Salt of the earth and light of the world

“There are some people whose great gift, in a dark age, is simply to maintain a candlelight of humanity, and so guarantee that darkness should not have the final word.” Robert Ellsberg.

How better to describe someone we call the ‘salt of the earth’. One of the loveliest compliments we can offer to someone. To maintain a candlelight of humanity so darkness does not have the final word.

Back in the day this Gospel was written, Salt was the great preservative. Long before the freezer salt was the agent that kept foods fresh and of course it offered flavour.

For us in our time to be the salt of the earth, surely the Gospel calls us as Christians to preserve what we have learned to be good and right, and add flavour, the flavour of Christ like value to our lives and those we come in contact with.

Called to be the light of the world, let’s again visit Ellsberg’s quote.. To maintain a candlelight of humanity so darkness does not have the final word. When our words and actions carry the element of light we become what we are called to be, messengers of hope and possibility and love and life. To light up a room we walk into surely brings with us as we enter a joy that we are meant to be bearers of.

Called as we are reminded by Pope Francis.. “to be people of Gospel Joy”.

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

“That light we see is burning in my hall. How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world”

….Portia from ‘The Merchant of Venice’
Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Maureen Murphy, Hermitage.
Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad.
Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.
James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycassidy.

Sun 9th: 9.30am: Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph’s, Hermitage.
Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Arda na Gréine;
Sr. Clare Connellan, Ennis & Texas.
May & Miko Glynn, Knockaderra.
Christina Kelly, Elm Park.
Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.

11.30am: Ann Keogh, Hazelwood, Clonroadmore. MM
William (Bill) Leacy, College Grove.
Mary Brogan, College Green.
Rita Hurley, Tumpike.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.
11am: Marian & Mick Molloy, St. Michael’s Villas.

Tues: 7.40am: Special Intention.
Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.

6.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.

11am: George, Chrissie & Haulie Molloy;
Molly Butler, Old Mill St.
Joe Foley, College Park.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Special Intention.
3pm: Thomas Molloy, Ballaghoey, Quin Rd. MM.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.

Monica Sheridan, Ennis.

7.30pm: Holy Souls.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

11am: Bernardette Keane, Summerhill. 1st Anniv.
Jimmy McNamara, Golf Links Rd.
Terese McCormack, Hermitage.
Olive Slattery, College Park.
Edward & Annie Mallon.

12noon: Confirmation Gaelscoil Mhicil Ciosóg.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.

Sat: 11am: Fintan Ryan, Fergus Manor.

6.30pm: Lorraine Cooley, Dallasscavey Ave.
Paul Brassil, St. Michael’s Villas.
Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd.
John & Bridie O’Sullivan, Killrush Rd.

Sun 16th: 9.30am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lr. Market St.

11.30am: Dominic (Donny) Martin, Morrissay Ave. MM.
John Scanlan, Dallasscavey Avenue.
Senan Sheehan, Clare Rd. & Cillian O’Sullivan, The Glen, Caherciveen.
Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Hospital & Sick Calls

9th February, 2020
Priest on Duty:
Fr. Ger Fitzgerald
Please call: 065 689098

Mass of Healing & Anointing
Tuesday February 11th
St. Joseph’s Church
10.30am

World Day of the Sick, a
celebration started by Pope John
Paul II as a way for believers to
offer prayers for those suffering
from illnesses. The day coincides
with the commemoration of our
Lady of Lourdes. People around
the world take the time to pray for
the sick and for those who work
very hard to alleviate the
sufferings of the sick on this day.

St Valentine’s Day
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St. Joseph’s

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St.
Joseph’s Church should be booked through the
Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John
0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Susan Brohan, Considine Rd.
Vicky Keane, Corvoromin Drive.

Sun 9th 10am: Maura Cavanagh, Fen Grove.
11.45: Peadar & Marie O’Keeffe, Drumcliff Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Michael Moloney, Marian Ave. MM.
Tues 10.30am: Mass with Sacrament of the Sick
for World Day of the Sick.
Wed 10.30am: Mary McMahon, Steele’s Tce.;
Maura Byrnes, Tulla.

Fri 10.30am: Aileen Nugent, Castlerock.

Sat 10.30am: Brendan Sexton, Cavan & Quin.
Michael Lillis, Cooraclare, Jim & Maureen Scanlan,
Cavan, Anthony & Maureen Wollam, Wales.
7pm: Patrick O’Donovan, The Crescent;

Sun 16th 10am: Michael Walsh, Insicarragh.
Teresa Howard, Killrush Rd.
11.45: Esme McMahon, St. Senan’s Rd. MM.

Rest in Peace

Jimmy Burke, Connolly Villas & St. Joseph’s Tce.,
Clarecastle, Anne Galvin (nee McCarthy),
Clonsteen, Barrefield and O’Connell St., Ennis.
Vincent Coffey, Clonroad, Paddy Rynne, Ballyalla,
Pauline Sauderson, Rockmount, Melissa
Mallaghan, Considine Rd. Roger O’Donoghue,
Clareview, Limerick & late St. Michael’s Villas

Those we love don’t go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.

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Medjugorje Prayer Meeting, Monday 10th February
8pm Clarecastle Day Care Centre. All welcome.

Castlerock Montessori
now enrolling for September 2020 and 2021. Contact Rita 087 2265819.

Family Carers Ireland
Meeting Wednesday 12th February 7.30pm at Family Carers’ Room, 8 Tracklands, opposite Shanahan’s Paints. All welcome.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9th 11am: PJ, Bridie & Trevor Dilger, Hermitage.
Chrisisse, Miko & Patrick Ball, Drumcarnamore.
Marian & Mark O’Neill & Patrick (Sonny) Kearney.

Mon 9.30am: Fitzgerald Family, Kerry.

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One of the most important gifts
we can give to anyone is the gift
of appreciation. Saying “Thank
You” is really easy and everyone
loves to feel appreciated.
St. Valentine’s Day is quite
commercialised with cards and
flowers and chocolates, but you
don’t have to have loads of
money to spend to show you’re
appreciated. You can make a
card or do a chore specially for
the one you love, whomsoever
that might be.

Happy St. Valentine’s Day—
14th February.
Do This in Memory—First Communion Programme

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**Entrance Antiphon**

O come, let us worship God
And bow low before the God who made us,
For he is the Lord our God.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
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P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
C. And grant us your salvation.

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**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked.
and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Your integrity will go before you
and turn not from your own kin.

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waiver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trust in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great ‘fear and trembling’ and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day In accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

**Communion Antiphon**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
His wonders for the children of men
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,
And the hungry he fills with good things.

Amen.