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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**  
*The Dean writes*

LAST SUNDAY was 1st November and Feast of All Saints. The Gospel reading on the day was the opening sentences of Our Lord's famous Sermon on the Mount. We refer to these as the Eight Beatitudes. All week long since Sunday I am haunted by these - a sort of summary of Christian teaching. The first in particular has repeatedly challenged me - so I thought I might share some of my reflections with you.

"How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." I remember somebody putting this in different words: "Love persons, use things." The danger of course is that we would do the reverse - "love things, use persons" - a certain recipe for disaster. You remember the rich young man in the Gospel who couldn't accept the invitation to become a follower of Jesus because of his attachment to possessions - he went away sad because he was very rich. It isn't just money which can ensnare us, but power, prestige, status symbols (Merc in driveway), public acclamation, triumphs over others (I made a small man of him). We all have

heard of family squabbling over inheritance of relatives.

Love persons, use things - love God, other people, yourself. Let go of attachment to things - use them for good. Letting go can be quite difficult in so many spheres of life - but come to think of it - let go we must, whether we like it or not - so why not take the initiative and do the thing graciously.

Somebody wiser than I said: "If I were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict me?" Think on that one - I will too.

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I Love the  
HOUSE  
where  
you live O  
LORD.  
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# SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to  
NORA HARRINGTON, The Belfry,  
Model Farm Road, on the death of  
her sister.  
To MAUREEN O'LEARY, The Manor,  
Model Farm Road, on the death of  
her father.



# KEY VERSE

A careless word may kindle  
strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life,  
A bitter word may hate instill,  
A brutal word may smite and kill.  
A gracious word may smooth the  
way,  
A joyous word may light the day,  
A timely word may lessen strife,  
A loving word may heal and bless.







# COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

## TRICK OR TREAT?

Those of us with long memories can remember the visits to our local church at this time of the Church's year. There we recited the statutory prayers in order to gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls. In those far-off days, we moved in and out of the church repeatedly in order to "free" as many souls as we could. I can remember the guilt when I finally ran out of endurance for the task. What about all those souls I was abandoning? It's not a theology I would be comfortable with today.

This is the religious side of the Feast of All Souls. There is also the secular side, where the event is celebrated - has been for centuries - as Hallowe'en. A time of ghosts and witches, bonfires and fireworks, pumpkins and nuts. Artist Pauline Bewick summed it up when she said, "Not being a religious person, I don't know the (religious) attachments". One of Kerry's best-known hoteliers combined the two when she called the celebrations in her hotel "All Souls Rock 'n' Roll"!

All of this pales into insignificance compared to the claims of seventh generation witch Helen Barrett. She is, it appears, the Chief Witch of the Isles and has predicted that the Irish stock-market is in for a hammering. The English chief

witch, she tells us, caused the Japanese stock-market crash. It appears that she was angry at the visit of Japanese Emperor Akihito to the UK - her father had been a prisoner of war. So she and 148 other witches went into a wood and "broke a slate over Japan". The rest, as they say, is history.

I hope you were welcoming to the children who came visiting at Hallowe'en, asking "trick or treat?" If you were not, perhaps it would be wise to check out the Post Office Savings Account in case your balance has been mysteriously depleted!!



Congratulations to THE FOLD on receiving two Religious Press Association Awards - Best Diocesan Publication, and Fr. Tom Hayes' editorial of May 1998 "The President and Life's Complexities" won the Best Editorial.

We also congratulate Fr. Bernard Cotter, our ex-curate, who collected an award for Best Cover on behalf of "Intercom" Magazine, which he now edits.

The awards were presented by Bishop Eamon Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin at a recent ceremony held in All Hallow's College in Dublin.

The Religious Press Association is an ecumenical organisation of those involved in religious publishing in Ireland.



**Pastoral Council**

Meeting on Monday 9th November in C.P. Centre at 8.10 pm.

**Mass in St. Oliver's Cemetery**

Next Saturday, 15th November, at 3.00 pm.

**Bulletins to Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next week-end.

**THE FOLD**

The November issue of the FOLD will be available next week-end, 14th/15th, and the December issue will be available on the week-end of 12th/13th.



**Could You Foster a Child?**

The Southern Health Board urgently needs foster carers for children aged 0-12 for both long-term and short-term periods. We welcome enquiries from couples, irrespective of marital and employment status and from lone parents, who can offer a caring and supportive home environment. We also wish to hear from people who are interested in fostering teenagers and have previous experience in this age group. Carers will be paid an allowance to cover costs. A preparation course and on-going support is provided by Health Board staff. Please contact: Fostering Resource Unit, St. Finbarrs Hospital, tel. 312848.

**Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh**

The Parents Association A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 10th November at 8.00 p.m. in the school. All welcome.



**Sales of Work**

At St. Vincent's Centre, St. Mary's Road, on Sunday 15th November, at 2.00 pm. to raise funds for a wheelchair accessible bus for the elderly and infirm with routine hospital/clinic appointments, shopping, etc.  
At Ardfoyle Convent, Ballintemple, on Sunday 15th November, 11.00-5.30 pm. in aid of OLA Missions.  
At Lee Rowing Club on Sunday 8th November, 2.00-6.00 pm. in aid of Irish Traveller Trust. Second-hand baby equipment, toys, etc.  
At Ardfallan House, Douglas, Saturday 14th November, in aid of Third World and church and community work.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

The readings for Sunday 15th November are:  
Malachi 3:19-20  
Psalm 97:5-9  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

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