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MOST REV. DR. MICHAEL MURPHY BISHOP CORK & ROSS. R.I.P.

"Remember your leaders, who preached the word of God to you, and as you reflect on the outcome of their lives, imitate their Faith"

"Jesus Christ is the same to-day as he was yesterday and as he will be forever. Do not let yourselves be led astray by all sorts of strange doctrines."

These were the opening words of Bishop Murphy's homily at the funeral Mass for his predecessor, Bishop Lucey. These are words which we might reflect on to-day as we recall the life and times of Bishop Murphy himself.

I had the privilege of knowing him for all of fifty-nine years, and sharing many confidences from him. For this I am deeply grateful, and the better in my own life for it.

His faith was strong and solid - it did not depend on frills or whims. His vocation as priest and bishop, and the people he served, were his paramount concern - especially the weaker and disadvantaged among his flock.

He had a singular gift of seeing the essentials in life, and never allowed himself to be deflected by peripheral concerns of no real importance. These qualities inspired his missionary work in South America, and his continued care for the people there.

One of his chief objectives was that all God's people would see themselves as valued partners in the Church of God. The Church is its members, not just the hierarchy or clergy or structures. Apart from Confirmations, he visited this Parish on numerous occasions over the past twelve years - usually to encourage Pastoral Council members and teachers, and to inspire them to take responsibility in the Church.

One final point - his personal devotions were:

- (1) The Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- (2) Our Lady's Rosary which he prayed faithfully in his Oratory or walking in the garden.

Significantly, he was called to Heaven on Monday last, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

May the angels lead him into Paradise, and our Blessed Mother take him to the place prepared by her Son in our Father's Home in Heaven, there to enjoy the rewards that God has prepared for those who love Him.

Denis O'Connor P.P.



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

St. Ursula writes

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

We had an exciting initiative in our parish this month. On the First Friday we had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after 10 Mass until just before 7.30 Mass in the evening. It is another example of what can be done when people not only dream dreams, but are also prepared to put in the hard work and commitment necessary to make those dreams a reality.

A group of parishioners were anxious to have Exposition. Having received the

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA
FEAST DAY - 15TH OCTOBER**

Teresa lived in an age of political, social and religious upheaval - the 16th century.


She was a contemplative and an active reformer. She was "her own woman" entering the Carmelite Order despite strong opposition from her father. She was a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery.

Much of her time and energy was spent seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought - always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts at reform in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

*-Supporters of Women's Liberation
have in Teresa a challenging example!*

green light from the Dean, they went to work. Several planning meetings took place. Lists were made of tasks to be done and people to be approached. Each member of the group took on certain responsibilities and reported back from meeting to meeting. They were very heartened, they said, by the response they got from the many people who were prepared to fill up the rota for Adoration. The ladies who arrange the flowers changed their times so that they could prepare the altar beforehand. Everything fell into place and we had our Exposition on the First Friday of October.

What happens from now on is all our business. In order to have Exposition we must have people who are prepared to commit themselves month after month to spend time with the Lord. Knowing the generosity and commitment of our parishioners, I don't think this will be a problem. Make an appointment with the Lord each First Friday, mark the time and date on your calendar to remind yourself. Keep your appointment. The Lord is never outdone in generosity. He will repay you a hundredfold.

Rest in Peace 

John Riordan, Bishopstown Avenue, died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday 28th September. John was a gentle and lovable man. His working life was spent with the Royal Insurance Co. - his recreation with a rod and line. He was pre-deceased by his wife Maureen. His nephew, Fr. Cormac Breathnach, was chief celebrant at the Requiem Mass. We extend the sympathy of our community to his family, Margot, John, Madeline, Fintan and David, his sisters, and grandchildren who were so special to him.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

THE POVERTY TRAP

Fr. Sean Healy is director of the Justice and Peace desk of the Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI). He has been a long-time champion of the poor and under-privileged in Ireland.

He has been quoted again recently in the secular media and in the October issue of REALITY (the Redemptorist monthly magazine). No! Don't give up the FOLD. You can read them both!

"There are more people living in poverty today", he says, "than there were 20 years ago, no matter where one draws the poverty line."

Hard to reconcile this, isn't it, with the popular concept of a booming economy. Hard to reconcile this claim with the scenario of booming house sales, rocketing new car sales, the latest in P.C's, T.V's and videos.

As followers of Christ, he says, we are challenged to be particularly concerned for the third of the population who live

on or below the poverty line. "Despite our claim to be a Christian country," he maintains, "there is no concerted anti-poverty strategy of sufficient scale to be effective."

He sees a great challenge for the Church in these injustices. All of us, individually and collectively, have a part to play. We must constantly try to move the world from where it is towards where God wishes it to be. We must address ourselves to the challenge of changing the way society organises itself economically, politically, culturally and socially.

It's not easy, he concedes, and the Church doesn't have all the answers. But it's a time for courage and vision.

ST. LUKE

FEAST DAY - 18TH OCTOBER

The gospel according to St. Luke has been called the loveliest book in the world

Luke was a gentile, and he has the unique distinction of being the only New Testament writer who was not a Jew. He was a doctor by profession (*Colossians 4:14*) and maybe that very fact gave him the wide sympathy he possessed. It has been said that a minister sees men at their best; a lawyer sees men at their worst; and a doctor sees men as they are. Luke saw men and loved them all

There is a legend that Luke was a skilled painter; there is even a painting of Mary in a Spanish cathedral to this day which purports to be by him.

The symbol of *Luke* is the *calf*. The calf is the animal for sacrifice; and Luke saw in Jesus the sacrifice for all the world.



A Blessing Before a Family Meal

Heavenly Father,
not only did you make us
but you have also
provided this food
to sustain us in life,
and we thank you.
Amen





Bulletins to the Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

Aifreann le Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann as Gaeilge ar a naoi a chlog on Domhnach seo chugainn.

Reminder

Don't forget the Parish Social on Thursday next, 17th October in Jurys Tickets available at C.P. Centre.

Mission Sunday

Sunday next, 20th October, is Mission Sunday. The special collection for the Missions will be taken up in the porch of the church.

School Caretaker Required

For Community Employment FAS Scheme. Enquires to 342027.

Industrial Peace and Job Creation

Annual Mass will be offered at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, on Sunday, 20th October at 4 p.m. All welcome. Very Rev. Donal Canon Linehan, P.P. (Upper Mayfield) will preach the sermon.

Cathedral Renovation Fund

Race Night on Tuesday 22nd October at 8 p.m. in Jurys Hotel. Adm. £3. Free Programme. Tickets on sale in the Presbytery, 304204.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

088-519940

Schizophrenia Ireland

Phrenz Support Group for people with schizophrenia will take place on Monday 14th October and every fortnight at 7.30 p.m. in Middle Parish Community Centre (Grattan Street). Further meetings on 28 October, 11 and 25th November, 9 December. Contact No. 291495 after 8 p.m.

Language Development and Reading

How can parents help their children? Lecture by Dr. Aine Creegan, Lecturer in Education, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, at Main Lecture Theatre, Cork University Hospital on Thursday 24th October at 8 p.m. Fee £2. Organised by Gaelscoil Ui Riada.

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AT

JURY'S HOTEL.

ON

THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER, 1996

8 - 12.30 a.m.

Music by "The Slades"

Cold Supper



Tickets £7
available in C.P. Centre
Spots Galore