

THE MESSENGER

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Thought for the week

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, love your neighbour as yourself.

Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbour as myself." At the same time it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbour. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbour in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November

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This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

Sat 3	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 4	10:00 am	Patrick Walsh RIP
Mon 5	Feria 10:00 am	Parents & Relatives of the Sisters
Tues 6	Feria 10:00 am	Dec. Membs of the Dominican Sisters of Malta
Wed 7	Feria 10:00 am	Sr Celestina RIP
Thur 8	Feria 10:00 am	Fr. Mark Said RIP
Fri 9	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 10:00 am	For the Holy Souls
Sat 10	St Leo the Great 10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia Le Duc RIP

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 November

Sat 10	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 11	9:00 am	Remembrance Sunday Please note change of Mass time

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Edna Welton RIP, from Maryfield Convent who died last week. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th November at 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart.

Also please remember in your prayers Patrick Walsh RIP, who died in September.

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Tony Hopgood,
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box.

THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

We recently started a Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish. We get together once a month for couple of hours at convenient day and time for all. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the church. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld. The next meeting is in **Tuesday 13th November at 2.15pm**, in the Convent.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 11th November 2018 is the Centenary of the end of World War 1. The Churches together in Hook have arranged a Remembrance Service at the Hook War Memorial, with a parade through Hook. The parade will leave the main carpark in Hook at 10:15 am finishing at the War Memorial at 10:45 am with the Remembrance Service starting at 10:50 am. The Scouts and Guides will lead the parade and we are expecting around 350 people to take part. **On Sunday 11th November the Mass here at Sacred Heart will be moved to 9:00 am.**

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th November** at 7:30pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**The Eucharist, Confession & Anointing**". All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.

MELFORT GLEN

**Saturday 17th November at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall**



Time for you to hone your quiz skills and raise some funds for Melfort Glen. Bring food and drink. Drinks will also be available from the bar for a donation. Admission £5; tickets available after Mass from the Saturday 10th November and at the door on the night. Teams of 4. Raffle prizes are needed. Please leave any donations in the office. Thank you

Melfort Old Peoples Home (Melfort Glen) in Zimbabwe

The Sacred Heart in Hook has supported Melfort Glen home for the elderly in Zimbabwe for the last 18 years. It consists of a home currently for 26 residents who have worked in Zimbabwe all their lives but have originated from countries outside and who now have no relatives or support to go back to. The Government provides no pensions or support for these elderly residents and the home relies entirely on voluntary organisations: These include Rotary, the Soroptomists, the Mothers Union and some churches in Harare. The home itself is situated in the countryside on the main road from Harare to Mutare and is about 30 miles from Harare.

The need at Melfort Glen is so very great. We are lucky in having some reliable helpers Claire Myburgh, Nesta Hatendi and some retired farmers who try to visit the home regularly and take food, clothes, medication and other necessities. Residents there who are in their 70s and 80s continue to grow their own vegetables and look after chickens and a few goats.

There is no National Health Service in Zimbabwe for the elderly and there is still a great need for medicine, and mobility aids. With the shortage of US Dollar notes in Zimbabwe and the introduction of Bond notes things have got far worse and the shops today have a lot of empty shelves. Petrol queues over a mile long sometimes means it is difficult for helpers to drive out to the home. Everything we do send will benefit the residents 100 percent.

Over the years members of our congregation have been most generous and have also sent monies to help provide wheelchairs and mobility aids for the elderly there. This is greatly appreciated by the residents and the two Supervisors there.

Please support our fund raising activities for Melfort Glen and please support the Quiz night.

BAMENDA SUNDAY - 3rd and 4th November

Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Bamenda Newsletters will be available this weekend, please take one and read about the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship with Bamenda and how much your help and prayers are needed in these troubled times.