

SUNDAY PLUS

Be generous

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

God the gambler




He takes the problem away from where it is – with himself – and places the problem where it is not – with his master. He portrays the master as harsh; there is no admission that his own creativity leans towards the cemetery. He ends up burying part of himself. And we should only bury what is dead.

We can ask ourselves how we imagine God, and how the way we see God influences our

attitudes and behaviour. Is God an exacting master who demands that we return to him exactly what we have been given? Is God a gambler and an adventurer, who lives in the fond hope that we will live in the spirit of trust?

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbbooks.co.uk.

Dearest Jesus, open my eyes, let me see the little ways in which I can give encouragement and support to those who need it. Let me give of my time instead of wanting to keep it for myself.  Amen.

Time matters

By Natalie Claviera

Time. Some would say, especially in this digital age, it is our most precious commodity. Do we ever have enough? What would we do if we had more? It is the one thing we can't change; we can't go back in it, we can't go forward either, but we can live, ever more present, in the present. Allowing yourself to have a presence in the present is probably the best way we can use it. To give your time to someone, especially someone in need, is probably the greatest gift we can all afford to give: not a rushed quick moment, to truly give your undivided attention to another is a gift that will stay long after you have left. As we hear today, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." We all have memories of those that have left a lasting impression on us: how can we recreate more timeless moments with those around us?

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This culture of waste has also made us insensitive to wasting and throwing out excess foodstuffs, which is especially condemnable when, in every part of the world, unfortunately, many people and families suffer hunger and malnutrition. There was a time when our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food.

Pope Francis

Feast of the week
Monday 18 November

Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, Colombia

According to Colombian tradition, in the mid-sixteenth century, the de Santana family commissioned Spanish artist Alonso de Narvaez to paint a picture of Our Lady of the Rosary, using local materials. In 1562, the picture was hung in a small chapel where sunlight and a leaking roof soon caused considerable damage. Not wanting to dump the faded painting, in 1577 the de Santana family moved it to Chiquinquirá, where it was stored in an unused room that had formerly been the family oratory.

A Spanish woman, Marla Ramos, cleaned the neglected chapel, found the picture and hung it up. She liked the painting even if it was difficult to see it clearly. Then, on Friday 26 December 1586, the faded, damaged image was suddenly and apparently miraculously repaired and restored to its original colours and brightness. The fame of the transformation spread throughout Colombia.

Pilgrims came from across the country to pray before the picture of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá.

Today:	Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:	Next Sunday:
Proverbs 8:1-13, 18-20, 30-31 Thessalonians 5:1-8 Ash Wednesday 25:14-30	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 4:1-43, 5:1-37, 6:2-64 Luke 18:35-43	2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28	1 Maccabees 2:15-28 Luke 19:41-44	1 Maccabees 4:38-37, 5:2-59 Luke 19:45-48	1 Maccabees 6:1-18 Luke 20:27-40	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 29 Matthew 25:31-46

NEWSLETTER

Incorporating St Richards, Sacred Heart (Hindley Green) and Sacred Heart (Hindsford) Churches

MASS THIS WEEK - 18th Nov - 24th Nov

Saturday	18 Nov - 5pm	Sacred Heart - Malcolm & Mary Vickers
Sunday	19 Nov - 9:30am	St Richards - Win & Joan / Helen Gleeson
Sunday	19 Nov - 11:00am	Sacred Heart - Kenny Gregory
Monday	20 Nov - 10:30am	Sacred Heart - Delia Barrett
Tuesday	21 Nov - 10:30am	St Richards - Fred Rothwell
Wednesday	22 Nov - 10:30am	Sacred Heart - In Thanksgiving
Thursday	23 Nov - 10:30am	St Richards - November List.
Friday	24 Nov	NO MASS

New Website.

Our new website is now online, and can be viewed at: www.strichards-sacredheart.com

Christmas Fair – 19th November – Sacred Heart

A reminder that the Christmas fair will be taking place THIS WEEKEND at Sacred Heart Primary School on Sunday 1- 4pm.

Christmas Mass Times.

Times of Christmas Masses can be found at the back of church; they are :

Sat 23rd Dec – 5pm Sacred Heart (Vigil 4th Sunday Advent) 6:30pm–St Richards (Vigil 4th Sunday Advent) **Sun 24th Dec** – 6pm St Richards (Vigil Xmas Day) **8pm Sacred Heart** (Vigil Xmas Day) **Mon**

We pray for those who have died recently :

Ann Carroll / Gertude Farrell / Michael Fahey.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may the rest in peace. Amen.

25th Dec – 9am St Richards 10:30am Sacred Heart

Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

After our successful pilgrimage this year, we have booked again for next year, Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 2024. If you are interested, please contact Lauren Morrison. Tel. 0741416414.

Items for the Newsletter

If anyone would like to add any items for the newsletter, then please contact Fr Carl by WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE LATEST.

Legion Of Mary.

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart Church (Gordon Room), everyone is welcome. Please join us to pray the rosary before Mass on Wednesday at 10am (Sacred Heart). Mass, Exposition and Confession is available on the First Friday of each month at Sacred Heart church, next time is 2nd December 2023 at 10am.

Children's Liturgy

Now takes place at both St Richards and Sacred Heart churches. I would like to encourage those with children to let them take part in the activities being provided. If you would like to volunteer to help with children liturgy, please contact Fr Carl. All helpers will need to undergo a DBS check.

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