



"For I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

THE CHRISTIAN VISION OF LIFE AFTER DEATH BY BRIAN GROGAN SJ

VERITAS DUBLIN 2011 pp 198

This is an excellent book. For all those questions that we have about the after-life, heaven, hell, and purgatory, this is the book. The answers that we are seeking are rooted in Scripture and the Teaching tradition of the Church. Fascinating questions answered in a very readable way. We are in safe hands as we explore challenging but very important material.

FAITH MOMENT

God's saving plan was accomplished 'once and for all' in the redeeming death of his Son Jesus Christ, who came from God to do the will of God.

Parish Council

New members required for Parish Council.

Fr. Joe would love to hear from you.

**Month of November
Morning Prayer
Exposition 9.30 - 10.00
To Pray For
Those Who Have Died**

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 10.30 – 4.00
Wed 10.30 – 9.00
Fri 10.30 – 9.00

Divine Mercy Meeting

Every Wed Evening
@ 8.00pm in the Prayer Room

Parish Centre

Phone: 626 56 95

Mass Intentions

6.30 Saturday

John Dwyer, Betty Conroy
Allen McGuire, Sheila Dempsey
John Keating, John, Delia McGuire

9.00 Sunday

Arthur Jacob, Kitty Mowles
Mollie Ritchie

10.30 Sunday

Kay Keogh, Paddy Kelly
Bridget O'Brien

12.00 Sunday

Patrick Murray, John Murray
John Roche, Sheila Reilly
John McCormack, Joseph Mezza
James Keane

7.30 Tuesday

Michael Ferns

10.00 Thursday

Hannah O'Riordan

Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.00, 9.45 (Convent),
10.30, 12.00

Weekdays:

10.00 Monday – Friday

7.30 Tuesday

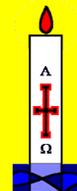
November

Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes are
now available.

Please put the completed
Altar Lists of the Dead
into the box on the altar or
leave them in the sacristy.

Rest in Peace



Gary Conway
Josephine Curtis
Peter Grendon
Raymond McGowan

*Blessings and Sympathy
to the Families*

Morning Star Hostel

Church Gate Collection
This Weekend

AsIAm

I, along with AsIAm would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who gave so generously to the AsIAm Church gate collection on the 22nd/23rd of October. The amount collected (€1402.12) far exceeded all of our expectations and we're greatly humbled and moved by your kindness. This money will undoubtedly help the work of AsIAm in raising much needed awareness and understanding of Autism. If you would like to know more about AsIAm, please consult their website at AsIAm.ie. Let's keep the conversation going!

Míle Buíochais

Michael O'Flanagan

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon 14/11 Feast of ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE

In 1162 chosen as first native Archbishop of Dublin

Tue 15/11 Lk 19: 1-10 The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Wed 16/11 Lk 19: 11-28 They imagined that the Kingdom of God was going to show itself.

Thu 17/11 Lk 19: 41-44 But, alas, it is hidden from your eyes!

Fri 18/11 Lk 19: 45-48 My house will be called a house of prayer

Sat 19/11 Lk 20: 27-40 He is God, not of the dead, but of the living



Rumblings from the Bunker



ASHES TO ASHES

'There they go again, telling us what to do', 'They have little to worry them!', 'They are not going to tell me what to do with my loved ones ashes, nor my own for that matter!' 'My Mum's ashes are on the sideboard and that's where they are staying!' These were just some of the reactions that came my way when the Church recently presented some norms regarding the burial and cremation of our loved ones. In a way these reactions are not surprising, and in my view are quite understandable.

Unfortunately as a Church we are inclined at times to issue regulations or norms, and then seek to explain what we mean and why we are saying such a thing afterwards. Surely it would be better to do it the other way round. If we first did a little bit of ground work by way of explaining and trying to help people understand our reasons for a particular approach, then there might be a greater openness or acceptance towards what we are saying. Instead we behave in a way that gets people's back up. In this way we shoot ourselves in the foot, and play into the hands of those who want to portray us as a Church of Thou shalt not!

For our part, we as members of the faith community, have certain basic responsibilities. We at least owe it to ourselves and the Church to find out what exactly has been said. Unfortunately, at times, we settle for Church teaching as presented in the tabloids or the gospel according to Google! In this sense, the so called Information Age, can fail us and make us intellectually lazy. The Church up until three weeks ago had not addressed the topic of cremation since July 5th 1963. With the growing number of cremations the present statement is timely.

Perhaps given the mis-information that is out there and the prevalence of emotive sound bites it might be helpful, first of all, to state what the Church is **not** saying. The Church has not banned cremation. The Church has not judged, nor sanctioned those who in the past, have, in good faith, scattered their loved ones ashes. There is no threat whatsoever in the recently issued norms. The Church has not said that cremation interferes or denies God's plan for our bodies after death, namely the resurrection from the dead. That said, lets now be clear what the Church has in fact said.

