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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**

writes

A short visit to St. Catherine's Primary School on Wednesday awakened new hopes and joy in my heart. School reopening is a time of excitement and anxiety for many. But above all, it is a day of hope. Teachers hope that their pupils will be cooperative and content as their talents develop. The children hope to be happy and if possible, successful as well. Parents hope that their children will be both fulfilled and successful.

Hope is the cornerstone of human living. For the young to live without hope is to be maimed for life. For the old, to be without hope is to decay into bitterness. Hope in oneself is an essential ingredient of happiness. To be able to hope in others is a life-giving support.

Hope may need to be refined or redirected but never crushed. Hope can be blighted so quickly. An early frost stunts many a young plant almost irretrievably. The challenge to all is to keep hopes alive by the encouraging word, the affirming gesture, the acceptance of uniqueness, by building of relationships and by avoiding the destructive comment, the cynical smile, the cancer of

envy and the harsh judgement.

September is also an opportunity for renewal of our life of faith especially in this pre-millennium year dedicated to God, our Father. Our hope must be to live as God's family united in faith, love and care. The invitation is to enrich our lives at home and in the community through new beginnings in prayer and service. How will you nurture the seed of hope that God plants in your heart this September?

To continue to hope is to place one's hand in the Father's clasp.

Welcome!

With joyful hope we welcome Fr. Pat Walsh among us as our new priest. He comes to us from the Lough but is really returning home as he grew up in the parish when it included Curraheen. We look forward to sharing our journey of faith with him and being enriched by his many gifts.

With much sadness, but with sincere best wishes we bid goodbye to Fr. Finbarr who moves to the Lough later in the month when he returns from the U.S.A. He will be remembered with affection and thanks and will be missed by the young and the not so young. May God be with him.

More later.



Philomena Galvin, Parkway Drive, passed away peacefully at the South Infirmary on Monday 5th July, at a comparatively early age. Phil suffered ill-health for the best part of her life and endured the anguish of losing three of her six children. In spite of all her sorrow she remained cheerful and optimistic. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband Michael, her family Carol, Noel and John, her grandchildren, brothers, sisters and her many friends and relatives.

William F. Pope, Bishopstown Avenue. We lost one of the best known members of our community with the death of Billy Pope - as he was affectionately known. For many years he was principal of the well-known garage at Victoria Cross, also the fuel business of Pope Brothers. He was also interested in leisure activities and was one of the founder members of Highfield R.F.C., as well as Cape Clear Regatta. He loved the water and fishing. Billy was pre-deceased by his wife Annie and lived at the family home with his daughter Marian, her husband Tony and family. To them and the rest of his family - Bernie, Rita, Esme, Billy, Peggy, Finbarr, Gemma and Bertie, his sister Mrs. Boylan, his brother, his grandchildren, we offer our very sincere sympathy.

The Challenge of the 23rd Sunday

The gap between rich and poor widens at every level, not only in our own country but between ourselves and Third World countries. Political institutions are unwilling or unable to redress the situation. On many fronts, evil seems to thrive and indeed to have the upper hand. Where wrong is condemned, few convince the wrongdoer of the evil of his ways or enable him to make a new beginning. Being the easier option condemnation has replaced conversion. Of course, conversion is a dangerous process. It frequently demands changes in oneself as well as in the one who has listened to the suggested better option. Conversion of another always involves high risk of rejection because few welcome a challenge to their complacency.

Yet this weekend's gospel is a clarion call to awaken each other's conscience to an awareness of right and wrong and to do it in a way that invites commitment rather than creates alienation. This is the crunch. Condemnation is merely human. Conversion always involves collaboration with the Spirit of God which Jesus assures us will be present where two or three are gathered in his name.

- Living the Word

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY BARRETT, 3 Wilton Gardens, on the death of her mother. To the SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, Model Farm Road, on the death of Sister M.C. Shorthall.



