

## Deacon's Beacons

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“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:2–4

This is part of the Gospel read every year on Ash Wednesday. It points out that our acts of charity are not for our own self-aggrandizement. What you do for the good of others is to be kept between you and God. Jesus Himself would warn those He cured not to tell anyone about it. But think about that. You just had a miraculous thing happen to change your life and you are not supposed to tell anyone? Still, charity is best done in anonymity.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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