all in the family, even the kitten and the pup. When there is one older person around then often their friends call by, or can be heard on the phone, chatting about strange people and places, sometimes in a voice that carries all through the house. From time to time they might get sick and then doctors and nurses come, visits are made to clinic and hospitals and many big and unusual words are spoken at the table.

Seen through the eyes of a child, grandparents are a constant source of wonder, of fun, of wisdom and love. So, I guess Pope Francis is right to remind us all to be aware of the elderly and their needs, to listen to them, to accompany them with supportive care and to enjoy their presence.



Make us worthy, Lord,
to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world,
who live and die in poverty and hunger.
Give them, through our hands,
this day their daily bread,
and by our understanding love,
give them peace and joy.

Make us, Lord,
worthy to serve our brothers and sisters,
scattered all over the world,
who live and die alone and poor.
Give them today, using our hands, their daily bread.
And, using our love, give them peace and happiness. Amen.



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **John Ryan** and **Rachel Blayney** whose funeral took place here this week.



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SEASON OF CREATION 2022

During the Season of Creation we join our ecumenical family worldwide in prayer and action for our common home. This year, the theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation", and the logo is "The Burning Bush".

The Bush contrasts the fire of so many unnatural fires that aggravate the climate crisis, with the sign of the fire as the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit that unites Christians.

<https://seasonofcreation.org>
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