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September 29th/30th 2018– Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Mass for the coming week: Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

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Modern life has brought us closer to one another than ever before. We influence each other in all sorts of ways. God wants us to be stepping stones for one another. Unfortunately, we can be stumbling blocks to one another.

First Reading: (Number 11:25-29)

Josiah resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses himself welcomes it.

Second Reading: (James: 5:1-6)

We hear a strong condemnation of wealth, especially when it is obtained through exploiting the weak and vulnerable.

Gospel: (Mark 9:38-43; 47-48)

This contains a lesson in tolerance, and in the avoidance of scandal and occasions of sin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rite One of this sacrament is available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15am to 9.45am and Saturday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

Ceppi Sheehan RIP

We extend to the Sheehan family our condolences on the death of Ceppi, our sacristan. She continues to be in our thoughts and prayers. We thank her for her faithful and loving service to the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle. A sacristan's job involves long hours and meeting the many demands of the people. She took it in her stride with efficiency and humour. She made the job of sacristan more like a ministry of service with a strong application of love. May she be greeted with the words: Well done, good and faithful servant. May she rest in peace.

➤ **Castleknock Lions Club** would like to thank everyone for donating €1,065.51 at last weekend's outdoor collection.
All monies raised will go to needy causes.

Saints of the Week:

25th Sept: St. Finbarr – came to Lock Irce (Gougane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered around him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre for learning.

27th Sept: St. Vincent de Paul 1580-1660. He was committed to the care of the disadvantaged and oppressed. He found the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633) who were the first to work outside their convents tending to the needs of the poor.

29th Sept: SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael – Archangels. Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. Raphael, guide to Tobias. Michael has been venerated as the protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Saturday: | 6.30pm | <u>Memorial Mass</u> Karl Andrews Martin Daly Arthur Duffy Paul McDermott Sorcha O'Brien |
| Sunday: | 10.00am | Michael Giles Anniversary |
| | 11.00am | Frank Cassidy 11 th Anniversary |
| | 12.15pm | Hubert and Una O'Donoghue Anniversaries |

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*Pray for the soul of James O'Riordan, recently deceased.
Also, Vincent Kennedy (Birthday Remembrance), Niall Annesley, Fr. Felix McLaughlin, Don Rainey and James Mahon
whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.*