

Happy Retirement & Sincere Thank You to Pat Clarke

On behalf of the entire parish of Mourne Road, we would like to sincerely thank Pat Clarke for her dedicated service to the parish throughout the many many years. Pat has always placed the welfare of the church to the forefront of her life whilst also dedicating her time to many other voluntary roles within the community, including the Mother McAuley Centre where she has been a tireless volunteer working on behalf of the centre for numerous decades.

Pat has volunteered in the parish throughout her life in many different roles, Minister of the Eucharist, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Managing the Parish finances, setting up the parish office, setting up & managing the Parish Lotto, coordinating with Canon John Flaherty the planning and building works of the 2016 Church refurbishment, looking after the maintenance of the parish buildings, to name but a few.

Pat's diligent work behind the scenes is invaluable to the smooth functioning of our parish and the fulfilment of our parish mission. Pat's gifts, commitment and careful management of the parish finances has enabled us to run the parish really well.

In 2019 at our Parish Awards Ceremony, Pat was presented with a Benemerenti Medal, a prestigious papal award presented by the Pope to members of the Catholic clergy and laity for exceptional and dedicated service to the church. Pat is truly deserving of this award and is a gift to the community.

Pat is now retiring and will be greatly missed.

Thank you Pat for your time, your attention to detail, your relentless energy, your good humour and calm approach, your support and generosity in sharing your skills and talents with us. We will miss you very much Pat but we would like to wish you and Michael every blessing for the next phase in your lives.

May God bless you and your family.
With sincere appreciation,
Fr. Conleth & Fr. Dan







We will miss your wisdom and experience, but most of all, we will miss the encouragement you have been to us...

Happy Retirement!



WHAT'S ON

Monday 22nd September Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery Tuesday 23rd September Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Meeting room Thursday 25th September After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome. Friday 26th September **Eucharistic Prayer Group** meets in the Oratory from 2.30-3.30pm. All welcome. **Eucharistic Adoration** Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in

New Parish Office Public Opening Hours beginning Monday 13th October '25

the Oratory.

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
9.15am—11.30am
Closed on Thursdays.
Due to staff holidays the
office will be closed on
Thursdays prior to the new
arrangements.

Church Collections

w/e 13th/14th September 2025
1st Priests: €614
2nd Collection: €418

Envelopes: €1104

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 15, 21, 28, 32 Jackpot €800.00

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on
Tuesday morning before the
10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto
draw each week must be put into
the safe in the church by 11.00a.m.

on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 112(113): 1-2, 4-8

Response: *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! Response

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? Response

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **Response**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Ac16:14 Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thought So often we see in the small print on items, made in China etc. Each of us are stamped Made in Heaven. In the Image of the Almighty. Return to Sender.