

I Owe It to Myself, 2 Oct 2022

When you have done all you have been told to do, say, “we have done no more than our duty” (Lk 17:19). Those are the words of today’s gospel. Well, how does that sit with the entitlement culture? This culture is best captured in that self-centred statement, ‘I owe it to myself to be nice to myself’. Before I go any further, I must confess that culture has infiltrated me. And it usually emerges on a Friday night. Enough about me. We may feel it after a graduation, exam completed or passed, birthday, wedding anniversary, farmer has the harvest in, week’s work finished, or from any myriad of accomplishments achieved. Somebody might even go as far as saying, **I owe it to myself ‘because I’m worth it’**; that’s taken from the militant L’Oreal tagline.

Far be it from me to say, ‘you don’t own it to yourself, especially when I continue to accept, even expect treats’. But I have a few things I’d like to share with regard to meeting that need for recognition and appreciation. After reaching an accomplishment, don’t run for the treat. Take cognisance, notice of what you have completed. Recognise the benefit it is to you and your community at large. Recognise the benefit it is for your CV. But most of all, recognise the value it is to you as a person. All good works you do affirm the goodness within you, but they also confirm emerging personal traits and reinforce the positive character you are endeavouring to nurture. **You, your personality become the physical embodiment of all the good work you accomplish.** This culture of entitlement is usually linked to a culture of consuming. It can be anything from overindulgence in drink, food, videos, to much worse. Unfortunately, we can see how excess can go askew for music or sporting stars at both county and national level. This can so easily happen when the fan base are willing promoters of it. At some point we need to draw a line under it, if for no other reason than one’s temporal health. Don’t forget that the greatest treat you can give yourself is the joy of true friendship. Sharing in the comradeship and happiness of good friends gives a deep-seated treat who’s benefits are longer lasting.

Finally, **there’s a real risk of fostering and developing the culture of entitlement within one’s personality.** Then the person longs more and more for a buzz and a thrill in daily life because I feel I’m owed it. Is that why we hear

youths say, ‘I’m bored’, bored at home and bored at Mass. Life will not and cannot continually offer a buzz. When it comes to prayer and Mass, the focus can be on getting something out of it by being entertained or hearing a new insight. That’s the entitlement culture saying: ‘you deserve something more when you go to church, you deserve to be entertained’. That’s especially true if one gives up the sports match or watching something good on television to attend Mass. Mass is about finding deeper communion with Jesus, asking for your needs and praying for others, giving thanks for what you have received, giving praise to God and receiving the life of Christ into you. **‘It’s in giving that we ultimately receive’**, says Francis of Assisi. JK

Sympathy to the O’Connell family on the sad passing of their Mam Alice, her funeral was Tuesday at Donoughmore, to the family of Nora Ryan Toreen, Ballysimon., funeral Crosss’s Ballyneety Sunday eve and Bohermore Church this Monday at 11.30am May they rest in peace.

Season Of Creation finishes on October 4th, the feast day of Saint Francis. On **Saturday 8th October Dr Niamh Brennan (10am to 1:30pm)** will deliver a **reflective workshop** on this year’s Season of Creation theme **“Listening to the Voice of Creation”** at the Don Bosco Centre, Milford, followed by outdoor prayer/reflection (weather permitting!) at the LCM Infinity Woodland Pathway adjacent to Milford Care Centre. Please book online

Limerick Diocese are offering a training/reflection session for **Ministers of the Word Tuesday 4th October from 7:30m to 9pm** in the Diocesan Centre (adjacent to St Munchin’s College). This session is suitable for new Ministers of the Word, also be a reflective opportunity for existing Ministers. A training/reflection session for **Ministers of the Eucharist** will be held on **Tuesday 11th October from 7:30pm to 9pm** again in the Diocesan Centre. Again, this session is suitable for new Ministers of the Eucharist or can also be a reflective opportunity for existing Ministers. You can register for training for Ministers of the Word and/or Ministers of the Eucharist here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MinistryTrainingReflection>

Two nights of training for **Funeral/Bereavement Teams** will be offered on **18th and 25th October from 7:30pm to 9pm** in the Diocesan Centre. The training will cover the practical steps involved in setting up, resourcing Funeral/Bereavement Teams in pastoral units/parishes. Following these initial two nights, additional supports and resources needed will be considered fur-

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 1st oct	7pm	(MM) Gerry Glynn Alice Kirby 1st A. Michael Neville
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Tues 4th	10am	No Mass
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Fri 7th	10am	No Mass
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Sat 8th	7pm	Patrick Shanahan
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Sun 2nd	11am	John Browme
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Wed 5th	10am	No Mass
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Sun 9th	11am	John Ryan (2nd)
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Roxboro

ther training sessions will be developed. We would encourage people who have a sense of calling to this ministry area, as well as those already involved, to register for the two nights so we can learn from each other’s experiences. You can register for the two nights of training here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/FuneralBereavementTeams, from the perspective of our Parish and Pastoral Unit here we would hope to begin this Ministry.

DKR Community Assoc. meeting in Courthouse Monday 3rd Oct at 8pm, please contact Pat Fitzgerald prior to meeting if you are not attending

Training on how to use the Defibrillator at Knockea school is to begin shortly, would you

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Knockea is **V94 D938**.

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Gathering- Finance committee members to discuss Finances for parishes Tuesday 11th Oct. Limerick Diocesan centre 7.30pm –9pm.

Weekly Lotto €1,300 no winner winning No.2,7,12,13. Lucky dips 1. Erin Hillebrand 2.Kathleen Toomey 3.Kathy O’Riordan 4. John Butler 5. Conor Hillebrand c/o Margie 6. Catherine 7 Rose c/o Elm Court Next Jackpot €1,400 Draw Tues 4th Oct. The Four Elms 9.30pm Thank you

