

Reflection: In the parable in today's Gospel passage Jesus sets the scene; "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector." The Pharisee belonged to a Jewish religious party or grouping characterized by their meticulous observance of the Jewish Law. They also believed that the strict observance of the law would assure their salvation, that if they adhered strictly to the provisions of the law they were guaranteed heaven. Jesus thought that they were utterly centred on themselves and not on God. You will note that in the parable Jesus said that the Pharisee said his prayer to himself, not to God. Jesus regarded the Pharisees as full of formalism and very little true religion. The tax collector, or the publican as he was known, was an agent of the Roman occupying power whose job it was to collect taxes. He was required to collect a certain amount and anything over and above he kept for himself as a commission as it were. While not all tax collector were corrupt, the system of tax collection was rife with corruption and the publican was hated universally if for no other reason than he was an agent of the foreign power. So these were the two who went up to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee was full of pride and self-importance and arrogance. The tax collector was humble and repentant. The Pharisee prayed to himself, the tax collector prayed to God. The people listening to Jesus would have been amazed to hear him being scathing and dismissive of the Pharisee and to hear him say that the tax collector went home at rights with God. The messages of this passage are that our virtue is very shallow indeed and we have little to be proud about; God is not impressed by mere religious formalism; we cannot earn our own salvation through the mere observance of law but must humbly rely on God's boundless mercies and that despising others has no place in the Christian's heart and we must love God and neighbour.

Church Notices

There will be no 5.45pm mass on bank holiday Monday 26th October.

Diocesan needs collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend.

November—Month of the Holy Souls
Envelopes /Inserts for the deceased are available at the back of the church and can be returned to the church / sacristy .

Annual Mass for the Bereaved Friday 7th November at 7pm .

Remembering those who have gone before us.

Prayers in Mt St Laurence Cemetery Sunday's during November at 3pm

- Nov 2nd St John's Parish
- Nov 9th St Mary's Parish
- Nov 16th St Patrick's Parish
- Nov 23rd St Munchin's Parish

Priests of the Parish

- Canon Gerard Garrett
- Canon John Daly
- Fr Peter Claver Emeke Eze
- Fr Daniel Tomasik
- Fr Krzysztof Tyburpwski

Mass Times

- Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm
- Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
- Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised

Welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Kai Cronin
Ollie Sheehan

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
Dolores Finnan RIP
Patrick Relihan RIP

May their gentle souls rest in eternal peace

Split the Pot

Congratulations to **Lilly Sheehan** winner of last w/kends draw.

Cathedral Shop

Open Mon-Sat 10.30am-1pm. The shop stocks a wide range of Cards for all occasions, And "I Lit a Candle for You" Cards, candles, other items.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday's 4pm—5.30pm in the Adoration chapel

Legion of Mary



' The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 7:15pm in the crying room of Our Lady help of Christians Church in Milford.

In addition to meeting for prayer, the group does spiritual outreach work to those in need such as the sick and the students of UL.

The Legion of Mary is organising a faith conference for Monday the 3rd of November at 7pm in the Don Bosco centre behind Our lady help of Christians Church. All are welcome to the conference and also to the regular Legion of Mary meetings. Please contact 0852269073 with any questions'.

Gambling Support Service

A free, confidential service is available for individuals and families affected by gambling, offering one-to-one guidance, counselling, and practical support. Run by Dylan Johnston at Southill Family Resource Centre (Limerick & Nenagh) and also available via Teams.

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The University Maternity Hospital
Annual Ceremony of Remembrance
Sunday the 2nd of November at 3pm

The Church of the Holy Rosary Ennis Rd Limerick
Also available to view online
<https://www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie/web-cam/>



We remember each baby and pregnancy loss with love and hope