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Dear All,

You may have heard the story about two friends, one named Nick, the other was called Ed. One day they decided to meet for dinner in a local restaurant. After studying the menu, both friends requested the filet of sole.

In due time, the waiter came with their order and placed a platter on the table, which contained one large and one small piece of fish. Nick proceeded to serve Ed and placed the small piece of fish on his plate; then he handed it across the table to his friend. "Well! You certainly do have a nerve!" exclaimed Ed.

"What's troubling you?" asked Nick. "Look what you've done," Ed answered. "You've given me the smallest piece and kept the large one for yourself."

"How would you have done it?" Nick asked. Ed replied, "If I were serving, I would have given you the large portion and kept the smaller piece for myself"

"Well, in that case," replied Nick, "I've got it, haven't I?" At this, both friends began to laugh.

Now in today's Holy Gospel Saint Luke 14: 1, 7-11 we heard that Jesus went to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath. We are not told if fish was on the menu that day, but we are told that the Pharisees were watching Jesus very closely.

Jesus, knowing that he was being observed, said nothing for some time, but he did notice that many of the guests chose to sit in the places of honour at the head of the table.

Later, Jesus grasped the opportunity and began telling them all a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited. Moreover, the host may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then, feeling disgraced you would have to move to a lower place.

No, when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; for then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. So, those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

In this gospel account, Jesus who is normally so merciful and compassionate, seems to be easily upset by self-centredness and hypocrisy.

Unfortunately, we are living in a world that seems to value competition, success, and occupying the 'place of honour', above all else. A world where there is little space for the weak and for those who are unable or unwilling to push themselves forward.

Perhaps each one of us is able to recall a time in our lives when we have ignored the humble and meek; and then selfishly pushed ourselves forward without a thought for anyone else.

In this piece of sacred scripture we have been given an opportunity to listen to Jesus telling us that, 'All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Some may even think that Jesus was being petty; but I think his words remind us that we would all do well to look at how we behave towards each other. Even in very small everyday things; our actions can indicate to others, what really does lie in the depth of our hearts.

Remember those two friends Nick and Ed? Well, they each managed to laugh together about the large and small portions of filet of sole.

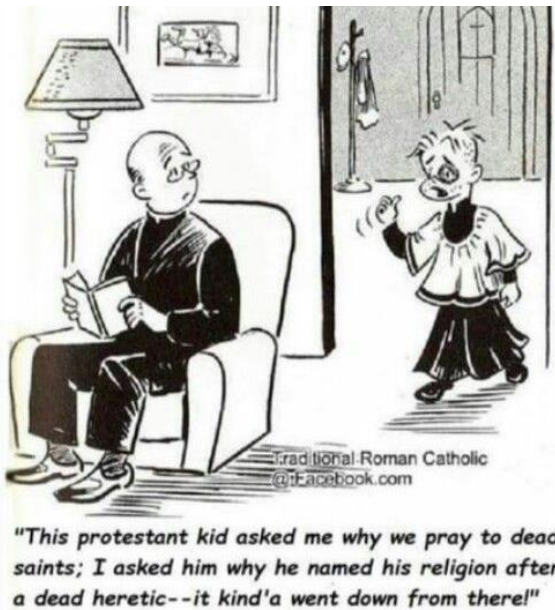
Do not let us be misled by Protestant propaganda: For these teachings would have us believe that God who is compassionate and merciful, will grant everyone, an automatic entry one day into the Heavenly realms.

Wrong! Those who are unrepentant and continually enjoy acting sinfully, should remember this - That one day, our souls will be judged by the Holy One, whose words we hear in the Bible, and who is upset by self-centeredness and hypocrisy. Amen.

PARISH MASSES IN JULY & AUGUST:

Takes place at Christ the King Oratory Southport on Sunday 28th July at 11.00am / Sunday 18th August at 11.00am, all masses are followed with Holy Anointing.

CARTOON CORNER:



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

SICK: Paul Shaw | Sheila Hogarth | Ruth Barr | Lesley Fudge | Thelma Thompson | Clarice Shaw | Sally Hayes | Bishop Gerard & Pam Crane | Brian & Brigitte Duffett | Archbishop Norman & Dorothy Dutton | Eileen Duffy | Harry Shaw | Lilian King | Luish Sao | Geoff Lamb | Bev & Barrie Chester | Shelley Coulter | Thelma Dunkley | Sylvia Holgate | James Hardman | Bishop Gerald Hitchen | Rev Ted Haywood | Matthew Shaw | Alex Wiseman | John Illingworth | Helen Lee | Margaret Glover | Harry Seymour | Roy Grainger | Brian Keane OSR | Lawrence & Penny Bell-wright OSR | Bob Lee | Ritchie Old | Richard Scott OSR | Randle Cutts | Andrew Stenson & family | Helen Wilson OSR | Joyce Kelford | Margaret Gunnell | John Beesley | Pauline Bayley | Michael Rogers | Christine Smith | Carol (Caz) Arnold | The Park Family (Mary, Matthew, Charlotte & Edward) | Julie Corner | Barry & Diane Uttley OSR | Roy Weatherall | Norma Cropper | Paula Lester | Elaine & Phillip Coope | Ciara (pronounced – 'KYRA') Duffy | Brian Everett OSR | Ray & Jean Wilde | Deacon Adrien Sulo | David Bainbridge | Ian Cameron OSR | Richard Scott OSR | Joy Davies | John & Gwen Simons | Stanley Smith OSR | Joyce Raper | Maureen

Fitzgerald | (Archbishop) Andrew Angarita | (Bishop) Howard Doe OSR

MEDIAEVAL SAYINGS:

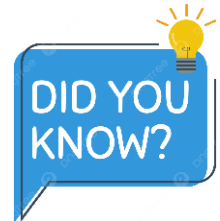
The apple of one's eye

In early mediaeval England, one's pupil – the aperture at the centre of the eye – was erroneously thought to be a solid, spherical object that resembled an apple. The idea is actually recorded in the Bible and is mentioned throughout the Old Testament in relation to God's love. Given the pupil's important role in our vision, it was this part that was most precious. The "apple of the eye" was therefore used as a term of endearment to refer to a much-loved person or thing.

Hue and cry

In the medieval period, if you saw a crime then you were obliged to shout and draw attention to it. This was called raising a "hue" and "cry". The word "hue" comes from the Old French for "huer" – meaning to shout. The phrase enters the English language around the 12th century and refers to efforts to warn a community about trouble or a crime to get their aid.

- A Catholic priest held the first insights into the "Big Bang" theory well before anyone else?
- The first prototype of today's moving robots was found in a medieval monastery?
- Many types of food and drink have their origins within the Church, including cappuccino, sparkling wine, and pretzels.
- The Church has patron saints for all sorts of things, including headaches, ugliness, fireworks, hangovers, and television.



Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. Help others without any reason and give without the expectation of receiving anything in return. Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.

We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean, but nonetheless we continue and try to our best to raise money for our parish nominated charities. *Ed.*