A MISSIONARY VISITOR

Once every year, a missionary society is given the opportunity to preach at all the weekend Masses to heighten our awareness of our duty to bring the Good News of Jesus to all peoples worldwide.

Next weekend (11th/12th September), we welcome the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) among us. The preacher will be Fr. Peter Reilly, a native of Fermanagh who returned from Uganda in 1997.

What's in a name?

The Society of Missionaries of Africa was founded in Algeria in 1868 and from the beginning recruited its members from many countries of Europe and America. The missionaries learned Arabic and adopted the white garb of Muslim Holy Men. For that reason they were nicknamed 'White Fathers'. However in today's world this name has racial overtones and consequently to avoid even the appearance of

racialism, the society has reverted to its original name: Missionaries of Africa.

Mission

The special field of apostolate, given both by the Church and the Founder to those missionaries was Africa. Africa is still their special mission. They have a special responsibility for the apostolate among Muslims but the majority of its members have worked among peoples of traditional religions in 24 African countries South of the Sahara.

Missionaries are still needed

Africa is the second biggest continent in the world, with an area of some 12 million sq. miles and a population of at least 600 million. The cry from that continent is still: "Come and help us".

You will have an opportunity to help this great work next weekend through generous contribution to the exit collection at all Masses.

Formation Course for Prayer Guides

The Jesuit team from Manresa, Dublin,
under the direction of Fr. Finbarr Lynch, SJ.,
will run a **Formation Course in Prayer Guidance** in Cork
from October 1999 to March 2000.

This course will consist of six Saturdays over the course of the year
from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Venue: St. Aloysius School, Sharman Crawford Street, Cork.

Application forms for this course are available from

Brid O'Connell, Cork & Ross Offices, Redemption Road, Cork, Tel: 021-301717
or St. Elma Coakley, Convent of Mercy, Rushbrooke, Co. Cork Tel: 021-811453.

Forms must be returned not later than Sunday, September 19th.

Numbers limited.

Course commences Saturday, October 16th, 1999.



Exit Collection

In support of the Missionaries of Africa next weekend, September 11/12th. Please contribute generously.

P.T.A.A.

This being the Centenary Year of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, a special Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on the first Friday of October (1st) at 7.30 p.m. New members will be welcome to join, and Pioneers of 25 or 50 years membership may have silver or gold badges and Jubilarian Certificates presented to them at this Mass.

Silver badges and certificates £16.00.

Gold badges (silvergilt) and certificates £18.00.

Gold badges (9 carat) and certificates £86.00.

Pioneer pins and certificates £3.00.

Badges must be ordered before September 14th. Phone 345281 or 544682. Remittance with order please.

Friendship Club

Resumes on Monday 13th September in the C.P. Centre.

Bishopstown Meals-on-Wheels

Urgently require volunteer drivers to drive approximately four times per month every third month. Please phone Anne at 541971 between 6.00 and 7.00p.m. or 344452 10.00-12.30 p.m.



**Drivers
Wanted**

Addiction as a Disease

Cork Mental Health Association will hold a public talk on Wednesday 8th September at 8 p.m. at Penrose Wharf Call Centre. Free admission. Speaker Mr. Michael Devine, Counsellor in Addiction. Booking advisable, phone 551433/4.

Coeliac Society

Meeting at the SMA Centre, Wilton, on Tuesday 7th September at 8 p.m.

Annual Bazaar

LIFE Pregnancy Care Services are looking for goods which they will collect. Please contact Christine or Barbara at 270445.

Evening Courses

At Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, both Certificate and Leisure Courses. Contact 961020.

Be Active!

The Bishopstown Hillwalking and Orienteering Clubs get underway in September and full details may be had from Sean Cotter, 45 Rossbrook, tel. 546194.



Readings for Sunday 12 September

Sir.27:33-28:9. Ps. 102

Rom. 14:7-9. Mt.18:21-35.

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