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## **God's Apprentice**

Today's is a strange and difficult parable. dishonest business man is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The business man sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his

come-uppance but it doesn't happen! In fact the business man is applauded for his shrewdness.

This roque business man shares much in common with our twenty first century business men and women. The rogue business man is talented, skilled ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work .What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eve on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters.....
You cannot serve God and wealth."

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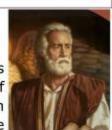
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## St. Matthew 21st September

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the



publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.



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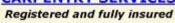
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## This Sunday 18th September

After 9:30am Mass in the Church hall. Proceeds in aid of the purchase of a defibrillator. Please support. Donations may be given to any committee member.

PATH, Portlaoise Action to Homelessness, Open Meeting; Tuesday 20th September in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

St. Pio's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Friday 23rd September at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. After Mass St. Pio's glove will be available to anyone wishing to be blessed.

Laois Guide Dogs Church Gate Collection will take place over the weekend of September 24th/25th in Portlaoise and County. Volunteers are needed for all Mass times, if you can assist please contact Dominic Dunne at 086-8312034. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Richard Connell well in his retirement after 36 years working with the society. Richard has been instrumental in the successful work carried out by Laois Guide Dogs over the years and has assured us that he will be available to provide assistance to Dominic who will now head up Guide Dogs in Laois.

Fatima Invalid Fund proceeds from Church Gate Collection 13th/14th August; Portlaoise €2,300

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2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Freda Gaynor

2<sup>nd</sup> G. Rafter Raffle: 1st W. Connell 3rd M. Delaney 4th S. Cheater

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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.



## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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## DO THE RIGHT THING

What would you do if you were walking home from school and found a bag that contained a lot of money? Would you tell your parents and report your find to the Gardai, or would you say, "Wow! This must be my lucky day?" This morning I am going to tell you two true stories about people who found a large amount of money and chose to do the right thing.



Tom Malone is a 8-year old school student. One day, Tom found a bag of money containing €120 on top of the water machine. He took it to his teacher the two of them went to the principal's office to turn in the money. When asked why he turned in the money instead of keeping it, Tom said that he was concerned that the employee who left the bag would get in trouble if he lost this money.

Eddie McLoughlin was walking home one evening when he found a bag on the footpath outside a shop. He picked up the bag, looked inside, and saw that it contained a large amount of money. When Eddie got home, he told his mother about finding the bag of money and together they counted it. There was over €4,000 in the bag. Eddie called the gardaí and told them about the money. The manager of the store had dropped the bag while closing up, and without a doubt, he was happy that it was Eddie McLoughlin who found the money.

When we hear stories like these, it may make us stop and ask ourselves, "What would I have done if I had found all of that money?" To find the answer to that question, ask yourself, "What would I do if I found a euro on the floor beside my teacher's desk?" You see, honesty is not a question of how much money is involved, it is a matter of doing the right thing.

One day Jesus told his disciples a story about a rich man who had a manager, and the manager was using the man's money for himself. The rich man discovered that the manager was wasting his money so he called him in and fired him. After telling this story, Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." If we make sure that we are honest in the small things, then we can be sure that we will be honest in the big things. If people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know that they can trust us in the big things too.

## PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to remember what Jesus taught about honesty and help us to be honest in every situation—big or small. In Jesus' name we pray.



## Portlaoise Schools

## Confirmation Ceremonies 24th-25th February 2023



## Friday 24th February

12noon Heath, Ratheniska and Gaelscoil 2pm Scoil Bhride, St. Francis and other schools



## Saturday 25th February

12noon Holy Family group A 2pm Holy Family group B

## **First Holy Communion Ceremonies**

Saturday 6th May 2023 12noon St. Francis & other schools

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 2pm Gaelscoil

Saturday 13th May 2023 12noon Scoil Bhride group A

2pm Scoil Bhride group B

Saturday 20th May 2023 12noon Heath NS (in the Heath)

12noon Ratheniska NS (in Ratheniska)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 2pm Holy Family group A

Saturday 27th May 2023 12noon Holy Family group B

2pm Holy Family group C



### **Altar Servers**

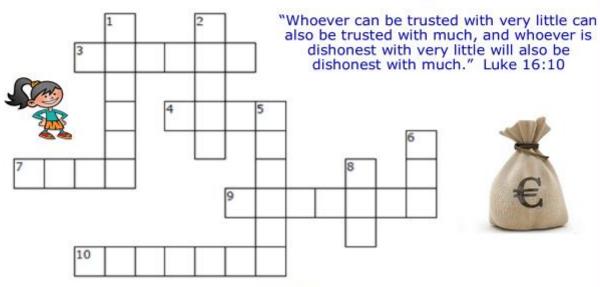
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## **The Dishonest Manager**



### **ACROSS**

- A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
- 4. A very large amount
- 7. To like something very much
- To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
- A person who performs duties around the home of a master

## DOWN

- 1. A very small amount
- The Son of God
- Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
- To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
- To make a hole in the ground with a shovel



