

Orlagh in the City

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where your heart is

August 3rd 2025



WELCOME – QUIET REFLECTION

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor Blessed be the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times
With praise ever in my mouth
Let my soul glory in the Lord
Who will hear the cry of the poor

Refrain

We proclaim your greatness, O God
Your praise ever in our mouth
Every face brighten in Your light
For You hear the cry of the poor

Refrain

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 *Vanity*

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has laboured with wisdom and knowledge and skill,
and yet to another who has not laboured over it, he must leave property.

This also is vanity and a great misfortune.

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart
with which he has laboured under the sun?

All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not
at rest. This also is vanity.

PSALM 90- 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You turn man back to dust,
saying, “Return, O children of men.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

Response

You make an end of them in their sleep;
The next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades. **Response**

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Response

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
That we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD
our God be ours;
Prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands! **Response**

SECOND READING **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11** *Christ is All*

Brothers and sisters:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:

immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry.

Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its
practices and have put on the new self,

which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

ALLELUIA *Matthew 5:3*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **Luke 12:13-21** *Store up real treasure*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,

Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.

He replied to him,

Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?

Then he said to the crowd,

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions.

Then he told them a parable.

There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.

He asked himself,

What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?

And he said,

This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.

There I shall store all my grain and other goods

And I shall say to myself,

Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink and be merry!

But God said to him,

You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;

and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.

LECTIO: Share how the Word speaks to your life. Not a Bible Study or a discussion.

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL – LORDS PRAYER – SIGN OF PEACE

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD AHEAD - Carmel McCarthy

God of majesty and mystery,
Your creative love reaches beyond the stars
And into the ocean depths
The delicate imprints of your fingers
Leave their signature in every corner of the universe,
No less than deep within the human heart,
As you nudge me along the path of faithful love,
In the name of the Holy Spirit, my guiding light
Open our eyes to your presence in all of creation,
O beauty ever ancient, ever new.
Teach me to sing a new song of gratitude
As you nudge me along the path of faithful love
In the name of the Holy Spirit, my guiding light
I make this prayer. **Amen**

NEWS Bernadette

RECESSIONAL **CARRY YOUR CANDLE**

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes his home

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
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