

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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The message and the wisdom of the first reading is a meditation on human pride and folly, the primacy of vanity in human nature. It is not an original message but it is voiced by the preacher in an original and poetic way. We were reminded as far back as Genesis of the power of pride in human motivation. The sin of Adam, the sin of all of us; the original sin and the root of all sin is the sin of pride or vanity. Adam refused to serve, insisting on building up his own empire and going his own way. It has been the same for humankind ever since.

The message of the wisdom literature is taken up by Christ in the gospel. To the man who asks him to referee his property dispute Jesus answers with a parable, teaching the foolishness of human avarice and the futility of storing up the things of this world. We are instructed by St Paul to store up only the things of heaven so that we might be rich in the sight of God rather than in things that crumble and fade.

We are invited to make ourselves rich in good deeds, in faith, in hope, in generosity, in all that is of God. We are instructed not to put our trust or hope in earthly promises or riches, even when they increase, but to ensure that whenever the call comes to face God and give an account of ourselves and leave behind our earthly goods, we will appear before God rich in virtue, rich in holiness and goodness of life rich in imitation of Christ. St Paul reminds us that in the end there is only Christ; he is everything and he is in everything.

The call and the challenge of the Gospel is to make ourselves rich in the sight of God in our individual lives and to build communities that are rich in concern for each other, rich in witness and rich in human contact. There is no room for distinction, we are told. We are not to be proud because of perceived richness or advantage either as a community or as individual persons. When we stand before God divested of all our earthly pretensions and riches, only the richness of our hidden life in Christ will stand to us. The promise of the gospel is that God will enrich us beyond our imagining by granting us victory over death, the transformation of suffering and nothing less that eternal life at the last.

Sat July 30 <sup>th</sup> 7 30 p.m.	Larry McGuill  Séan and Kenneth Carney  Thomas and Letitia Murphy and Dec'd.  Nannie Rock and dec'd son 'Buddy' Rock.
Sun July 31 10 30 a.m.	Peter and Mary McCabe and Dec'd.
Sun July 31 <sup>st</sup> 11 30 a.m.	Grace Harris  Patrick and Margaret McDonald and dau Mae.  MM Barney Grimes
Sat Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Av	John Dickson
Sat Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 30 p.m. Av	Séan Carrie  Anne and Larry Hand
Sun Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> 10 30 Av	Barney Crawley MM Des Halpenny
Sun Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> 11 30	MM Bill Rigney

Cappogue Patrún Sat Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Envelope/Plate Collection for Sun July 24<sup>th</sup> €1200