## Time to Think!

## QUEEN ELIZABETH - AN ICONIC CHRISTIAN

These are historic times. The death of Queen Elizabeth 11, has brought with it a huge outpouring of grief and sympathy, for a life that has "fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith". Perusing some of the comments about her going home to her God and her King on Facebook, one stood out to me especially. It was the epithet noted by the Revd. Dr. Lee Gatiss, the Director of the Anglican Church Society; Elizabeth the Faithful. This epithet well captures her praiseworthy devotion to serving her people as their Queen to the very end of her life. She was true to the vow she had made to her people even before she became Queen: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." When her father, George VI, died in 1952, Martyn Lloyd-Jones preached a sermon about the momentous occasion on the following Sunday, February 10. He took as his text, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, and made the prescient comment towards the close of what is a remarkable sermon:

There is nothing more important, at this particular stage in our history, with regard to our constitutional monarchy, than character. Never was the character of the Occupant of the Throne more important. ... Character counts as it has never done before. Let us therefore pray that the new Queen may always be conscious of this, and that she may regard as the most important in her life, the Christian life, and herself as an example of it to the whole nation. Lloyd-Jones' prayer for the Queen was more than abundantly answered, for her commitment to following the Lord Jesus Christ was crystal-clear, especially in her widely-broadcast, beloved Christmas messages. In 2016, for instance, she stated; At Christmas, our attention is drawn to the birth of a baby some two thousand years ago. It was the humblest of beginnings, and his parents, Joseph and Mary, did not think they were important. Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet, billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them ...

One of the most remarkable acts of her reign as Queen, and one that well displays her Christian kindness, took place fairly recently when she visited the Republic of Ireland in May of 2011. The last visit of a reigning monarch to the south of Ireland had been in 1911, when her grandfather George V (r.1910-1936) had visited Dublin in May of 1911, a century earlier. That century had witnessed a multitude of acts of violence in the British Isles and Ireland that had poisoned the relationship between the British and the Irish. When the Queen flew to Ireland, she chose to wear a green overcoat and matching hat. And at a state dinner, when she rose to speak, she wowed her hearers with some opening remarks in Gaelic. When she had finished speaking, historian Robert Lacey noted, the whole room stood and applauded with "sustained, heartfelt appreciation of the bridge that the Queen had herself built"



between the British and the Irish that night. Later in the tour, she visited the National Garden of Remembrance that commemorated those Irish men and women who had died fighting the British in the War of Independence (1919–1921) and with a simple bow of the head in sincere sorrow, she won over the hearts of many in Ireland. "Blessed are the peacemakers...". Or as the Queen herself put it in a 2015 speech; St. Paul reminds us that all Christians, as ambassadors for Christ, are entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. Spreading God's word and the onerous but rewarding task of peace-making and conflict resolution are important parts of that ministry.

Catholic Cardinal Vincent Nichols noted that Elizabeth's deep Christian faith and her encouragement to others to practice their faith, made her a "shining light" in British history. "This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith. "Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation".

### Death the Leveller James Shirley

"The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things;
There is no armour against fate;
Death lays his icy hand on kings:
Sceptre and crown,
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade".





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A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices



## In Loving Memory of ANNE E CONROY

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs at this time.



9th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on Sunday 25th September at 10am. Will those who think of Anne today, A little prayer to Jesus say.

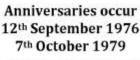
Greatly missed by Noel, your loving brothers, sisters and all your extended family.

May Anne Rest in Reace



## In Fondest Loving Memory of PATRICK & BRIDGET

SCULLY (née Conroy) Late of 32 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Forever in my mind

Sadly missed by Teresa and Agnes.

Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of TERESA CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 26th September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church. Sunday 25th September at 11:15am.

Loving memories never die, as years roll by, In our hearts a memory is kept, of a mother we loved and will never forget.

Love from your son Brendan, daughter Mary, daughter-in-law Anne, son-in-law Joe, grandchildren David, Benny, Mark and Chloe.

Rest in Reace Teresa



## In Loving Memory of BETTY (Elizabeth) McNALLY

née McEvov St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 23rd September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Friday 23rd September at 10am.

Mum, the light of your love will shine brightly forever in our hearts, until we meet again.

Dearly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Betty



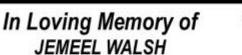


Kylevalley, Stradbally, Co. Laois. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.



Those we love don't go away,
The walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.
Love and miss you, Mary, Julieka, Jamie,
Elizabeth, Martina, Joleene, sons-in-law,
daughter-in-law and grandchildren xxxxx

May Martin Rest in Reace



Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2022
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Saturday 17th September at 6:30pm.



Softly the leaves of memory fall, Gently I gather and treasure them all, Unseen, unheard, you are always near, So missed, so loved, so very dear.

Loved and remembered by her husband Gerry, children Matthew, Alex and Sarah and extended family.

Rest in Reace Jemeel

## In Loving Memory of GERARD BENNETT

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.



Ger;
It does not take a special date for us to think of you,
For there hasn't been a day gone by, that we haven't thought of you.
No matter how life changes,

No matter what we do, a special place within our hearts is always kept for you.

Forever in our hearts, Sadie & family.

May Gerard Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of SEAN O' REILLY

Borris Road, Portlaoise. 14th Anniversary occurs 24th September 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.



