

Rice College Ennis

Welcome
Bishop Kieran O'Reilly



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May there always be work
for your hands to do.

May your purse
always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine
upon your window pane.

May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend
always be near to you and

May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.



*One thing you may be sure of
That while you work for God
Whether you succeed or not
He will amply reward you.*

Bld. Edmund Rice



Opening Prayer

Loving God,
we offer you this day
all our thoughts, our prayers,
words and actions.
Be with us throughout this day
and help us show your compassion to all we
meet, especially our fellow students.
Protect us from any unkind word or act
And help us to remember that nothing is going
to happen to me today that you and I together
can't handle. AMEN

Gospel

Luke 6, 47-49

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

You reap what you sow!

A building contractor built large luxury homes. He had no scruples about cutting corners and taking the easiest and cheapest way out of every situation. As a result of years of experience he had become an expert at this form of deception. Many of his buildings were fire hazards and danger zones because of his shabby approach to work

His last house was probably his worst and most shameful attempt. But being his last he didn't care and took all sorts of risky liberties with it. Imagine his horror when he realised that his retirement bonus from the firm was a present of the last house that he had built.

Prayers

Let us join together in prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our example in life.

1. Bless these who have been part of this school. May they always feel welcome in our community. **Lord hear us.**

2 Lord Jesus, you went from town to town preaching your gospel and healing the sick; may you still pass along our streets and roadways and with your compassion give strength especially to those who are sick, aging, unwell or in danger among us at the present time. **Lord, hear us.**

3 Lord, we ask your blessing on Bishop, Kieran O'Reilly. Support him as he minister's to the people in our diocese. **Lord, hear us.**

4 We ask the Lord's Blessings on the pupils, staff and management of Rice College. May we pass on the gift of faith that has been given to us. **Lord, hear us.**

5 On this day, we ask God's blessing on all who live and work in our parish and all who have made our community such a great place to be. May we continue that tradition **Lord, hear us.**

6. Lord we remember, students, staff and family members who have passed away, especially in this month of November; may the light of Jesus shine on them. **Lord, hear us.**

Heavenly Father, listen to the prayers of this community offered in faith and hope. In your generous love grant us what we need, we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.