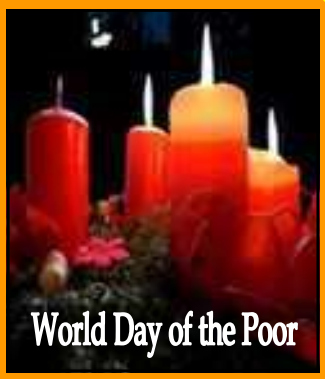


Mass Times

Monday–Friday
7.30am, 8.30am, 10.15am,& 4pm
SATURDAY
8.30am, 10.15am
Mass for the Sick 3.00pm
SUNDAY
9.00am, 11.15am & 7.30pm
CONFESSIONS
MONDAY & FRIDAY
10.45am-12 Noon
3.00pm-4.00pm
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10.45am-12noon
2.30pm-4pm
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Talent - Spotting

Adamantly disclaiming any affinity between his view and my own, I observe the author of Proverbs in today's first reading putting his cards on the table in the matter of what makes a perfect wife. She is one, he says, from whom *her husband derives no little profit...she is always busy.* There might be love there but he would consider it necessary that there be dough there too 'though.

We lived on the edge of a hot and dusty city thirty-plus years ago. Women worked hard there, not for a husband to *derive no little profit* from their efforts but to keep a house and rear their children. No benefactor doled out bags of talents to them saying *invest and multiply*. Willingness to toil and refusal to tire was a talent in itself. On top the many domestic chores they also had to make an income.

A common way of earning a bit of money was to cook food in a good place to sell to workers seeking a quick and cheap breakfast on their way to work, or a snack later in the day. You'd see those women in the early morning, baby on back and load on head, as they came out of their houses in search of a good spot to light their cooking-fire and ply their roadside trade. A bottle of cooking-oil, a couple of big yams or cassava, a few plantain or sweet potatoes, a little polythene bag of pureed tomatoes and the obligatory condiments. These along with the frying pan and a few sticks for the fire, would make up a typical load.

Some had to walk far to find a good spot where no other entrepreneur had already staked her claim. This journey was for many the hardest part of the day. Then a great gift appeared among us—the motorcycle-taxi. These machines were often battle-scared to an extreme and their drivers hardened. They paid small regard to law of land or road, or even self-preservation. But, for a few cents, they carried women faster, farther and easier to their chosen spot. Everyone benefitted.

Then theologians and jurists of a certain stripe took an interest. They decreed that the hard-pressed women working to feed their children were acting immorally by getting on a motorbike with a man. *Haram ne! It's forbidden by God.* Local authorities took fright, supported the ban and promised to support the cruel penalties prescribed for breaking it. The women had their hardship increased. The drivers had much of their income taken away. Working citizens found it much harder to get food.
Everybody lost. And God was pleased, they told us It is said that hard case make bad law. It is certain that bad laws make hard cases.

Today's parable goes hard on the man who let his talent lie unused. We can reasonably surmise that it would go even harder on those who would prevent others using their talents.
The parables are not lists of dos and don'ts. Indeed many of them even though carrying a gentle message end up seeming to advocate, for effect, beatings, incarceration and killing. Today's edition leads to the unhappy state described as "weeping and grinding of teeth". Strong language for strong emphasis on the desired message. The parable of the talents says timidity (*I heard you were a hard man -I was afraid*) is not a virtue. What we are given, little or much, is given not to be hoarded but used.
Another way of saying any little light we have in us is meant for shining, not hiding.

J.L.

'Give, and it will be given to you;
A good measure,
pressed down
and shaken up ,
and running over,
will be poured into
your lap.
For with the same
measure
that you use for others
will be the measure
God will use for you'.
Luke 6:38
NCB

World Day of the Poor

'Today Sunday 15th November is the 10th World Day of the Poor with the theme of 'The Lord is the refuge of the poor' (Psalm 14:6)
Pope Leo XIV reflects on "God as the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity and human dignity.



'Christ has no Body'

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good,
yours are the hands, with which
he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, your are his body
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
St. Teresa of Avila

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: what does God want of me, from me? In the end, the answer has to be—in the words of the song—"all that I am," precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. In the end, God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love for us.

PRAYER We are truly grateful to you, God our creator and redeemer, for your many gifts. We ask your help that we may use all you have given us for your glory and for the good of our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

Source: www.tarsus.ie/Sunday readings

Augustinian Peace Day 8th December



Our Annual Peace Day is being organised this year on 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This will be our fourth year to hold this event. Our constant theme is "It is better to light a light than to curse the darkness."

Our world is in a state of conflict, bringing war and famine to many places. We often feel helpless in the face of this. Yet, we can do something ,albeit something small. Would you like to be part of this effort?

We will distribute night lights to the public from after the 10.15am Mass on the 8th of December. We will hold a short lay led service at 3pm. If you can spare any time between the hours of 11am and 2.30 pm, please contact Geraldine at 089 2410066.

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Lunchtime Concerts
St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 17th Nov

Time: 1.15pm

Paolo Alonso (Viola)
Ana Armadans (Flute)
Ellen Jansson (Piano)