

have seen the love of God in action. Through the hands of that Sister, through her tenderness, through her gestures which were so full of love for that wretched man, I have seen God's love descend upon him.

Now I believe.'

This is surely an example of the kind of thing Jesus had in mind. When he tells us that we must let our light shine, the light he is talking about is the light of our good deeds, especially our deeds of love. People take notice of good deeds. Our good deeds do not have to be as spectacular as the above example. Generally they will be much simpler, much more ordinary. But that does not mean they can not give effective witness to the light.

When Jesus tells us to let our light shine before people, he does not mean that we should advertise our good deeds, much less crow about them. He is asking us to do them. If we do them they will speak for themselves.

A good life is a strong and effective witness, and in itself is a proclamation of the Gospel. The light will shine when one is a genuine person, when one sees that the truth is told, that justice is done, when one exercises mercy and shows compassion and love.

In order to produce its effect, salt has to be mixed in with the food. And a light has to be put in a high place in order to be able to reach people. So we Christians have to be in the world. But we must not allow ourselves to be absorbed by the world. 'The world today needs Christians who remain Christians' (Albert Camus).

As Christians we have a very positive role to play in the world. We have something to offer, something the world desperately needs, even though it may not always welcome it. We should not be shy or apologetic about our role. A certain boldness and courage are called for.

The task is not one for the individual Christian only but for the Christian community as a whole. It is easier - and more effective - to witness to Christ as a member of a supportive community.

Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB

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Salt of the Earth, Light of the World

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.' In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. Both are still vitally important today. What was Jesus saying when he used these two images? He was telling his disciples that they have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds.



When religious practice is divorced from life a vital element is missing. It is like salt that has lost its taste, or a lamp that no longer gives light. But when religious practice leads to deeds, a very effective witness is given.

5th February 2017

One day a man visited Mother Teresa's home for the poor and the dying in Calcutta. He arrived just as the Sisters were bringing in some of the dying off the streets. They had picked up a man out of the gutter, and he was covered with dirt and sores. Without knowing that she was being watched, one of the Sisters began to care for the dying man. The visitor kept watching the Sister as she worked. He saw how tenderly she cared for her patient.

He noticed how as she washed the man she smiled at him. She did not miss a detail in her attentive care for that dying man.

After carefully watching the Sister the visitor turned to Mother Teresa and said, 'When I came here today I did not believe in God, and my heart was full of hate. But now I am leaving here believing in God. I



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
 1st Jackpot: 1 8 25 27 2nd Jackpot: 3 11 13 23
 There was no Jackpot winner.
 The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
 P. Caul; T. Kavanagh; P. Horgan; J. Nugent;
 K. McKee; M. Murphy; M. Campbell.



Next Week. First Jackpot €4,250 Second Jackpot €2,000
Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25

Property & Finance Committee – next meeting will take place on Monday, 6th Feb at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Adult Faith Development Team
Prayer for Lent: Fr. Donal Neary S.J. will speak about Prayer, on Wed Feb 22nd at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Ministers of the Word
 The Group C readers' roster is now available for collection in the Reception area of the Parish Centre.



We welcome in Baptism:
 Dawson McLoughlin,
 Cruz Garreth Lee Staunton,
 Fiadh Caseiro

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

25th World Day of the Sick – Mass & Anointing of the sick – Sunday, 12th February 2017. St. Gabriel's Church, Dollymount, Dublin 3. at 3 p.m. If you would like to bring an ill relative or friend for anointing you are very welcome.

Recently Deceased:
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Fr. Tom Colreavy
May he enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Life to the Full (Jn. 10: 10) Book Club: Join other young Adults each week to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose & how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. Thursdays 7.00pm-8.30pm. St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, (Smithfield)

Maurice Coffey R.I.P. – The family of the late Maurice Coffey wish to thank friends and neighbours who expressed their sympathy on the sad loss of Maurice. A special word of thanks to Fr. John for his support to the family. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Reflection – Let your light shine
 The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness. We can be a source of light. We have hands that can care, eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak, feet that can walk, and above all hearts that can love. Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness, and cowardice, our light can be dimmed, so that we become shadows of the people we could be. Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness, and let the light of that goodness shine. On seeing this light others find their way, and you will be glorified.

Church Gate Collection -St. Aidan's C.B.S. Tanzania Immersion programme

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 6th February	9.15a.m.	Rose Coffey (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Joan Moran (Anniversary)
Tuesday 7th February	9.15a.m.	Thanksgiving
	7.00p.m.	Sheila Reilly (Anniversary)
Wednesday 8th Feb.	9.15a.m.	Carmel Goodson (Anniversary)
	7.00pm.	Pauline McCarthy (Anniversary)
Thursday 9th February	9.15a.m.	Michael Hennessey (R.I.P.)
	7.00p.m.	Susan Phillips (Anniversary) Tom Gallagher (R.I.P.)
Friday 10th February	9.15a.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Saturday 11th February	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Niall McCann (Anniversary) Mary Morrin, Robert Halpin (Anniversaries)
Sunday 12th February	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	May Waldron (1st Anniversary), Niall McCann, Michael Kerrigan (Annivs.) Rose & Thomas Doyle (Anniversaries)
	6.00p.m.	Brendan & Louise Hynes (Anniversaries)
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Wed. 8th February	10.00a.m.	Noel McDonagh (RIP) Linda Campelli (Anniv)
Sunday 12th February	10.00a.m.	Margaret Byrne (RIP) Douglas Virgo, (Anniv) Raymond & John Hanley (Anniversaries)

Santry Starlights Gaelic Football Club

This Football Club are looking for new players to join their "Little Stars" Team. They need boys & girls aged over 5 years old at Santry Community Center 11th February at 10.00a.m, Training is indoors, Fully Qualified trainer. For more information contact J. Cooley 087 7800134.



Monastic Vocations Weekend

"If you still have not found what you are looking for" let the Red Nuns journey with you, so you can find a deeper purpose in your life. You are under no pressure what so ever. Starts Friday February 17th at 2.30p.m. ends February 19th 2017 at 1.00pm. Email Sr. Lucy at lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie

The Aware Resilience Series 2017

This year's fundraising Talk takes place on Thurs. 16th February in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8. Speaker will be Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Reception at 7pm. Followed by resilience lecture at 7.30pm. Q&A. Tickets €25 and all funds raised go to Aware Nationwide support. Tel: Mr. Drew Flood. 086 6069736

Central Remedial Clinic Art Exhibition 2017

Saturday 18th February 11am to 6pm & Sunday 19th February 11am to 5pm. Venue: Central Remedial Clinic, Clontarf. Info: Róisín 838 7636