

A Living House, 31 July 2022

God said, 'this very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then? So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God' (Lk 12:21).

Two professionals shed some light on how to become rich in the sight of God, how to grow riches within, how to grow inwardly rich.

'Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised.

But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts dreadfully and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards.

You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself'.

These words are taken from the book *Mere Christianity* (1952) by C. S. Lewis, the great English twentieth century spiritual writer.

The journey of life change, as proposed by Lewis, is the process of learning to Let Go, Start Over, and Move Forward with your life. Learn more about this process in *After the Boxes Are Unpacked* by Susan Miller. What follows are three stepping stones to encourage you on this journey of bringing change to your life.

Let go: Making positive, small tweaks to our attitudes and priorities are good things. It also includes saying something like: I want to be a better listener. I want to lose 10 pounds. I want to read one book each month. I want to be more patient. These require focus and effort.

Start over: Inevitably, hard times

come. Suffering through serious illness, broken relationships, loss, or other hardship "hurts terribly and does not seem to make any sense."

Move forward: God is already living in you. He is in the business of reconstruction and transformation - from the inside out. Hard times are opportunities to give God fuller access to your mind, heart, and soul. He can be trusted.

The Road Safety Authority & An Garda Síochána's mid-summer road safety appeal, are urging road users to share the roads safely and for drivers to slow down as the peak summer holiday season gets into full swing. "The summer is an exciting time when so many people take holidays to explore new and familiar places across Ireland, but we must remember to stay safe on the road while doing so. Minister Naughton said August is also a busy time for road works and safety upgrades. Last year August was the worst month for road deaths in a decade with 22 deaths.. At the launch of the mid-summer road safety appeal in Letterkenny, Assistant Commissioner Paula Hilman said it is not just about the numbers but about the people and the families affected by tragedy on the roads. She said that everyone has a responsibility to slow down and keep each other safe. The gardaí will be out enforcing the rules of the roads and an additional 61 road safety camera zones have become operational, bringing the total number of safety camera zones nationwide to 1,373.

Reek Sunday, which takes place on the last Sunday in July, is an auspicious occasion celebrated in Ireland. This year, it falls on July 31. On this day, the annual pilgrimage takes place, and thousands of people come to Ireland to climb the country's "holiest mountain."



Known as "Croagh Patrick," the mountain is a unique pilgrimage site with a holy history. Croagh Patrick is 2,510 feet high. There are 20,000-30,000 pilgrims

who participate on the day.

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd August, place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present during each ceremony. DKR Parish Community Pilgrimage Trip to Knock, is Wed. 17th August 2022. €30 per person. Leaving the Day Care Centre at 10am



Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 30th 7pm Fred & Una Fennessy (5th & 2nd)

Mon.1st 10 am No Mass
Public Holiday

Tues 2nd 10 am Denis, Ellen & Mary Ryan & Bridget Hyde

Fri 5th 10am

Sat 6th 7pm

Knockea

Sun 31st 11am (MM) Willie Aherne. Eileen O'Riordan. John O'Donoghue

Wed 3rd 10am Matthew Jackson

Sun 7th 11am

Roxboro

SHARP. Only a few seats remaining. To book your seat on the bus contact Margaret 0872775103 Bridget 061 351023 Naomi 086 6072593

Nobody is too small to make a difference in climate fight You know it's too hot when the trains have to slow down because the tracks might buckle. Such has been the problem for rail chiefs in the UK, anticipating record temperatures of 40 degrees. But in the Horn of Africa the searing heat caused by global warming is a life and death issue Every 48 seconds a child dies due to the impact of drought and climate change, ac-

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ording to Oxfam. In Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia the number of people experiencing extreme hunger in the three countries has more than doubled since last year. It is up from over 10 million to more than 23 million. Climate-induced drought, regional conflict and soaring food prices caused by war in Ukraine have unleashed a chain of catastrophe.

Recently deceased Madeline Toomey Kilcoolan Ballyneety, Cross's funeral home Sunday evening from 5.30 with removal at 7pm to Bohermore Church, Requiem mass Monday at 11.30pm, afterwards to Shannon crematorium.

Weekly Lotto €1,200 winning 1,5,24,25. No winners Lucky dips 1.Michael Fitzpatrick 2. Brian Sheehan 3. Maurice Barrett 4. Seamus O'Connor 5. Neilus wade 6. Hannah Keane Next Jackpot €1,300 Draw Tues. 2nd August The Cat's Cradle. 9.30pm

