

If Jesus draws our attention to the generosity of the poor widow captured forever in this splendid Gospel page, it is no doubt because it is an image of his own redemptive generosity. Everything has been given. There is nothing left to give. Jesus himself surrenders himself totally in his death on the cross and in that act of redemptive generosity he opens up for us the way to salvation. If we are to share with him the glory of resurrection we will need, first of all, to share in the sacrificial generosity of his death. Our generosity, our surrender, needs to match his. This is the promise of our Baptism, what we commit ourselves to afresh every time we involve ourselves in the dynamic of the Mass.

Fr. James O'Kane, *Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)*



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B-Psalter Week 4 11th November 2018

Remembrance Mass

Mass will be celebrated on 27th November at 7.30pm to remember our deceased especially those who died since last November.

Names to parish office/reception.

Bulletin Sponsorship

This weekend's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Tim O'Herlihy R.I.P. whose anniversary occurs now.

Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm at the Parish House.

'Waking up to Climate Change'

Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology *Laudato Si'* says that climate change is real and mainly a 'result of human activity'. A talk entitled 'Waking up to Climate Change' by Lorna Gold will take place on Friday, 16 November at 7.30 pm in the Visitor Centre, North Cathedral, Cork.

Admission is free but places are limited.

To book a place, e-mail:

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Handel's Messiah at Gurrabraher Church

2nd December. The East Cork Choral Society will perform at the event and has agreed to give all proceeds towards clearing the Church debt. For more info contact 021 430 3655.

SMA Website where you will find news of the SMA, its work in Africa and other parts of the world www.sma.ie.

Cake Sale

We are appealing for donations of cakes, soda bread, etc. for our cake sale on Sunday 11th November 2018.

Christmas Craft Fair, Ardfoyle Convent

On Thursday 6th December 11am - 3pm. Is being organised by the Horticulture Course. The horticulture students will be selling Natural Christmas Wreaths and Table Arrangements. Diarmuid O'Drisceoil will be selling his new book on the Loop Walk of Blackrock and the OLA sisters will have a table of crafts and cards from Africa on sale.

For more info contact Finola on 087 1409189.

Annual Mass

for deceased Staff of An Garda Siochana in Cork City Division takes place on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Wilton, Cork.

Mass Times

Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon

Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm

Weekdays: 7.15am, 10am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & 6.20pm.

Sunday Devotions: 5.00 p.m.

Adoration: 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Masses Saturday 10th November 2018

7.00pm Vigil : Novena

Masses Sunday 11th November 2018

10.00am Jim & Betty Rodgers R.I.P. Anniversary

12 noon Tim O'Herlihy R.I.P. Anniversary

In Remembrance/Anniversaries

Tim O'Herlihy / Bill O'Mahony

Gretta Murphy Birthday Remembrance

Vincent Madden / Jim McCarthy

Michael Roche 1st Anniversary

Ray Dunne 12th Anniversary

Joseph & Margaret Lee

Josephine (Jo) Mahon

Mary McInerney 6th Anniversary

Vincent Madden 4th Anniversary

May they Rest in Peace

Church collection including all Saints Day €1530

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Today's 2nd collection is for P.A.F.A.

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Marriage Support

Reflection

The total renunciation of self of the two widows could be seen as an analogy with Christ's own total self-renunciation, as the sacrifice needed to save sinners. Jesus comments on the widow's gift at the Temple knowing that he himself will shortly make his life an offering to the Father, making of death upon the cross a self-sacrifice. This story forms a bridge between the teaching life of Jesus and the Passion narrative which is soon to follow. So, if either widow is at all foolish, their folly is Christlike. Their action makes only as much sense as Christ's gift on the cross for our salvation. And we may ask ourselves today - "What would suit a Christian's giving?"

Unfolding the word

Our Autumn gatherings when we share the Gospels will run for the following three Wednesdays of **November 14th, 21st, 28th**. All are welcome. No expertise needed, just a willingness to share and take part or just listen if you like.

Venue: St. Francis' Convent, opposite the entrance of the church, Blackrock Road.

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm including a cuppa.

Please come along for one or more of the nights.