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Mass Times & Masses for the dead as follows:

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| Sat | 4th | Jan | 8.00pm | Bridge Mulvill, Loughlarn. |
| Sun | 5th | Jan | 12 Noon | Funeral Mass for Frankie Lane, Derraham. |
| Mon | 6th | Jan | 10.30am | Feast of Epiphany. |
| | | | 8.00pm | Special Intention. |
| Tues | 7th | Jan | 8.00pm | Tom Rowan, Cormaglove. |
| Wed | 8th | Jan | No Mass. | |
| Thurs | 9th | Jan | 9.30am | |
| Fri | 10th | Jan | 8.00pm | John & Margaret Muldoon, Aughavadden. |
| | | | | Also James Kennedy, Aghnacross. |
| Sat | 11th | Jan | 8.00pm | The Greally Family, Carrickmoran. The Ward Family, Clonmee. Also Matt Concannon, Carrickmoran. |
| Sun | 12th | Jan | 10.30am | Gerry Casey (3rd Anniv), Elfect. |

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 8th January 3-9pm and Friday 10th Jan 8.30-9pm.

Rosary continues on Saturday before Mass at 7.40pm.

Eucharistic Ministers:

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| | 8.00pm | Sat | 11th | Jan | Liz Hanley & Caroline Murtagh. |
| | 10.30am | Sun | 12th | Jan | Brendan Bannon & Margaret Boyce. |

Readers:

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| | 8.00pm | Sat | 11th | Jan | Maura Brehon. |
| | 10.30am | Sun | 12th | Jan | Oliver Costello. |

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Frankie Lane, 2 Derraham, whose Funeral Mass takes place this Sunday at 12 Noon.

An important meeting will take place tomorrow Sunday in the Pier Inn at 2pm to discuss current beef prices and protest to Dublin on January 15th. Anybody interested please attend.

& A Very Special Thank You To:

You - most *loyal* and *generous* Parishioners for your faithful dedication to Church and your financial and personal support in so many ways;

Pastoral Council, Senior and Junior Choirs and Directors, the Flower arranging and Artistic Displays, Servers and Servers' Organiser, Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Collectors, the arrangers of the beautiful Crib & Star & Lights;

To the: Adoration and Rosary Participants and Committee, Safeguarding Representative, People who do the Church laundry, Cleaning and Polishing of the Church, the Toilets and Parochial House, Gardening and cutting of the grass, Building and Maintenance, Accounts, Secretarial Assistance, Those who arrange rotas, Cemetery Committee; The Hill Committee and Caretaker;

School Chairperson, Principal, BOM, Teachers/Secretary/Parents/Parents' Association/Caretakers and Cleaner/Children/Do This In Memory Programme assistants, All who support and work behind the scenes ensuring everything runs smoothly and especially to Tom, Maureen, Siobhan, Yvonne, Kathleen, Oliver and my sister Marie.

Parable: One day, a very wealthy man was out for a stroll. Along the way, he encountered a beggar on the sidewalk. The rich man looks kindly on the man and asked, "How did you become a beggar?" The beggar said, "Sir, I've been applying for a job for a year now but haven't found any. You look like a rich man. Sir, if you'll give me a job, I'll stop begging."

The rich man smiled and said, "I want to help you. But I won't give you a job. I'll do something better. I want you to be my business partner. Let's start a business together."

The beggar blinked hard. He didn't understand what this stranger was saying. "What do you mean, Sir?"

"I own a rice plantation. You could sell my rice in the market. I'll provide you with the sacks of rice. I'll pay the rent for the market stall. I'll even give you a food allowance everyday for the next 30 days. All you'll have to do is sell my rice. And at the end of the month, as Business Partners, we'll share in the profits."

Tears of joy rolled down his cheeks. "Oh Sir," he said, "you're a gift from Heaven. You're the answer to my prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" He then paused and asked, "Sir, how will we divide the profits? Do I keep 10% and you get the 90%? Do I keep 5% and you get the 95%? I'll be happy with any arrangement."

The rich man shook his head and chuckled. "No, I want you to give me the 10%. And you keep the 90%."

For a moment, the beggar couldn't speak. When he tried to speak, it was gibberish. He couldn't believe his ears. The deal was too preposterous.

The rich man laughed more loudly. He explained, "I don't need the money, my friend. I'm already wealthy beyond what you can ever imagine. I want you to give me 10% of your profits so you grow in faithfulness and gratitude."

The beggar knelt down before his benefactor and said, "Yes Sir, I will do as you say. Even now, I'm so grateful for what you've done for me!"

And so that was what happened ...

Each day, the beggar, now dressed a little bit better, operated a store selling rice in the market. He worked very hard. He woke up early in the morning and went to bed late at night. And sales were brisk. After 30 days, the profits were astounding.

At the end of the month, as the ex-beggar was counting the money, and falling in love with the feeling of the notes in his hands, an idea began to grow in his mind. "Why should I give 10% to my Business Partner? I didn't see him the whole month! I was the one who was working day and night for this business. I did all this work! I deserve all the profits!"

A few minutes later, the rich man was knocking on the door to collect his 10% of the profits. The ex-beggar opened the door and said, "You don't deserve the 10%. I worked hard for this. I deserve all of it!" And he slammed the door in his face.

If you were his Business Partner, how would you feel?

Moral:

Friend, this is a parable for each of us ... *God is Our Business Partner ... He gave us everything we have ... The gift of life ... every single moment, every single breath, every single second ... our talents ... our bodies ... our hearts ... our minds ... Even our immortal souls ... And He alone knows our expiry date!*

What are we giving Him in return?