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Sunday Thoughts

SURFACE RELIGION

In our society, if you don't break the law then no one can touch you. You can't be imprisoned, fined or given some other punishment. That's because you've done nothing wrong. So you won't get a criminal record. But neither will you get a public medal of honour. You have to do something worthwhile to be awarded an honour. Simply obeying the law doesn't make you a good citizen.

Similarly, with our religion, it's not enough to keep the rules. We have to have that something extra; we have to have a loving relationship with God, a relationship that shows itself in the way we live our lives.

In today's gospel Jesus criticises the religious leaders for doing just enough to comply with the religious law while their hearts are in a different place. Minimalism is not the same as virtue. And so he points out that a "how far can I go?" mentality is unacceptable to God. I may not kill someone but if I harbour anger against them then I am guilty of sin. I may not commit adultery but if I lust after someone then I've already shown that I'm trying to bend the rules. And how can we approach God in worship when we are at odds with others at home or in the community? It's simply hypocrisy, says Jesus.

How alive is my faith? Do I give my all or do I simply keep the rules? Is coming to church on a Sunday the sum total of my contribution to the local Christian community? Do I rather resent the rules and regulations that my faith places upon me? Do I think that they put me at a disadvantage compared with friends who have no faith or do I see them as a Godgiven way of getting the most out of life? Do I see God's law as restrictive or as life-enhancing? Does it kerb my liberty or is it a charter for human freedom?

Christians believe that God's law brings life whereas acting contrary to it only results in a destructive existence. Today's scripture is even blunter; it tells us that we have a choice between life and death: choosing to ignore the wisdom of God means opting for a pattern of life that is ultimately unfulfilling and life-depriving.

Today Ecclesiasticus (a preacher) reminds us that if we wish we can keep God's commandments for it is within our power to do so. You have life and death before you, he says, and whichever you like better will be given to you.

Life and death on both sides of the grave. That's quite a choice!

Weekend Intentions

Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



6.30pm – Mary Harkin – 14th Anniversary

10.00am - Charlie & Nora O'Connell - Anniv

Annie O'Boyle - 3rd Anniversary

12.30pm – Maria O'Connor – 12th Anniv

Sheila Slater - 21st Anniversary

11.15am (The Park) -

Recently Deceased: Nicholas Coen

Months Mind: Sarah Kirwan

Anniversaries: Peggy Lehane (22nd Anniv)

Mass times in St. Brigid's Church

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday -10 am Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 6.30 pm Sunday - 10 am and 12.30 pm and 11.15 am Park Mass (term time)

Faith Development Groups

Centering Prayer: Wednesday 7pm- 8pm

Prayer group: Thursday 10.30am

Gospel Contemplation: Fridays 11.00 am to

12.00 noon.

Please feel free to join any groups.

Accord

The annual collection for Accord - The Catholic Marriage Advisory Agency takes place at all masses next weekend (18/19 Feb.), replacing the usual share collection.



Parish Noticeboard.

Service of Light for Girls preparing for Confirmation from St. Brigid's Girls School takes place next Thursday 16th Feb. in the Girls School at 7.30pm

Park Mass Centre

A meeting of parents who look after the Sunday Masses in the Park Mass Centre in St. Brigid's Girls School will take place on Wednesday 15th Feb. at 8pm in the school

Confessions every Saturday after 6.30pm Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely

The Parish Office/Centre

Do you have an idea for a class/course/event? We would love to hear from you.



The Centre is open for bookings of classes, events, courses etc. Lots of activities/coffee dock in the parish centre every day.

Coffee dock open after 10 am Sunday Mass. Do drop in, you will be very welcome.

Help needed – can you spare an hour on Sunday morning on a rota basis – Volunteers required to help in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre – contact the Parish Office if you can help. A great way to meet parishioners and make new friends.



Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm. Just drop in – no appointment needed.



Novice Bridge Club

Our Novice Bridge Club will take place every Thursday evening from 7.30 pm -10.00pm (for those playing

bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required.

New members very welcome.

Pilates Classes - Tuesday evenings 3 classes 6 pm - 9 pm - Parish Centre Pilates for Men - Wednesday evenings -2 classes - 7 pm - 9 pm - Parish Centre Contact Hope on 087 231 5436

QQI Level 5 Courses: Family Carers Ireland are holding QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in February 2017. Contact 057 9322920 /email: mbracken@familycarers.ie / Web: www.familycarers.ie



To us, it's personal.

Would you like to have a conversation about a career in caring? If you have skills that will assist families caring

for their loved ones, please contact Kay in our HR Department. Email:

kay.daly@homeinstead.ie or call 01-2068022

Dolmen Theatre

A hilarious comedy: Ruby Tuesday by Rose Henderson. Performed by Rose Henderson (Fr Ted, Fair City) and Helen Norton (Fair City). Mon 6th – Sat.18th Feb.



Phone: 087-1018202

Mother & Toddler Group – this group has restarted and takes place each Tuesday of term time from 10.30 am to 11.45 am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.



Ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. Contact Joan O'Shea on 01 2824814 if you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Frank Quinn Catering

Catering for all your requirements, Confirmations, Communions, Birthdays, Parties, etc. Outdoor catering also available. Contact Frank on 086-3598258





Married Couples – Gift yourself a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship by making a

Marriage Renewal Weekend in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3 – 5 March. More info from www.marriageencounter.ie or call 087 784 0408.

The AWARE Resilience Series 2017 -

Fundraising talk on Thurs 16th Feb at 7 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Guest speaker − Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Tickets €25 and all funds raised will go to AWARE Nationwide support. Ph: 01 606 9736 for more information.

Anam Cara (National organisation that supports bereaved parents) Information evening on Monday, 13t Feb from 19.30 hrs – 21.30 hrs in Glashaus Hotel, Belgard Sq West, Tallaght. Call 01 404 5378 for more information.