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“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:21



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"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we DON'T have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm Nellie, Mathew & Gerard Murray (A)
Mary Byrne (M.M.), Josie Merrigan (M.M.)

Sun: 9.30am Seamus McCabe (A), Don Carroll (B.R.)
and his wife Marie Carroll

Sun: 11.30am Fr. Moling & Fr Jack Murphy (A) Bridget
McManamon (1st A) and husband George.
Ellen & Patsy Cumiskey (A), Joan Murphy (A)
and Bridget Lawless (A)

Mon: 9.30am Tina Ray Family (Living)

Tues: 9.30am Joseph & Nellie Jones

Wed: 9.30am Patrick & Margaret McNamara

Thurs: 9.30am B.J. Clarke (B.R.)

Fri: 9.30am Stephen, Catherine Jones & Family

With Heartfelt Sympathy



*To the families of the late Bridie Nally R.I.P.
Mary Mooney R.I.P. & Noel Beirns R.I.P.*

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Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Saturday morning: No Mass

BAPTISMS

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm

Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

COLLECTIONS FOR 12TH NOV 2017

COMMON FUND €467

SHARE €382

FAMILY OFFERING (2WEEKS) €1,728

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Riverside Convent) are well known to many of you in our parish as they are involved in many areas of parish life. Their Sisters are involved with projects running in Kenya and Sr. Mercy will be collecting this weekend on their behalf to send support from our parish for:

1. **FAMILY OF GOD SHELTER**, providing ongoing support and sustenance to street boys in their care.
2. **TRANSITIONAL CARE & TRAINING CENTRE** where the sisters provide holistic care for orphaned children affected/infected by HIV/Aids. The immediate need is to provide a dining room for these children.

If you can support the above with any financial aid it will be greatly appreciated by their community. The collection will be at the Church Doors this weekend. Please be generous!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! 1969—2019

We will celebrate our **Golden Jubilee** in September 2019. We have set up a working committee of people who will work with us throughout this time to plan for a week-long celebration in our community. We had our first meeting during the past week. If you have any suggestions/ideas that will help us to celebrate appropriately we would love to hear them. Please send your suggestions to Fr. Joe or leave them in our Parish Office, as soon as possible. Thanks You.



ROTUNDA HOSPITAL – SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:

The Board, Master and Staff of the Rotunda Hospital invite you to a Service of Remembrance for people who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or neonatal death. People who have been recently bereaved or long ago bereaved are welcome to attend.

The Service will be held in the **Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, 19th November 2017 at 3.00pm**. Afterwards light refreshments will be served in the Gresham Hotel. If you have any queries please contact the Hospital Chaplain on 01 8171700.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honourable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

ANSWER:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible--it's you!

INSPIRATION

Every one of God's children is a unique creation with talents and gifts that are found in no one else. Each of us is asked to bring our special "twist" to life and to living the Gospel, leaving our impact on the world in a way that no one else can. Are we ever afraid to use our gifts or to be who we are? Fear can cripple us and prevent us from discovering the profound and creative ways in which we can become the person God meant us to be. We like our comfort zones and do not like to be stretched and challenged. Yet this is necessary if we are going to produce the fruit we are capable of producing and live the radical message of the Gospel. For serious Christians, the status quo has got to go!

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