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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

The Mission

When we think of Mission Sunday our minds can wander perhaps to the fact that we might throw a few pence in the plate for the Missions, or maybe we might utter a few prayers for someone we know who works on the Missions. When we think of Missions we think of underdeveloped countries, poverty and so forth. We feel that the Missions are somehow distant from us.

However, the Church has a Mission, it has something to do, it has something it must do. There is an urgency about the task of the Church, the people of God. Jesus, in the New Testament created many shockwaves. The wise men came from the East to visit him at his birth. Mary his mother had to visit her cousin Elizabeth to share the joy of the presence of God. Huge crowds followed him during his ministry. The disciples on the road to Emmaus rushed back the road to Jerusalem with the Good News of Resurrection. Peter and Paul took on the might of the greatest power of the day, the Roman empire... the people of Ballineaspig Parish - what is

their urgency, their task as God's people?

As a people we too have a mission; it does not necessarily refer to some distant land in Peru. It is something within us.



P.S. St. Therese of Lisieux is patroness of the Missions; she spent most of her short life of twenty-five years in an enclosed convent.

Patrick Walsh



**Mission
Sunday**

FAITH IN ACTION

Will you help the people of Campos Lindos?

This weekend you can support over 80 small farmers and their families in the Campos Lindos area of Tocantins State, Brazil.



They are struggling to stay on land which the State Governor has designated for massive soya production. Forests are being cleared, dams built and rivers polluted as the soya farms take over. Even worse, the small farmers find they could be evicted as the State Governor has refused to recognise their legal right to the land they have farmed for generations.

Many of you have already helped by taking part in Trócaire's postcard campaign. Fr. Brian Holmes, an Irish Redemptorist priest, who works with the people of Campos Lindos, gives an update on the situation in a recent e-mail:

"The State Land Agency (Itertins) visited all the farmers and examined what they had (houses, land, tillage, fruit trees, cattle) and decided how much land they would get. So all got at least 50 hectares, and some up to 150. Most are very happy with the prospect, but it is still only a promise. There is a big gap between the promise of land and the promised land. Often here promises are

made to try and fool the poor, especially in election periods, which is right now. So we will keep up the pressure until they get the actual deeds in their hands.

They, and we also, feel were it not for the international support which Trócaire and its friends spearheaded, they would all have been shoved off the land long ago, and they would ended up in the shanty-towns around the big cities. So we grateful for all your support."

Please send an e-mail or letter to the President of Itertins:

Nelito Vieira Cavalcante,
ITERTINS
Av. Teotônio Segurado,
LT 15, Cj 1, ACSU,
Palmas-To,
Brazil.

E-mail: itertins@uol.com.br

Suggested message in English:

I welcome the announcement that ITERTINS began examining the demarcation of land for the occupants of Serra do Centro, Municipality of Campos Lindos, on July 17th 2000. I urge you to do all within your power to ensure that this demarcation is carried out without delay and in a fair manner. Thank you very much in advance.

(Name and address)

With your support the people of Campos Lindos can hold on to their land in the teeth of powerful local vested interests.



LIFE-GIVING POLLEN



Some weeks ago, the rowan trees attracted my attention with their plentiful crop of red berries. I had never seen them so laden either in city parks or in their natural mountain homes. Now from Armagh to Waterford, it is the heavily laden apple trees that catch the eye. I am told that the abundance is largely due to the suitability of the weather for pollination during the month of May. At that time, almost unnoticed, the bees were busily engaged bringing pollen from one flower to its neighbour. The work of months ago is literally bearing plentiful fruit today.

Something similar has happened in the Church. In many Third World countries like Nigeria or the Philippines, there are thriving Christian communities who are making the gospel of Christ a living reality for their people. These vibrant young Churches are the fruit of decades of almost hidden missionary work. Like diligent and industrious bees, the missionaries brought the life-giving pollen of the gospel to blend with and to fructify the religious sense of those to whom they were sent. This is the task that must be undertaken again and again in each generation. Today's world at home and abroad needs the message of Christ's gospel as never before.

- Preaching the Word

BOOK REVIEW

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, by Lynley Dodd. Puffin Books, £2.99.

The Elephant and the Bad Baby, by Elfrida Vipont, illustrated by Raymond Briggs. Puffin Book, £2.99.

These books are destined for children who have recently learned to read and also for those who still rely on their entourage to read to them. Actually the talent and the humour displayed in the text and the illustration of these books make them attractive to readers of all ages however advanced their reading capacity.

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy is a very personable four-legged hero of the canine category. He and his brave companions walk down a very interesting street and meet with an adventure which ends where all adventures ought to!

And funnily enough, this is exactly the same place where The Elephant and the Bad Baby's adventure, on another very interesting street, is concluded equally satisfactorily. And in the process something may be learned by the reader about the importance and value of manners.

Only one comment is possible: these two books are TREASURE!





Pre-Christmas Children's Mass

Sunday 17th December 12.15 p.m

Parents are invited to help in this happy traditional event.

It is hoped to continue a Family/Childrens Mass on a regular basis in the New Year. Contact Ber (4542702), Barbara (4343038) or Norianne (4543507) after 6.00 p.m.

Sunday Readers Wanted Urgently

Please contact Seamus Murphy, ph.4541155, or Anne ph.4344452, or any of the priests.

Ursuline Past Pupils

The Ursuline Millenr Celebration Dinner will take place on Friday 17th November at The Vienna Woods Hotel, beginning with a Mulled Wine Reception, followed by dinner and dancing. Guests will be most welcome. Tickets costing £30 available from Teresa at 4504226.

School of Dance

The Joan Denise School of Dance, by popular demand, is commencing classes at the S.M.A. Community Hall, Wilton. Enrolments will take place on Thursday 26th October from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. at the above venue. For further details contact 4270689/4310876.

Any Response?

Fr. Bernard Cotter would welcome responses to his article in our Fortieth Birthday Bulletin last month from any old friends who are now e-mail friendly. His e-mail address is: bercotter@eircom.net

Mount Mercy College Reunion

To celebrate the Millennium, a reunion of past pupils 1965-1993 will take place at the school on St. Stephen's Day 2000 from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. The submission of photographs, profiles of former students, memories of school days and other school related memorabilia for exhibition or retention in the school archive is invited. Anyone willing to assist with the tracing of former students of the college and school related documentation is invited to attend a meeting in the school on Monday 13th November at 8 p.m. Further details please write, phone or e-mail Eamon Lankford or Vivienne O'Shea, School Secretary, at 021-542366, fax 021-542709, or e-mail mountmercy.ias@eircom.net

Bishopstown G.A.A.

A National Lotto Grant of £200,000 was secured in July 2000 by the Club for a new 28mx20m multi-purpose Sports Hall & Gym. Local funding of approx. £200,000 will be required. The Cork G.A.A. Clubs draw will be used as the initial fundraiser and by purchasing a £60 ticket via any Officer of the Club you will be contributing to this most worthy community cause, as well as entering yourself for some of the £250,000 prize fund over the coming 12 months. Club tel. 545616.

Readings for Sunday 29 October

Jr. 31:7-9; Ps. 125;
Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10: 46-52

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