There are some we meet in passing, and forget as soon as they go, There are some we remember with pleasure and feel honoured and privileged to know,

privileged to know,
You were that kind of person who left
beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which bring
fond memories of you to mind.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.

Rest in Reace Sean

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## In Loving Memory of ALAN (Tom) RYAN

24 Limetree Avenue, formerly of Beladd, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary occurs 19th September 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.



"To the world you were but one, but to us who knew and loved you, you were the world."

Always loved and remembered by your loving wife Kate, son Tommy, daughter Lucy, Mam, Dad, sisters Sharon, Linda and Tracey, brother Mark and all your loving family and friends.

May Alan Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of TERESA MOFFITT

Raheen, Abbeyleix. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

I thought of you today, but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, all I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part, God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Loved and missed by all her family.

Rest in Reace Teresa



In Loving Memory of

ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY née Ryan 64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise. 22nd Sept. 1941 - 8th Birthday away from home.



You are 81 years today Mum

Missing you so very much and dedicated to the loving memory of you Mum, this very special day, 22nd September 2022.

Thinking of you today on your birthday Mum

So many happy memories Mum come flooding back today, of birthday celebrations before you went away.

Those wonderful occasions never changed throughout the years, but now your smile is missing and replaced with birthday tears.

You may not be here with me but the day means just as much, and I can feel your presence in the comfort of your touch.

I'll celebrate your birthday Mum the way I always do, for the precious love between us and all I owe to you.

## For your birthday in Heaven Mum

Birthdays in Heaven, decorations of gold, where the years come and go and you never grow old. Where you celebrate with angels and past family there, with no illness in sight, just love everywhere. So I don't need to worry how your birthday was spent, because you're safe in Heaven and my wishes are sent.

Though I know you are safe even though you are away, I love and I miss you a little more today.

Mum it's your birthday today and though you are not here, I want to wish you a very happy 81st birthday in Heaven. May your day and year be filled with blessings and be as wonderful as you.

Happy 81st birthday Mum May God bless you today Mum. Have a wonderful day and a happy birthday in Heaven.

Love you and missing you always your son James xxx

Birthday remembrance Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Thursday 22nd September at 7:30am and 10am.

May my dearest Mother Elizabeth Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of WILLIAM READY

Formerly O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 23rd September 2022

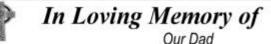


Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Friday 23rd September at 10am.

Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was.

Loved and missed dearly by William, Marie, Teagan and Keiva.

Rest in Reace William



JOHN (BARNEY) BRENNAN (37th Anniversary) Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise, Died 18th September 1985 And our Brother

OLIVER PATRICK BRENNAN

Died 25th September 1963

The days seem a little darker, since we have been apart, The light has somehow faded, within our broken hearts. When we see a rainbow, with the colours shining through,

We see a bridge to Heaven, that will lead us back to you. How can we look to the future, when you are in our past? The memories we will treasure, until we breathe our last. We know when our time is over, we'll no longer be in pain, Then we can climb that rainbow, and we will meet again.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church for John on Saturday 17th September at 5pm & Sunday 18th at 8:30am. Mass for Oliver will be celebrated on Saturday 24th at 5pm & Sunday 25th at 8:30am.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and extended family. May Barney & Oliver Rest in Reace

## In Loving Memory of CHRISTINE COUGHLAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurred 14th September 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 17th September at 10am.

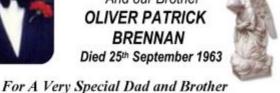


Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never.

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Christine





















## In Loving Memory of PETER CULLEN

6 Oaklawn, Portlaoise. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.

Your hand we cannot touch, still we have so many memories of the one we loved so much, Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Reter Rest in Reace



39 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 15th Anniversary occurred 16th September 2022.

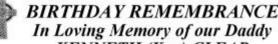


Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12:30pm.

You left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere, we never shall and never will forget you, Mother dear.

Loved and sadly missed by her sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Christine Rest in Reace



KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR 44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 51st birthday occurs 22nd September 2022. 9th birthday away from home.



Wishing you were here today, for just a little while, so we could say Happy Birthday Daddy and see your loving smile.
The only gifts today will be memories you left behind, of laughter, joy & happiness that echo in our minds.
We'll gaze upon pictures,
We'll think of you with love,

And hope you're doing fine in Heaven up above.
You were very kind and thoughtful, with a loving heart,
When other people needed help, you always played your part.
You're thought of every single day, whatever time of year,
But somehow more than ever, now your special day is here.

No presents can be given and that's really very sad,
But nothing will stop us saying "Happy 51st Birthday" Dad.
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,
Memories will never take the place of someone as wonderful
as you. May our friends and family in Heaven, hold you close
and sing you a birthday song, we will be sending a million
hugs and kisses, today and all year long.

Happy 51st Birthday Daddy Forever in our thoughts

Rots of love Becky and Dylan



## In Loving Memory of ANNE HUGHES

Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 11:15am.

Our thoughts are ever with you, Though you have passed away, And those who have loved you dearly, Are thinking of you today.

Rest in Reace Anne



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