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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

WE GRIEVE BECAUSE WE LOVE

The Feast of All Souls is always a time of sadness. We remember those whom we have known and loved and who are no longer with us. We grieve not because we are without hope - our Christian Faith teaches us that that is not so. No, we grieve because we love. Grief is the price we pay for having loved. Grief comes to everyone. It is never easy and it is always personal. The other day I came across something which expresses the pain of grief and the touch of God's healing love far better than I can. Here it is:

*Grief cannot be shared, for it is mine alone.
Grief is a dying within me, a great emptiness,
a frightening void.
It is loneliness, a sickening sorrow at night,
on awakening, a terrible dread.
Another's words do not help.
A reasoned argument explains little
for having tried too much.
Silence is the best response to another's grief.
Not the silence that is a pause in speech,
awkward and unwanted,
but one that unites heart to heart.
Love, speaking in silence, is the way into*

*the void of another's grief.
The best of all loves comes silently,
and slowly too, to soften the pain of grief,
and begin to dispel the sadness.
It is the love of God, warm and true,
which will touch the grieving heart and heal it.
He looks at the grieving person and has pity,
for grief is a great pain.
He came among us to learn about grief,
and much else too, this Man of Sorrows.
He knows. He understands.
Grief will yield to peace - in time.*

We will have a Mass at the end of November for all those who have died and have been buried from our Church during the last year, R.I.P. During the month the members of the Bereavement Group will try to visit the families of those who are on the list to invite them to the Mass. In this way we hope to offer our sympathy and support again to those who mourn.



*We remember those who
have gone before us*

CHAPLAINCY AT CORK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

"Isn't it a lovely job, going around being 'nice' to the patients."

A not infrequent comment by visitors to the hospital. "Oh yes," I feel like saying, "really nice, especially when being called at 2.00 a.m. having just got into bed from a day that began 17 hours earlier, to rush to the Accident Dept. to comfort the relatives of some child killed in an accident. This, after dealing with up to eight other deaths that day, and eight sets of grieving families to comfort in their pain and loss. Add visits to the seriously ill, anointings of those going for major surgery as they grapple with their fears; celebration of Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation; ministry to staff and the possibility of very little sleep before the early morning communion round when the whole process begins again. Phew! Lovely job indeed!"

It is understandable that people lucky enough not to have to come to hospital either as a patient or visitor too often are unaware of what life is like here. Before I came as Chaplain in 1994, I had no idea either of what 24 hour ministry is really like.

Jesus always showed great care and concern for the sick. Today ministry to the sick is an important part of the life of the church. As Chaplains we enable persons to communicate their fears, as well as identifying their strengths and resources as they seek meaning and comfort in time of crisis.

There is always the unexpected to deal with. Much of our ministry as Chaplains involves pain and tragedy. However, there are many spiritually rewarding moments shared with some patients. Ministry isn't all just one way. We too receive from one another in the Chaplaincy team and also from patients and staff. The support of working as a team is essential to our ministry. Time off and away from the hospital is just as essential, to rest and recharge and be ready for the next crisis.

While we are three on the permanent Chaplaincy team, John Walsh, Myles McSweeney and I, we are happy to welcome the students participating in the Clinical Pastoral Education programme, whose ministry complements our work. The CPE programme runs for units of 12 weeks throughout most of the year.

Sean O'Driscoll
Chaplain
Cork University Hospital

A heathen philosopher once asked a Christian, 'Where is God?' The Christian answered, 'Let me first ask you, Where is he not?'
Aaron Arrowsmith



PARISH SOCIAL

"A Great Night!" "Do we have to wait for twelve months to experience again such a happy and joyful night out?" These are just a few of the comments on the Parish Social held recently in Jurys Hotel. In spite of the inclement weather many parishioners came along, enjoyed a lovely meal and danced to the music of 'The Shades'.

Tony Herrick, Chairman of the Social Committee, welcomed everybody and thanked the Sponsors who gave such magnificent spots. Dean O'Connor thanked the people of the parish for their continuous support at all times. Dave McInerney, as always, fulfilled his role as M.C. with great humour and wit. Birthdays were remembered, anniversaries celebrated and we all watched with eager anticipation as the array of fantastic spots and prizes dwindled - once more my ticket would not come out!

The work and dedication of our parish team was acknowledged publicly when a small presentation was made to Dean O'Connor, Fr. Finbarr and Sr. Ursula, also to Fr. John in his absence. We thank you again for being such a truly great team.

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the social and it was great to hear such positive comments.

Come to the Party



THE FOLD

The rededication of the Cathedral and the death of Bishop Michael Murphy have been the two main events in the dioceses of late. The November issue of the Fold is a specially expanded souvenir issue which covers both comprehensively, with loads of colour photos and texts of relevant homilies.

Much of the regular Fold material has been held back but the popular items are retained. There is also an outline of the Church's teaching on Purgatory by Fr. Pat McCarthy. Also recounted is the experience of students who travelled to Rome for the recent Beatification.



Sr. Francis Xavier O'Shea died peacefully at St. Joseph's Convent. Sr. Frances was educated at Drishane, and subsequently joined the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. She graduated from U.C.C. in 1933 and later that year set sail for Penang, Malaysia. She taught and managed very large schools there, and later was elected Vice-Provincial of her Order. She retired to St. Josephs in 1968 and was in failing health since then. We offer the sympathy of our community to her relatives, and Sisters at St. Josephs.



Have You Heard

Sale of Work

In aid of St. Vincent's Centre, St. Mary's Road, will take place on Sunday 10th November in St. Vincent's Primary School Hall. Any saleable donations for a stall would be much appreciated.

Sale of Work

At Ardfoyle Convent, Ballintemple on Sunday 10th November, 11-5.30, in aid of O.L.A. Missions in Ghana.

Thank You

We would like to thank Mount Mercy girls, Niamh Feehely, Stephanie Desmond, Sylvia Buckley, and their teacher Valerie Walsh, for the beautiful scroll in the Church commemorating those parishioners who died during the past year.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit the Glasheen area (Sheares Park/Lima Lawn) in the coming weeks.

Novena for the Dead

The Novena continues this week to the 11th November. Masses at 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30p.m. Envelopes are available in the church.

Canon Timothy McSweeney, R.I.P.

Please note that the Mass for the late Canon McSweeney will now take place on **Monday 11th November** at 7.30 p.m.

Prayers of the Faithful Readers

Please collect your rota at the altar rails.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday, 7th November at 8 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Ministers of the Word

Meeting will take place on Tuesday next, 5th November, in the Crypt at 8 p.m.

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ALL SOULS



To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heavens;
a time to be born
and a time to die.

