

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 reading for Ash Wednesday (which is coming up fast). It reminds us that what we do for God is only to be done for Him. It is not to be done for our own credit. If you are doing good to have people say, “Look how good that person is,” you are doing it all wrong. Your good deeds should give the glory to God alone. It shows that God has blessed you in some way. Maybe He has bestowed upon you material wealth that you can now share. Maybe He has given you a spirit of assistance so you can help those in need, either physically or financially. The point is that all of your gifts come from God, not from yourself.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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