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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. John writes

In How Green Was My Valley

Richard Llewellyn wrote, "There's no fence around time that's gone. You can redeem time and have it again, if only you remember."

Remembering is powerful. It reactivates and keeps a past reality alive. Memory energizes us; our past experiences go on and on. When we recapture a moment in time by remembering, we bring into our midst someone or something we thought was gone.

In the Mass we remember God's goodness and blessings. We remember God's dealings with us in human history and in the life

of Jesus. Most especially we remember that Jesus remains with us as life and power of our lives. During the month of November we remember our dead and unite them with the sacred memory and presence of Jesus living among us and living among those who have passed over to the glory that is eternal life.

Although death brings a deep sense of loss, our prayerful remembrance of the dead, especially in union with the memory of Jesus in the Mass, brings a new presence and consolation.

"Memory is good because it increases the measure of the knowable. This actual value of memory lies in this insight that nothing is past." (Elias Canetti).

Fr. John

CHILDREN'S BIBLE COLUMN NO.2

St. Paul was one of the early Christians. He travelled around helping to set up the church in various places. He wrote many letters to the Christians, explaining the teachings of Jesus to them and telling them how they should live in God's way. Here is a piece from one of the letters St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome. You can see that, even though it was written

nearly 2000 years ago, it's still relevant for you today.

"Forgive people who hurt you, don't curse them, say a prayer for them. Treat everyone with equal kindness, don't look down your nose on the poor, you're not perfect either. Never try to get your own back on people; show that you are interested only in doing what is right."

JUST A THOUGHT!



We remember those who
1) have gone before us, and
2) those who are still with us

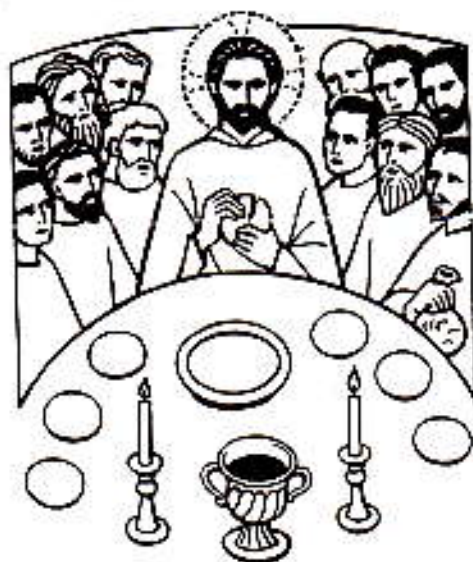
It is said that if you were anxious to obtain from God some great favour and HE told St. Michael, the Archangel to gather into one vast Cathedral:

- 1) All the millions of the faithful on earth.
- 2) All the souls in Purgatory.
- 3) All the millions of saints in heaven.
- 4) All the millions of angels.

And then suppose all the above with the Blessed Virgin at their head were told to bow down in profound adoration in the Cathedral before God and ask of Him the favour requested. This adoration would give immense glory to God, and it would have wonderful power with Him.

Yet, one single Mass is infinitely greater than all of the prayers and adoration offered by the angels, saints and faithful. The thought now comes. One single Mass said for someone during their lifetime is of immense value. In this month of November when Masses are offered up for the dead, and rightly so, perhaps we might also think of the living and have Masses said for them.

RESPECT FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST



10.2 Do this in memory of me
(Luke 22:19)

- 1) We are asked to fast one hour before receiving Communion, unless we are sick or elderly.
- 2) Always approach the priest or minister in a prayerful and respectful manner.
- 3) If you receive on the hand, step to one side and consume the host before returning to your place.
- 4) Be careful that particles of the host are not left on your hand, as the hosts can be very brittle.
- 5) I would encourage parents to make sure that your child follows the correct procedures.
- 6) Say an act of thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion.

There is a danger that, because we receive so frequently, we may at times forget that the Bread of Life is always to be respected and worshipped.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A TIME FOR HONESTY

It is very tempting to avoid writing a Media Comment on the violence in Northern Ireland. So much has been said and written about it. We are battered by words, satiated by images. Yet, it seems to me to be less than honest to ignore it.

But, of course, I do not have an answer. After 25 years, doesn't the problem look like staying with us forever? We must have hope. But what can one say?

I have no doubt that the majority of decent people in Northern Ireland, Catholic and Protestant, Loyalist and

Nationalist, crave justice and peace. This would seem to leave two very small groups responsible for the continuing violence.

Is the leadership on both sides at fault for too much posturing, too concerned with point-scoring and showing too little in the way of leadership? Leaving the hate-filled people of violence to fill the vacuum?

It is surely a time for prayer. It is surely a time for total honesty. It is surely a time for practising that most Christian of values, love.

My Thesaurus gives a number of synonyms for the word fortitude, a word which applies so aptly to the people of Northern Ireland. I would salute these people with some of these words: courage, determination, grit, guts, patience, staying power, valour. And I would pray that their fortitude will soon be rewarded with a lasting peace and a secure future. Would you join me in that prayer?

PLEASE CHECK YOUR HEDGE

We have been asked to draw your attention once again to the ongoing menace of protruding bits of hedge. Some footpaths in the parish are a hazard to walk on especially at night. Also, nettles coming through from hedges can be harmful to passing children.

Would you ever check YOUR hedge please to make sure you are not one of the culprits. Thank you.

Please leave this world as you'd like to find it.



We offer our sincere sympathy to JANE O'BRIEN, Liam Lynch Park, on the death of her brother, Denis Fitton.

To Fr. Vincent Hodnett, Chaplain at the Regional Hospital, on the death of his mother.



Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 8th November at 8.10 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Adult Education Committee

The committee has organised two lectures in the Church Crypt at 8 p.m. on November 15th and 22nd:

- 1) The recent Papal Encyclical.
- 2) Topic of Drugs, Parents and Teenagers.

Please make a note in your diary and watch for further details.

Parent & Toddler Group

Cake Sale on this weekend in the Crypt after all Masses.

Sponsored walk to raise funds for the Group will be held on Sunday 16th in Farran Woods at 1.30 p.m. All welcome to participate. Contact Mary at 344764.

Irish Guide Dog Association

Cookery Demonstration on Tuesday 9th November at 8 p.m. in the SMA Parish Centre, followed by Skin care and beauty make over. Admission £3.



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Adoration for Peace

In the Poor Clare Chapel each Wednesday morning after 10.00 Mass until Benediction at 5.30 p.m. for the next four weeks (Nov. 10/17/24, Dec. 1) prayer for Reconciliation and Peace in Northern Ireland. If you are willing to pray for one hour, please sign your name and indicate time which suits you in the book kept in the Sacristy of the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Daily Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect rota at Sanctuary Rails.

Ardfallen Fair

Saturday 13 November, 10.30-3.00p.m. in Ardfallen House, Douglas Road. Stalls - books, cakes, gifts, electrical goods, arts, etc. Admission adults 50p, children 20p.

Bishopstown Community Association

The AGM will be reconvened on Tuesday 9th November at 8 p.m. in Wilton Park House. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors. Only members of BCA Ltd. are eligible to vote. Membership application forms are available at Wilton Park House.

Fine Gael

Model Farm Road branch will hold its monthly meeting at Rooms, Bandon Road, on Monday 8th at 8.30 p.m. New members very welcome.

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