The Church has a clear preference for the burial of our mortal remains. Why? To begin with we need to remember that for us as Christians, because of Christ, death has a positive meaning. Put simply death is not the end. The Church argues that burial is the best way to give the faithful departed the honour and dignity they deserve. For me one of the most convincing points in this argument is that burial in a cemetery allows the person to be remembered in a prayerful way by the whole Christian community. This happens on occasions such as the Annual Cemetery Mass and the many visits people pay during the year, including at other family member's funerals. Ashes kept at home can very quickly become a private affair. I can understand how some people get comfort from having their loved ones ashes on the table or on the dresser. However I often feel that this can represent an unhealthy denial, inability or unwillingness to let go. The Church is aware of some terrible things that have happened regarding the private keeping of ashes, and earnestly seeks to prevent such things.

I believe regardless of language or methodology the Church is trying to preserve the honour and dignity of the human being, including the body, in both life and death. Surely any sane person would be appalled by Keith Richard's admission that he 'snorted' some of his fathers ashes. Now whilst this is an extreme example I am aware of other stories of disrespect, granted most likely not intentionally so. Ashes misplaced in kitchen accidents, ashes found in the attic after the last person in the house has died. The idea that ashes are divided up between family members, retained in, or forming part of, jewellery or ornaments are all cited by the Church as lacking the respect and dignity that are beloved dead deserve. Where we make a decision in favour of cremation the Church asks us not to scatter the ashes on earth, sea or sky.

So to summarise, at least the Church has provided clarity in this matter. In my view the onus is on us, with regard to this, or any Church teaching, is to first of all be clear that I know precisely what the Church is saying: to take this away and to pray and reflect on it: to have a discussion with a priest, pastor, teacher or someone who might help us formulate our response: to ask the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace to respond. Personally in this, as in all things, for us as faithful members of the Church, the notion of going a different direction, should not be undertaken lightly - if at all!

Dublin Gospel Choir

25 NOVEMBER @ 8PM

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

(Doors Open @ 6.30pm)

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
BRO. KEVIN SINGERS

Tickets €12
Contact Ken Byrne
@ 086 236 52 88



COLOURING PAGE



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| temple | starve | wisdom |
| stones | trial | betrayed |
| attack | faith | saved |

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Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes this world can be a scary place in which to live. Fighting, sickness, and storms can kill a lot of people. Jesus says that when those things happen around you, do not be afraid. Even when you die, you can still live forever with God. You have heaven to look forward to. When scary things happen around you, tell the people you love about Jesus. Tell them they can live forever with Jesus, too, so they don't need to be afraid.

Mission for the Week

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be brave and tell other people about you.

News from Caritas College

Third Year Students visit to Dunardagh.

On Tuesday 18th October all the third year students visited the Daughter of Charity Heritage Centre at the Provincial House in Dunardagh, Blackrock. The visit was to facilitate the girls in doing research for their Junior Cert. Religion Journal which is on the vision and work of the Daughters of Charity. The girls learned about the history and work of the Daughters in Ireland from Sr Aine, the Director of the Heritage Centre and also talked to Sr Eileen and Sr. Alice who spent their lives working with the disabled in England and Africa. The girls also got an opportunity to take a walk in the beautiful gardens in Dunardagh. The visit gave them a great understanding of the caring tradition of the religious order that founded Caritas College.



Maths Week 2016

Another successful Maths Week was held in Caritas College with Numeracy games for First Years, a Maths Quiz, a poster competition and many more activities. Fifth Year students visited St. Ultans and brought Numeracy Games to the pupils there.

Cheerios Childline Breakfast

Our wonderful Student Council organised this fundraising venture on October 18th

Annual 5km Fancy Dress Fun Run

Students and staff got into the Halloween spirit on October 28th for our annual sponsored fancy dress fun run. Thanks to our local Gardai for providing an escort to the students as they made their way around



Retirement

Ms. Catherine (McLoughlin) Connolly retired from Caritas College this week. Catherine taught Maths, Business and PE here for the last 33 years and it was with great sadness that staff and students said goodbye in a moving ceremony earlier in the week.

UCD Voluntary Tutoring Programme

Thanks to students from UCD who have visited Caritas College for 2 hours on Tuesday evenings over the last 5 weeks to tutor our 3rd and 6th yr students and some students from St John's College.

Monster Prize Bingo... Save the date!

The next Prize Bingo Night will be held on Monday November 28th at 7.30pm in Caritas College Hall. Bingo Books €10. All welcome

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November

Month of the Holy Souls

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In November, it is the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who have died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins.

The time they spend in Purgatory cleanses them so that they may enter Heaven free from all effects of sin.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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