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Ballineaspig Bulletin

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Pat writes

DEATH AND HOPE

Now that the leaves on the trees have changed colour and have begun falling to the ground, we realise that we are getting very near to the end of another year, another century, another millennium. It is a good time perhaps to think of those who have 'gone before us'. When we look around our neighbourhoods, places of work and leisure, or even our own homes, we see the empty chair or desk, and feel the pain of loss that our loved ones have gone from us.

It is very difficult to say anything meaningful in face of death. Silence is often more effective than empty words. St. Paul writing to the Thessalonians did state that the grief of Christians is different to that of others, in that the follower of Christ has hope.

"We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it

will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another." 1 Thess. (4:13-14,18)

For Paul, a man who faced certain death, his hope was the death and resurrection of Christ. It is fitting therefore that our hope should be the same. And so we turn in November to the Mass, the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. On Tuesday November 2nd we begin the novenas of Masses for the Holy Souls. We would ask you to come along as individuals or as families to pray for all those who have died, uniting them with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P.S. Daily Masses for the month of November are 9.00, 10.00 and 7.30 p.m.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.
1 Corinthians 13:7-8

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

In September the Leaving Cert. students and English teachers attended Storytellers production of Jane Austen's Emma at the Opera House. The daunting task of simultaneously entertaining and informing an audience of students was deftly achieved and was enjoyed by all.

Transition Year students continue to pursue activities outside school. In September they visited the Burren in Co. Clare, where they saw the famous Poulna Brone dolmen on the bare Karst landscape, and also visited the Allwee Cave, Ballyvaughan, Black Head, Fanone, Ennistymon and the Cliffs of Moher.

There was also a trip to the Sherkin Island Marine Centre Exhibition at Connolly Hall, where they enjoyed a fascinating display of sea animals and plants in tanks, and read and learnt about all aspects of flora, fauna, geology, ecology and environment of Sherkin Island.



We offer our sincere sympathy to **UNA O'SULLIVAN**, Wilton Gardens, on the death of her sister.
To **MICHAEL FLEMING**, Kenley Crescent, on the death of his mother.
To **SR. VERA and MICHAEL BEALE**, on the death of their sister Laura, late of Wilton Road.

Rest In Peace

Donal Forde, Lima Lawn, died on 2nd October. Donal lived with his sisters Mary and Nora since his retirement. We extend our sincere sympathy to them and to all his family.

The death of a young person is always a sad occasion. The death of James O'Sullivan, Kenley Circle, on Sunday 24th October was especially so. Just nineteen years of age, James had started his civil engineering course at U.C.C. when he lost his life in a simple accident. His popularity among his peers was abundantly evident at the wake in his home on Monday night. His funeral took place in Bantry - the native place of both his parents. To them, Tom and Jenny, his brothers Sean, Thomas and Denis, his sisters Gemma, Lorraine, Jennifer and little Julie Anne, his grandparents, relatives and a large circle of friends, we extend our very sincere sympathy.

The Holy Spirit - In the Gentle Breeze.

There is a gentle breeze if we can but catch it, which blows all the time to help us on our journey through life to our final destination. That breeze is the Holy Spirit. But the wind cannot be caught or used unless the sail is hoisted, and the hoisting is our task. We must be on the watch, ready to recognise it and play our part. God does hold us, and will lead us, if we want it; but we must want it.

The Mystery of the Cross
Cardinal Hume



INDULGENCES

"Fools rush in where
angels fear to tread".

To deal with the question of indulgences could be said to be rushing in at a great rate. The Church split on the issue many years ago!

However, when we commit sin, a certain wrong is done to God or another person, or both. God is always ready to forgive when we ask for it. The sin may be forgiven, but the wrong done to another person or God may not be undone. In fact, it very often is the case that our own efforts in undoing of the wrong are impossible for us. It is possible for God alone. When we say that someone has been granted an indulgence we say that the wrong done by sin has been undone by God. The Church lays down certain conditions for the gaining of an indulgence.

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Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls.

1. From 12 noon on 1 November until midnight on 2 November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed.

Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1 November to 8 November.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1 - 8 November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer,
And even once say "I",*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer,
And even once say "my".*

*Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer,
And not pray for another;*

*For when you ask for daily bread,
You must include your brother.*

*For others are included
In each and every plea:*

*From the beginning to the end of it,
It does not once say "me".*

Charles Thompson



NOTICE BOARD

All Saints

Monday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Monday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. There will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening.

•Lay Ministers•

Readers Needed

We need Readers for Sunday Masses. If you are willing to help (one Mass per month) please give your name and phone number to Seamus Murphy, tel. 541155, any of the priests, Charlie (Sacristy) or Anne (C.P. Centre 344452).

Novena for Holy Souls

Tuesday 2nd November is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses for all the dead on our November list on that day. Envelopes and prayer cards available in the church and please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before November starts.

Lost

If two keys attached to a ring and leather strip were found in our church grounds on Saturday 9th October at about 6.15 p.m. would the finder kindly drop them into the letter box at C.P. Centre or Sacristy. Many thanks.

Life Pregnancy Care Service

Are looking for goods for their annual Christmas Bazaar - books, tapes, toys, household goods, bric-a-brac, etc. Contact Barbara or Marguerite at 270609 to arrange collection.

Blood Donor Clinic

At S.M.A. Centre on Thursday 4th November, 6.00-9.00 p.m. Please support, as there is an ever increasing demand for blood.



Tory Top Road Book Circle

Members meet monthly on a Tuesday morning to discuss books and writers and meet visiting authors. New members welcome. For further information contact Terry Layton at 544046.

Christmas Cookery Demonstration

Colaiste an Spioraíid Naofmh Parents' Association in conjunction with Bord Gais will hold a cookery demonstration at Bishopstown G.A.A. on Wednesday 3rd November at 8 p.m. Adm. £3 payable at door.

KICK OFF!

Wilton United Schoolboys Section

Training for boys under 11 (date of birth '88) and under-12 (date of birth '87) takes place in the ESB Sports Centre in Bishopstown on Mondays between 4.00 and 6.00 p.m. For further details please contact Noel Hennessy at 313559/086-8475070.

Readings for Sunday 7 November

Wis.6:12-16. Ps.62.
1 Thess.4:13-18. Mt.25:1-13.