



In the Third Gospel, the reversal of the present social order is one of the signs of God's salvation. It has been proclaimed in the *Magnificat*, the Song of Mary.

In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus calls the materially poor people "blessed", and the rich folk have "Woe to you!" addressed to them. This theme is illustrated in uncompromising and graphic detail in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, which provides our Gospel reading for today.

We might note that there is no moral judgment on either of the characters in the story. The rich man is insensitive and thoughtless: he is simply rich. We are not told whether Lazarus belongs to the group of the 'deserving' or 'undeserving' poor: he is simply poor. The rich man embodies Luke's attitude to wealth, that it renders a person insensitive to the demands of the Law and the Prophets, where sharing wealth with those less fortunate rather than accumulating more than one needs or can use is a form of sin; it counts as worshipping a false god. The result of this is shown in the condition of the poor man at the gate of the rich man's property. Not only is he physically unable to move, he is ritually unclean because of the unwelcome attention he is receiving from the dogs of the district. Luke describes the death of Lazarus in tender detail: the unnamed wealthy individual is despatched in a couple of words.

Abraham tells the rich man that his predicament is entirely his own fault: if he had paid more attention to the responsibilities his wealth brought him, then things would be different. His brothers will suffer the same fate, because they will not listen to the words of the Law and the Prophets, and they are so wrapped up in their comfortable existence that even if Lazarus returned to warn them now, they would pay no heed. In the rejection of Lazarus, we have a hint of the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders, to whom this parable is addressed. ■

REFLECT

Br Kevin Crowley runs the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin City. The centre has been providing meals for the hungry since 1969 and I'm sure you can think of other examples of similar places in your own districts or cities. Indeed through two very bad recessions in Ireland during the 1980s and after the collapse of the banks in 2008, the centre witnessed a dramatic increase in demand for its services. More recently, Br Kevin spoke of the hundreds of people on the streets queuing for food outside his centre and referred to the new experience of people being ashamed to ask for food and help. While there is always food available and a secure place for children to receive a nutritious meal, there is something else that is vitally important at this centre of care and that is the value of hospitality. Br Kevin and many other providers of similar services know the significance of reaching out the hand of friendship and simply saying, "You are welcome in this place." It mirrors Jesus' attitude of abundance, generosity and love, not to mention his welcome for those who are most in need of help. ■



LEARN

"This is the miracle: rather than a multiplication it is a sharing, inspired by faith and prayer. Everyone eats and some is left over: it is the sign of Jesus, the Bread of God for humanity."

(Pope Francis, Angelus – St Peter's Square, June 2, 2013)

DO

Make an attempt in the coming week to articulate what the Eucharist means to you. What happens during your short time at Mass that brings you back again?



SAY

Lord Jesus Christ, nourish me with your body and blood so that I may become what I receive in showing your loving presence to the world.

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's, Dromore All Saints, Ballela
Sunday 11.00am Sunday 9.45am

Weekday Mass Times : St Colman's

Mon, Wed & Thurs : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Tues & Fri: Mass 9.30am

Sat: 10-11am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thurs: 7pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 29: Sarah McEvoy

Frank Magee

Thurs 3: Joe McCusker

Sun 6: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 29: Vincent Mallon

Robert Guy, Rose, Dan & Elizabeth Brennan &
Deceased members of the Kelly, Brennan & Guy
Family

Fri 4: Arthur McCann

Sun 6: Hugh Downey

Mary Murphy

Offertory Promise Collection £1259.64

Readers – Dromore

Sun 6: Shauna McDonald

Recently Deceased

Peter Finegan, Iaganvale, Dromore.

Collectors - Ballela – October

Katie Lennon & Dermot McCusker

St Colman's P.S 50th Celebrations

St. Colman's P.S Dromore are celebrating 50 years in their current school building. We are looking for any old pictures or memorabilia of the school which could be used in an event to commemorate its anniversary. If you any items you would like to contribute, memories you would like to share or can help in any way please contact the school on 92692628 or email

info@stcolmans.dromore.ni.sch.uk.

Sunday 29th Sept 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 27

£100	Desmond McAnarney	583
£50	Maureen Beggs	168
£30	John Doyle	334
£20	Maura Collins	439

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 22nd Sept : 3 5 7 22

£10 winner: Gareth Burns

Seller: Anglers Rest

Jackpot £2000

SMA Novena 2019

in honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus from

Mon. 23rd Sept – Tues 1st Oct. Mass & Novena

Prayers each day at 10.00am & 7.30pm. African

Missions, Dromantine, Newry BT34 1RH.

Prayer Service "for Ireland and Humanity"

On Sunday 29th September at 5.00 pm in St Colman's, Dromore, we join with Archbishop Eamon Martin and parishes across Ireland to mark the 40th anniversary of Pope St John Paul's visit to Ireland in 1979 and to renew his prayer for peace and life in our land.

A day in Honour of Our Lady Saturday, 5th

October in Knock Shrine starts 10am with Praise & Worship in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; 3pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by testimony, food & music in Rest & Care Centre finishing with Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops & their Dioceses. To book a seat on subsidised bus (€10, Booking Essential) please contact Human Life International, Knock on 094 9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

Autumn Leaves Are holding a charity night Dance in St Colman's Hall Dromore on Fri 4th Oct 8pm – late. Music by Chris Betts plus Ballot. Admission £10 includes supper supplied by Eurospar Dromore. All proceeds for Southern Area Hospice. Come along and bring a friend.

Sick visits

The sick of the parish will be visited as follows:

Wed 2nd – Dromore & Thurs 3rd – Ballela.

Do you need financial or practical assistance or even a friendly chat?

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is here to help. You can contact us through our helpline number: 07738838187