

focus on sunday

The rich man kept his wealth, but he was sad. The gospel reminds us that full and true happiness is found, not in possessions and reputation, but in the way we share our lives in love with God and others.

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The gospel of the rich man who could not let go of his wealth focusses us today on wealth, prosperity and possessions in our lives. A few indications from Pope Francis are challenging to us personally and in society:

From Gaudete et Exsultate, 'Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life'.

From Fratelli Tutti: Not to share our wealth with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well. In the words of Saint Gregory the Great, "When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us".

Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that "new forms of poverty are emerging". The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period.

Fr Donal Neary SJ (Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Once there was a Prince, riding on a horse. The Prince saw a poor man who was cold, and begging on the roadside. The Prince stopped, took off his cloak, and wrapped it around the man. That night the Prince had a dream. He saw Jesus in Heaven, wearing the poor man's gift cloak. We are blessed with all kinds of food and clothes. There are many people in the world who are hungry and cold. When we share our gifts and blessings, we are blessed in return.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.



a rich man to enter the kingdom of God! They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'Who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'*

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.89:12-17

R. Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

- 1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. [R]
- 2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. [R]
- 3. Show forth your work to your servants; Let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 4.12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him, everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-30

(*shorter form 10:17-27)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us....

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 7. 7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm
Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon
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Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm
(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October: Month of Missions

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the family of Tom Halpin, Ballycaseymore Hill, who was buried last Saturday,

Months Mind: This Saturday Oct 9th for Liz Glynn in Mary Immaculate Church at 12 noon. This Saturday Oct 9th for Rose Kennedy in Mary Immaculate Church at 12 noon. Next Saturday Oct 16th for Michael Quinlan in Mary Immaculate Church at 12 noon.

First Anniversaries: This Sunday Oct 10th for Liz Cronin in SS John & Paul Church at 10am. Next Saturday Oct 16th for Damien McDonnell in Mary Immaculate Church at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: Bernadette O'Donnell, Ann & Teresa Dunne, Peg & Joe O'Donnell, Agnes Allen, Tom Murray, Sean Murray, Eily & Bill O'Doherty, Mary Jacintha, Jim & Mary O'Dwyer, Gerry O'Dwyer. Deceased members of the McPhillips family, John Justice, Dermot & Kitty Murray, Mai O'Shaughnessey and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last Sunday's Offerings: €2,360. As always, thank you for your great generosity which is so much appreciated.

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish. As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



Priests Autumn Collection will be taken up on the weekend October 22-24th. Envelopes will be distributed to homes and available in the Church's. We will also be distributing your November Holy Souls envelopes separately with the Priests Autumn Collection. We thank you for your wonderful support.

Notice: We are seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 4 times yearly in various areas around Shannon. If you have free time and are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 363243 or email office@shannonparish.ie

Mass and Baptismal Bookings:

If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you book through the Parish Office. This enables us to ensure all Masses and Baptisms are scheduled. You can book by emailing office@shannonparish.ie or calling 363243.

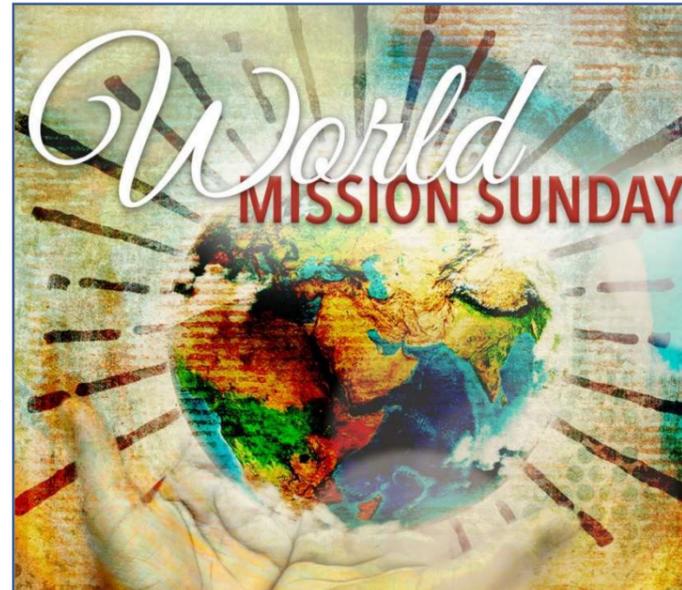


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Sunday in Mary Immaculate Church from 12noon-6pm and 2-6pm in SS John and Paul Church. With the current safety protocols in place adoration is for private prayer only. All are welcome to visit our Church's.

Religious Gifts: For all occasions are available from the Parish Office. If there is a particular religious item you are looking for we will source it for you.

COVID-19 Protocols: We ask all parishioners attending Mass, and other Church ceremonies that the wearing of masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. We are also permitted to have 50% of Church capacity. We thank everyone for your co-operation and to the teams of stewards who assist you.



Dear Parishioners,

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated on Sunday the 24th.



Its theme *'We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)'* is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.



Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and part of a global network serving the Church in over 120 countries. Through the kindness and generosity of the Irish faithful, they strive to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel in some of the most remote corners of the world, primarily in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. To help build and maintain vibrant Christian communities, they raise spiritual and financial support by highlighting the vital work of missionaries who are living out their faith more fully through their charitable work and projects overseas.

Overseas missionaries fulfil much more than just the spiritual needs for some of the world's poorest people. They also provide practical and social support, offering struggling communities the skills and tools they need to relieve poverty and injustice. Their needs vary greatly. This could be anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a church or community hall so local people can gather and celebrate their faith. More urgently, it could be medical supplies or vaccinations, food or education programmes.

We invite you during the month of Missions to consider your missionary life in our parish, further afield overseas, and to visit www.missio.ie or speak with one of the parish team and learn about ways you can get involved in helping with building the body of Christ. There are a variety of resources and Mission Month Packs for the young and not so young available to download on the website. There are many ways you can become involved: through prayer; offering a mass; making a donation; bringing mission life to your school, college or workplace; supporting the Apostolic Workers in Shannon; supporting Rosie Byrne and the team with Goradiche and the Burren Chernobyl Project; or by becoming a volunteer or indeed a missionary.

God Bless, Fr Arnie P.P. V.F.