

Ballyroan Parish Newsletter for Sunday 8th August 2010

Today's gospel tells us that both Jesus and the thief come to us 'at an hour we least expect'. But there the similarity ends. The thief comes to rob us. Jesus comes to surprise us with his gifts. Like faithful servants we must always be on the alert for his coming. But are we? Do we not often live our lives carelessly and foolishly, as if we were not accountable to God for our lives?

Monthly St Vincent de Paul Collection

This takes place after all masses, thanks as always for you support for this parish outreach to those who are finding things financially difficult. Please be assured that if you need their help in any way they are willing to assist you, and can be contacted on Monday evenings or through Fr. Brendan. Our sympathies to the family of the late Maura Leonard of Fairways who died during the week.

Parish Office.

Aine is on her summer holidays for the next 4 weeks and thanks to two new volunteer secretaries we will be able to keep the parish office open for most things. Remember: Understanding and patience are virtues! We would ask parishioners to stick to the official opening times between 10 and 12 Mon to Fri.

Mass Intentions for week

Sat. 7pm Michael Walsh (40th A), Sun. 9am Sheila Lyons RIP (A), 10.30am Patrick & Teresa O Dwyer(A), 12 Colette O'Brien A

Mon. 11am Tadhg O Carroll (A), Tues. 0730 Sarah O'Neill, 10am Donal Dempsey RIP Wed. 10am Mary & Patrick McTiernan (A), Thur. 10am Michael McNally (Sp Int), Fri. 10am Mass Association. Sat Teresa Tyrrell RIP

Anniversaries: Mary McTiernan

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said someone may steal from it at night; so they created a night watchman, GS-4 position and hired a person for the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning position and hired two (2) people, one person to write the instructions, GS-12 and one person to do time studies, GS-11.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" so they created a Q. C. position and hired two (2) people, one GS-9 to do the studies and one GS-11 to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" so they created the following positions, a time keeper, GS-09, and a payroll officer, GS-11, and hired two (2) people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?"

so they created an administrative position and hired three (3) people, an Administrative Officer GM-13, Assistant Admin. Officer GS-13, and a Legal Secretary GS-08.

Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget, we must cutback overall cost" So they laid off the night watchman.