

**Greed is Good. 18 Sept 2022**

Gordon Gekko is a character in the 1987 film *Wall Street* and its 2010 sequel *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*. Gekko was portrayed by actor Michael Douglas, whose performance in the first film won him an Oscar for Best Actor. Gekko is said to be based loosely on several actual financiers. During the film, Gekko makes a speech which included the words "Greed is good." This speech was influenced by a commencement address given by Ivan Boesky for the University of California, Berkeley School of Business, 1986, where he commented on the beneficial side of greed. He said in part: "I think greed is healthy. You can be greedy and still feel good about yourself." Boesky was a stock trader who later became infamous for his prominent role in an insider trading scandal that occurred during the mid-1980s. He was fined a record \$100 million and served three years in prison.

Gordon Gekko in his 'greed is good' speech goes on to explain all the wonderful things that greed can do for you, your country, the economy. The final lines of it are: "I am not a destroyer of companies. I am a liberator of them! The point is, ladies and gentleman, that greed – for lack of a better word – is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all of its forms – greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind. And greed – you mark my words – will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the USA." In 2008, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said, concerning the financial crisis of 2007–2010, "it is perhaps time now to admit that we did not learn the full lessons of the greed-is-good ideology. And today we are still cleaning up the mess of the 21st-century children of Gordon Gekko." In 2009, Cardinal Bertone cited Gekko's "Greed is good; greed is right" slogan in a speech to the Italian Senate, saying that giving legitimacy to greed as a kind of civic virtue has had serious consequences. "The greed market has substituted the free market," he said. He also blamed such a mentality for the 2007–2008 financial crisis. He said that the financial crisis is the result of human greed and a mistaken idea that the maximisation of profit is the only value a free market is ethically obliged to follow.

Cardinal Bertone added that the free

market economy is the economic model most respectful of human freedom and democracy, but he also recognises it is a fallacy to believe that the economy can or should operate independently of human values. "An economic activity that does not take the social dimension into account would not be ethically acceptable." He calls people to recognise that, because the market is a human invention involving human participants and having an impact on other human beings, it must be guided by and judged according to its impact on people. Cardinal Bertone added that in calling attention to the moral obligation to promote the common good, he also calls for a **movement from solidarity to fraternity, recognising everyone as brothers or sisters and providing for their needs.**

Let's conclude with the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." While this moral compass points the way, it is now up to us to follow it. JK



We belong to one another: We now know that the sacred community of the universe is a single interconnected web of life emanating from the creative energy of God

**Franciscan Missionaries of Mary** are visiting us. We welcome Sr. Nuala she will be making an appeal on behalf of their missionary work, they work in 75 different countries among the poorest and most disadvantaged peoples

**Our Sacristan Terry's collection** is next weekend. We always appreciate his constant care in looking after our Churches in the Parish and the grounds in Donoughmore church .Well done Terry

**Remembering Fr Dave**, on Sat. eve 24th Sept. at our 7pm Mass we will welcome Fr. Dave's family to our Mass, We hope you can join us to remember him and to thank his family for his presence amongst us for along number of year's ,tea and refreshments after mass in Church house.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Wed. Sept. 28th 7-8pm

**Recently deceased** Sympathy to the families of Patricia Dillon Ballyclough Ardagh. Tom Fitzgibbon Pallasgreen , Noelle O'Malley Old Cork Rd /O'Malley Pk May they rest in Peace

**South Liberties Fun day this Sunday Sept.18th** kiddies train, mobile pet farm, games BBQ, inflatable dart

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat 17th Sept	7pm	Tom & Annie Cowman Michael Lane(4th)
Mon.19th	10m	
Tues 20th	10am	No Mass
Fri 23rd	10am	
Sat 24th	7pm	Mai & John Sheahan. Lil Halpin. Ann Costelloe (1st) Carmel McGill
<b>Knockea</b>		
Sun 18th	11am	Betty Gleeson
Wed 21st	10am	Kieran Malone . Joe & Patricia Noonan
Sun 25th	11am	Charles Godfrey. Colm Walsh. Michael & Sheila McQuaid & Jim Fagen
<b>Roxboro</b>		



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**Pastoral Area Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family**

ing a Culture Night on Friday 23rd Sept. 2022 in "Courthouse" Ballyneety at 7.30 pm.

Dk& BCDA Community Associations invite you to a Public meeting to discuss the purchase and installation of a life saving defibrillator housed in a traditional phone box in Ballyneety village ,meeting in the Courthouse Ballyneety village Tuesday 27th Sept. at 8pm , "It takes a community to save a life"

**Weekly Lotto** €1,100 no winner winning No.1,2,16,21 . Lucky dips 1. Dooley family 2.Michael Butler 3.N.wade 4.Susan McNamara 5.N. Wade 6.Ger Carmody Next Jackpot €1,200 Draw Tues 20th Sept. The Four Elms 9.30pm Thank you

board & free games & prizes in the gym for the kiddies & free teas /coffees. Asking for donations for buns/cakes to be delivered to the club house on the day Funday time 2pm –5pm

**Drombanna Community singers** have now returned to Drombanna Day Care Centre on Wed. Nights 7.30 for music & sing a long, all are welcome, an easy comfortable get-together , you can also email Angela at drombannacommunitysingers@gmail.com

**Culture Night 2022** Ballyneety Men's Shed together with DKR Community Assoc. are host-

