



Parish News

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Draw me up an account of your stewardship

For those who think that the message of Jesus is altogether too other worldly today's parable will come as something of a surprise, and to others who like the idea of a pious Jesus not concerned with the things of this world it will come as a shock. On the face of it Jesus appears to be encouraging some sharp practice when he tells of the man who, on being fired by his employer, tries to make sure that he will be able to call in a few favours when he leaves. We may take it for granted that the point of the story is not that Jesus wants to encourage dishonesty but rather he wants his followers to be aware that they live in the real world and that they should always seek to make the best of the situation in which they find themselves. The context for this parable is the right use of money and Jesus is unambiguous when it comes to this. Money, tainted as it is, still has a place in the life of believers: it should be used to help the poor.



Reflection

Today's readings show two sides of witnessing to the faith. On the one hand Amos is trenchant in his public criticism of the scandalous behaviour of his fellow citizens. His stand will get him into serious difficulties with the authorities and, according to some traditions, his death. Paul, on the other hand, wants believers to witness to their faith by the good, quiet lives they lead. As a new movement he understands that more people will be attracted to it by the good example of its members. The same tension can and does exist for believers today. There is a great need for the fearless prophetic witness which calls attention to the oppressive injustices of our time. Equally, Christians must also show by their lives that they are not simply political agitators but people committed to the values of the kingdom of God. When money becomes our master then God takes a poor second place and the consequences of that choice are everywhere to be seen.



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FOSTER CARERS urgently required in the Western Trust area.

There is an unprecedented need for foster carers, due to a high rise in the numbers of children and young people who have come into care recently.

Fostering Information Events will be held

on: Tuesday 20th September, 7:30pm – 9:00pm in Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry, and Tuesday 8 November, 7:30pm – 9:00pm in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. There are also some upcoming 'Virtual' Evenings: Thursday 6th October and Tuesday 11th October, 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

Details: <https://www.microsoft.com/.../microsoft.../join-a-meeting...>

Meeting ID: 348 912 789 183 Passcode: hcWUQC

The Mass on Wednesday 21st September scheduled for St Mary's Oratory in Newbuildings will be held in St Columba's PS. This Mass is to mark the beginning of the new school year. All parishioners are welcome to attend we would really appreciate it.

The Trench Rd Folk Group have resumed singing at 10:15 Sunday Mass. New and returning members welcome (P7 upwards and adults). If you are willing to commit come to our practice in the Malvern Terrace Hall on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, or talk to us after Mass on Sunday. Eamon Owens 07871284402

Melodies & Memories – a music group for people living with dementia, their family members/ friends and also for older members of the community who like to sing and enjoy a bit of craic – will resume their sessions in The Acorn Centre (in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Culmore Road), starting date 26th September. The group meets each Monday afternoon, 2:30 - 4:30. Please phone 07561706815 for any further information or email melandmem@icloud.com

SMA Novena 2022 in honour of St Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Friday 23rd September to Saturday 1st October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers 10.00am & 7.30pm, SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, available via webcam www.sma.ie



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Youth 2000 are holding a “Country Barndance”! Join us for a night of craic, food and dancing in the Mellon Hotel, Omagh on Sat 24th Sept. Welcome- 6:00pm to start at 6:30pm. We'll teach you how to throw a few moves before dinner and after dinner you'll dance til the cows come home!! Suggested style “Wild West” but not necessary. This is an Over 18s event. £30/€35. Tickets available on www.youth2000.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13th – 21st, 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655pps including taxes and tips. For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

"CALLING ALL MEN...CALLING ALL MEN...100 PLUS IRISH MEN NEEDED The **Men's Global Rosary Crusade** invites 100, and hopefully more, men to meet and say the Rosary in reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm opposite the Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart on Saturday 08th October as part of the Crusade. We need as many men from this parish to attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has asked us to do repeatedly. Please come along and invite your family and friends as well. Let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Our Lord, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028."

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is Gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 028 7135 1329.

Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme: Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake:

Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10.00am 4.30pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne, or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>. See reflection on the course: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE7FIbhuJCI>



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Deaths:

John Shiels, Campion Court, Anna Hayman, Foyle Fold

Anniversaries:

Minnie Boyle, Sadie Conaghan, Phonsie Henry, Bridie Armstrong, William 'Tootsie' McCallion, Tommy Nicholas, Thomas Mullan, Pat and Jean Mullan Billy Duddy, Gerard Carey, Anna McGarvey, Berto Del Pinto, Lackie Gourley, Jim McColgan

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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