

# To the Heights

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Sunday Mass Readings

**First Reading:**

Amos 8:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 112(113): 1-2, 4-8

**Second Reading:**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:**

Luke 16:1-13

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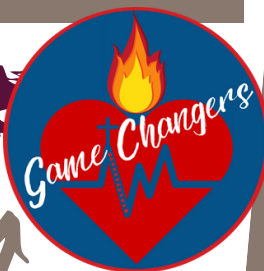
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## Game Changers

**The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!**



19 Sept	St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions
21 Sept	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

## Reflect



1. Why was the rich man angry with his steward initially?
2. How did the steward win back his master's favour?
3. The Steward wrote off the extra levy that would have lined his pocket - what did this show about his desire to win favour again?
4. Explain the following in your own words: "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great."
5. Why cannot you be a slave of both God & money?

## CHECK IT OUT: COMMUNITY CENACOLO



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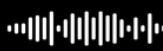
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## TUNE OF THE WEEK



The Little Things

Jim & Melissa Brady



## WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

This week, try to be conscious of the little things: the little things you say and do: choose to love, choose to pray, choose to speak kindly and truthfully, choose to be trustworthy in the little things.

Check out our weekly resource pack on pg 3-4!

WATCH



Fr Mike: The "Little Things" Are Actually Most Things



## Young Person's Prayer



Jesus, help me to be conscious of the effects of my actions, both little and great. May I always choose good, choose prayer, choose love, choose faithfulness. And may I always see Your presence and Your love for me in the little things too! Amen

30 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS!



## Puzzled?



FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS RELATED TO THE GOSPEL IN THE WORD SEARCH. CHECK IF YOU KNOW HOW THEY LINK TO THE STORY!

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Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!



## WHAT'S ON

**Lectio Divina** with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Waterford.  
Tuesdays, 2:30-4pm- St. John's Pastoral Centre or Thursdays, 7:30-9pm- Sacred Heart Convent, Cedar Lodge (Newtown Rd.) Starting from 13th September.  
Queries: Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784.

**"Get used to Different" - Weekend Retreat based on "The Chosen" TV Series:** Sept 30th - Oct 2nd.  
Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Full Board Accommodation €195. To book (052) 6133181 or email [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie) / For more info on the retreat 087 4042784 / [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)

**The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2:**  
TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October - [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie) for more information or [click here to sign up](#)



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MOTHER TERESA

LUKE 16:1-13

# FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS

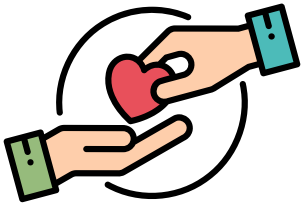


## ICEBREAKER



- **What reactions annoy you the most from people?**
- **What reactions encourage you the most?**
- **Are you an eye-roller???**

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (THE "LITTLE THINGS" ARE ACTUALLY MOST THINGS) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



What small act of kindness touched Fr Mike's heart at Mass?

All of life is made up of \_\_\_\_\_:

- small gestures of \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_.
- or a small \_\_\_\_\_, an eye \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of frustration!

**It's very rare that we have big, heroic moments.  
We just have small moments, added up to become a life.**



Jesus said, "**Those who are trustworthy in \_\_\_\_\_ will also be trustworthy in \_\_\_\_\_.**"

When things are a certain size, Fr Mike suggests we tend to excuse ourselves and say it's not a big deal.

**Can you think of any examples you've seen of this attitude?**

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What do you think of Tony's advice to the unmarried man in the group?  
What do you think Tony's wife's reaction was?

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What does Fr Mike suggest is a very powerful way to undercut a man?

Do you agree? Do you think it's the same for a woman as well?

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**Pause**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO AFFIRM A MAN / WOMAN?**

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LUKE 16:1-13

What invitation does Fr Mike issue in this video?

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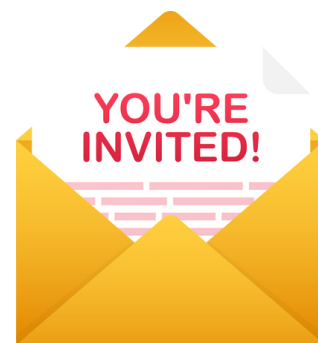
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What practical things could you do to respond to that invite this week?

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What would Fr Mike like to hear Jesus say to him (or to any of us?)

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**In times when we can be disillusioned that greater, more exciting things are not happening in our day, when we have a day of "little things" remember the words from the prophet Zechariah: "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin" Zechariah 4:10**



Now Read Luke 16:1-13



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MISSION!

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PRAYER TIME!

*Jesus, help me to be conscious of the effects of my actions, both little and great.  
May I always choose good, choose prayer, choose love, choose faithfulness.  
And may I always see Your presence and Your love for me in the little things too!  
Amen*



### CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE LITTLE THINGS



- Jim and Melissa Brady: The Little Things
- Brian Doerksen: Today I Choose
- Point of Grace: A Thousand Little Things
- Tim Hughes: Everything
- Chris Tomlin: I will follow
- Matt Redman: When all is said and done



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because it is in them that  
your strength lies."*

- Mother Teresa -

**REMEMBER!**

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