



**CHURCH OF OUR LADY, MOTHER OF
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**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE
GOSPELS** **Matthew 20:1-16**

1 'I was there first.' Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.

2 A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

3 This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.

4 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

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Sunday 22nd September 2014
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Week 5

FAREWELL TO FR. MARTIN O'SHEA

Dear Parishioners

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join them in organising contributions for a farewell presentation to Fr. Martin O'Shea.

Contribution envelopes may be dropped into our Parish Office during the week and in collection baskets at weekends. Contributions should reach our Parish Office by 15th October next.

Thank You Veronica Sweeney, Chairperson.



Eucharist Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection.

Liturgy Group

A Liturgy Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd of September at 10.30am.

Kilbarrack/ Foxfield – Change in Mass Times

Please note the Mass time changes in Kilbarrack/Foxfield parish commencing on the weekend 21st September 2014; Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm. Sunday Masses: 9.30am & 12noon.

Manor House School Mass – Wed. 24th at 12noon
St. Vincent de Paul – Church Gate Collection next weekend.

Next Sunday's Readings (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A) : Ex 18:25-28. Ps 24:4-9, R/v 6. {Phil 2: 1-11) Mt 21:28-32.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Vigil	6.00pm	Health Intention	
		Betty & Pat Larkin	Anniv.
		& Deceased Family Members	
Sun.	8.30am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Fox & Houlihan families	
	11.30am	Carmel Ryan	Anniv.
Mon.	10.00am	Michael Murray	Rec. Dec.
Tues.	10.00am	Noel Duffy	Rec. Dec.
Wed.	10.00am	John & Rita Gallagher	Anniv.
Thurs.	10.00am	James & Cecelia Spellissy	Anniv.
		John & Esther Bennett	Anniv.
Fri.	10.00am	Eileen Patterson	Rec. Dec.
Sat.	10.00am	John Monks	Anniv.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers A special blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 8pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society The monthly meeting will take place this coming Monday, 22nd September in the Mortuary Chapel at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Baptisms. We welcome and congratulate the parents and families of the babies who were baptised in our church on Saturday 21st September.