

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon – Fri 10.00 am	Friday 9.20 am
1 st Sat Devotions 9.45 am Mass 10 am Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Mon night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10 pm St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

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Detachment

Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status, prestige, power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day! Or a reputation we can no longer live up to! There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time.

"Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," the young king replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Property comes in many forms. It is not so much *goods* that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself. There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. Detachment is that price. If only we could walk away without looking back with regret.

Deaths: Sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Nancy Zinkant, St Joseph's View, Yvonne Cotter, Tivoli and Susan Randall, Hazelwood who died recently.

2nd Collection today is for Trócaire's Emergency Appeal.

Off. 9 th	St Joseph's	1,048	St Michael's	203	Total €1,251
Off. 16th	St Joseph's	1,138	St Michael's	223	Total €1,361
Dioc. Qrtly	St Joseph's	589	St Michael's	131	Total €720
Off. 23 rd	St Joseph's	1,130	St Michael's	230	Total €1,360

There is a St. Vincent de Paul collection next weekend 5th/6th Aug

Church of the Real Presence Curraheen 1st Friday/1st Saturday Vigil of Adoration and Reparation August 4th/5th. Rosary 8 pm, First Friday Mass 9.30 pm, First Saturday Mass midnight Friday. Vigil ends at 3.30 am. All welcome.

SALLYBROOK VILLAGE TIDY TOWNS GROUP would like to thank everybody who supported our recent Church Gate Collection and SuperValu Bag Pack fundraiser. Your support is most appreciated.

Set of keys found in the church, they can be collected from the sacristy.

Rest and peace

Doctor: Your husband needs rest and peace. Here are some sleeping pills.

Wife: When must I give them to him? Doctor: They are for you!