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First Sunday of Advent



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RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

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*“I will arise and go to
my Father ...”*

Priest available for Confession from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Reconciliation Service: 5 p.m. Several priests available.



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**

writes

"I will arise and go to my Father" said the Prodigal Son, longing for new beginnings and renewed relationships with those he loved and who loved him. As well as going to God, my Father, it may be good and healing to go to my brother or sister, my father or mother, my son or daughter, my neighbour or colleague, my team mate or opponent, my employer or employee, my peers or elders, my friend or foe, and ask forgiveness or offer it. The invitation is to be a first mover in reconciliation.

Reconciliation is asking for forgiveness and offering it. It is celebrating that we are loved enough to receive it graciously and loving enough to give it generously.

It is acknowledging my failure and selfishness and accepting similar limitations in others. It is remembering the past only to be healed of its hurts and losses. It is celebrating the present with its loves, supports and challenges, as well as its search for justice and peace. It is looking forward to the future with its opportunities of enrichment, service, new beginnings and deepening joy. It is, above all, celebrating the unique unconditional love of a wonderful God for each one of us individually, and as a family journeying together in life in

faith, hope and love.

This Sunday afternoon (28th November) there will be a priest available from 1.00 p.m. all afternoon for individual confession. At 5.00 p.m. there will be a celebratory reconciliation service with several priests available. This will be an occasion to give praise and thanksgiving to God for all his goodness to us especially for the many times he has forgiven us and our people throughout our lives and throughout this disappearing millennium. Be with us. Invite family and friends to come along to join the prayer, praise, peace and joy. Jubilee asks that we go forward together again in love.

Thomas Clancy



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARY SUGRUE, Bishopscourt Hill, on the death of her mother. To FRANK GILLIGAN, Bishopscourt Hill, and PAT SUPPLE, Bishopscourt Road, on the death of their brother Fergus. To PAT O'BRIEN, Victoria Village, on the death of his mother.



Rest In Peace

We pray for the late James Horgan, Bishops court Hill, who died recently. James was a man of deep faith who had a great love of the Eucharist. He always had a warm welcome for the visitor and loved talking about changing times and times past. To his wife Marjorie and family we offer our deep sympathy.

Mary O'Reilly, 2 Laurel Wood Cottage, Model Farm Road, died on 19th October. May was a gentle lady, and one of the old residents on the Model Farm Road. Indeed her family had long association with the Model Farm itself. She was in failing health for some time and lived with her married daughter in her later years. We extend very sincere sympathy to her family, relatives and friends.

Stephen Scully, Laburnum Drive, had been in failing health for some time, yet his death came quite unexpectedly on Monday 8th November. For many years Stephen, Breda and family had made their second home in the picturesque village of Allihies on the Beara peninsula. Their popularity with their neighbours in West Cork, as well as with their friends and relatives here was strikingly evident in the very large numbers who attended the Removal and Requiem Mass. Stephen never set out to impress, but endeared himself to countless friends without conscious effort. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Breda, daughters Barbara, Orla, Dymphna, sons Stephen and Gerald, grandchildren, mother-in-law, and indeed to all who miss him.

We pray for the late Ann Ardley, Kenley Crescent, who died recently. Ann's death at such a young age was a huge loss to those who loved and knew her. On calling to the Ardley household, one was always guaranteed a most hearty and warm welcome. Ann was a woman of many talents and loved music and singing. She was a person who had a wonderful sense of humour and throughout her illness always retained that gift. She carried her illness courageously and for those of us who knew her, our lives were the better for it. To Charlie and family we offer our prayers and sympathy.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

In November Transition Year students and their teachers visited the Hunt Museum in Limerick. The Hunt collection has some 2,000 original works of Art and Antiquity, among which are the personal seal of Charles I, Mary Queen of Scots' Cross, a bronze horse by Leonardo da Vinci, paintings by Renoir, Picasso, O'Connor and Yeats, and a wealth of material from ancient civilisations of Egypt, Greece and Rome. The collection was formed by John and Gertrude Hunt.

Recently at City Hall, the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Damien Wallace, presented students with Certificates and Trophies for unbroken attendance at school - Claire Ahern who had achieved 11 years, Deborah Barrett 10 years and Lisa Cuthbert 9 years.



First Friday

Next Friday, 3rd December, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Will take place next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Ministers of the Word

New rota available at altar rails. Please collect your copy.

Can You Help?

Volunteer required to deliver Bulletins to the University Hospital Chapel on Saturday afternoons. If you can help, please let us know in the C.P. Centre any morning, or the Sacristy.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting takes place next Thursday 2nd at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

Thank You

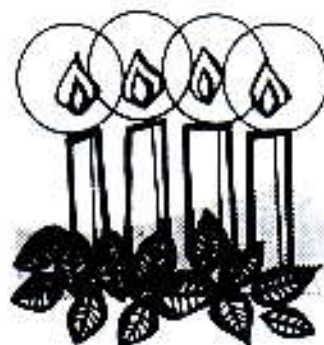
We would like to thank students Aoife O'Sullivan, Karen O'Donovan, and teacher Valerie Walsh Jolley, for creating the November list of deceased parishioners.

Reminder

You are invited to a public meeting on Chernobyl at the S.M.A. Hall on Tuesday 30th at 8.30 p.m. Guest speaker Adi Roche. Admission free.

Catholic Papers & Magazines

A comprehensive selection of good reading material will be available henceforth inside church doors. Please place money in boxes provided. Papers also available at Legion Stall in churchyard.



2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born among us. The Son of God became one like us, the Word of God was made flesh - born in time, born in history, born of Mary. For 2000 years this man has influenced the lives of millions of people, baptised to be his disciples. For 2000 years, through his church and followers, he has influenced more than anyone else the course of history. People have lived by his name and died for his name, in the faith that they will rise in his name. We prepare to celebrate this birth and bring our gifts to the child of Bethlehem: gifts of reconciliation, gifts of love, lives founded on justice and peace, faith and compassion, confidence and hope.

Donal Neary, S.J.

Readings for Sunday 5 December

Is. 40:1-5,9-11. Ps.84.
2Pet. 3:8-14. Mk.1:1-8.

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