



**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Church's year**

### **LACK OF ACTION**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of two men, a rich man and a poor man. In the first scene we find details about the rich man's wardrobe and how he feasts. In contrast to the rich man, we find the poor man, Lazarus by name, lying at the gate. He does not expect to get invited to the rich man's house he wishes only for the scraps that fall from the rich man's table. The first scene ends with the death of both men.

In the next scene we are in the other world and there is a reversal of fortunes. Lazarus now reclines in a place of honour at the heavenly banquet while the rich man is in agony. His wardrobe is gone and his feasting is finished.

The rich man did nothing to Lazarus, but he was not innocent. His lack of action was his crime.

In the "I Confess" we ask forgiveness for "what I have done and what I have failed to do". In her book *Suffering* Dorothee Soelle makes the point well when she writes: "When you look at human suffering concretely you destroy all innocence, all neutrality, every attempt to say, "It wasn't I; there was nothing I could do; I didn't know." In the face of suffering, you are either with the victim or the executioner – there is no other option."

**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 Tce Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm, or talk to us after Mass on Sunday.

**Baptisms** – We welcome to the family of God:

**Lochlan Christopher Gallagher**, Anderson Crescent and **Grace Maria Teresa Gallagher**, Summer Meadows View.

**Deaths:** We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of Brenda Tracey, 13 Meehans Terrace

**Anniversaries:** Redmond Gallagher, Anne Doherty, Dan Doran, Ann O'Brien, Mervyn Conway, Eileen Whoriskey, Agnes Jordan, Lily Gourley, Jim Barrow, David Doherty, Michael Rankin, Anne Aquino, John O'Neill, Eddie Fitzpatrick & Teresa Mullan

*Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.*

**Collection for last week:**      **Glendermott £4070**  
   **Strathfoyle £435**

**Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland** – Sunday October 9th, at 2.30pm. Sign up Rosary location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or text your location to 087 278 6552.

**'Living in DIVINE WILL'** – Termonbacca 1st Monday of every month at 8pm, all welcome' (next one is 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

**Derry Youth Scholarship Programme** – If you are interested or want more information, please message us @Derryyouth on social media or email Niamh at [niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org](mailto:niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org)

**Vocations Prayer** – In the letter from St. Paul to Timothy today, Paul advises Timothy: "As a man dedicated to God, you must be saintly and religious, filled with faith, hope and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of faith." We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, that they may be able to live their lives in the way St Paul describes.

**Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme: *Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake***: 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 please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto: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>

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

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre** – Masters in Catholic School Leadership. Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

### **The Present Moment**

A Christian writer went to visit a Vietnamese Buddhist. He was offered an orange by way of hospitality. While he was eating it, he became aware that his host was giving him a rather puzzled smile. 'Is something bothering you?' asked the visitor. 'It's the way you're eating that orange; said the Buddhist, 'You're eating it so fast. You're thinking of the next piece all the time, not the piece you're eating. You're not living the present moment: The value of living the moment is important.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday

St Columb's Church	10am, 12:30pm, 6pm
Immaculate Conception	10:15am & 12:15pm
St Oliver Plunkett	11:15am
St Mary's Oratory	9:15am

### Monday - Friday

St Columb's Church	10am, 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception	9.15am
St Oliver Plunkett	11am
(11am mass in St Mary's Oratory on Wednesdays)	

### Saturday

St Columb's Church	10am, 7pm (Sunday Vigil)
Immaculate Conception	11am, 6pm, 8pm
St Oliver Plunkett	6pm (Sunday Vigil)

### Confessions:

**St Columb's** – Saturday after 10am Mass, Friday 5-6pm during Adoration and Monday – Thursday at 7pm before evening Mass

**Immaculate Conception** – after 11am Mass every Saturday and at 5.30pm before evening Mass on a Saturday

**St Oliver Plunkett** – Every Saturday 5.30 before the Vigil Mass

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