

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

It may be serendipitous that this came up today. This is part of the Gospel that is read every Ash Wednesday. It addresses the Lenten custom of almsgiving. But we give not for the glory that we receive but because we see others in need. If we only do it for the credit from others, we may as well not do it at all. Christ did not die on the Cross so that others would praise Him. He did it out of love for those who are in need of forgiveness and salvation.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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