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writes

EXPLORING NEW WAYS OF LIVING

SEPTEMBER can be a time of new beginnings for all of us. For the young, it is a time of transition from home to school, from primary to second level. Young adults move on to third level or to employment. Negotiating change is a time of challenge and opportunity. To leave the familiar and to risk the unknown is daunting for all of us, for the young and for the more settled. Indeed, taking on something new is often more difficult as we get older and yet, taking such a step is the way to develop the gifts and opportunities God brings our way.

Now is a crucial moment of decision. We can remain like pot-bound plants in undersized pots, alive but not flourishing, or we can explore new ways of living the wonderful gifts of life and faith. We can seek to enrich ourselves and we can step out of our safe havens of the familiar to enrich the lives of those around us at home or in the community.

In the wider community, groups such as meals-on-wheels, Vincent de Paul,

Adult Literary programmes always need new helpers. Here in church, training must begin shortly for new altar servers, readers and Eucharistic ministers, and we might even find persons willing and able to enrich our liturgy in other ways. The Wednesday night study group explores the Catechism, while the Thursday night meditation group relaxes with the Lord.

September 2001 will not come again. We need to make the most of the opportunities it offers us.

Thomas Boloney

MASS TIMES

Weekdays	9.00, 10.00 First Friday 7.30 p.m.
Sat. Vigil	6.15 p.m.
Sunday	9.00, 10.30, 12.15 p.m.
Holydays:	
Vigil	7.30 p.m.
Holyday	9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m. (No 7.30 p.m. Mass on Sundays or Bank Holidays)

Rest In Peace

Harry O'Callaghan, Parkway, Model Farm Road, died quite suddenly, and at a comparatively early age, on Saturday 14th July. Though he had some health problems recently, nobody expected his death. Harry was a native of Mayfield area, and spent some time in England, where his parents and some of his family still reside. The sympathy of the whole community goes to his wife Lilian, his son and daughter Mark and Lilian, his parents Connie and Eileen, his brother Jackie, and sisters Alice, Rita, Eileen and Marion. May he rest in peace.

Kay Murray, The Belfry, Model Farm Road, died at the Bon Secours Hospital on Sunday 22nd July 2001. After thirty years living in Sligo, Kay and Paddy returned to live in their native Cork. They were among the earliest residents of The Belfry, where Kay's kind personality helped to create a little enclave of caring community from which she will be greatly missed. She will be remembered by family and friends as a kindly talented homemaker. As a member of the regular congregation at the daily 10.00 Mass, it was fitting to have her remains at this Mass before departure for her funeral Mass and burial in her native Skibbereen at her own request. To her husband Paddy, daughters Mary, Katie, Ann, their husbands and children, to her sisters Sr. Baptist (North Pres.) and Jo Allen, we extend our deepest sympathy Fé choimirce Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Christina Quigley, Wilton Road, died peacefully on 2nd July 2001 at Madonna House Nursing Home, Ballincollig, where she had been in failing health for some time. Having lived as a nurse through the worst of the bombing near London during the Second World War, she returned to Ireland and set up home with Jim on Wilton Road. A very private person, few would have suspected that she was a very knowledgeable Grand Prix motor-racing fan. She was granted her final wish to have her husband Jim with her when she died and she would have been so pleased in the simple and sincere musical rendition by her grandson Martin at her funeral Mass. To her husband Jim, son Colm, daughter Aideen, sister-in-law Alice, grandchildren and wider family, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Sean O'Brien, Wilton Road, died peacefully on 20th July at St. Patrick's Hospital. He will be remembered as a family man and a great neighbour. A quiet, gentle demeanour concealed the sporting prowess of his youth, and the guard of honour of Cork and Glen Rovers hurlers showed the great esteem his peers had for him. Generations of parents, children and teachers will remember his conscientious and respect-filled care in his work as a School Attendance Officer. His commitment to the faith stood him in good stead through his final months of illness home to God. To his wife Nell, daughter Áine, son Kevin, their spouses Noel and Eileen, and their children, and wider circle of family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy. As dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.



Back to School - Nurturing Hope

School reopening is a time of excitement and anxiety for many. But above all, it is a day of hopes. Teachers hope that their pupils will be successful and happy as well, perhaps. The children hope to be happy and if possible successful as well. The parents hope that their children will be both happy and successful.

Hope is a 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.

Hopes may need to be refined or redirected but never crushed. Hopes can be blighted so quickly. An early frost stunts many a young plant almost irremediably. The challenge to all is to keep hopes alive by avoiding the destructive comment, the cynical smile, the cancer of envy, the harsh judgment and the sarcastic innuendo.

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

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations and very well done to the Leaving Cert. class of 2001 who achieved excellent results with 20% getting over 500 points. Special congratulations to Sarah Moran with 7 A1's, Elaine Dewhurst and Maeve Ryan with 5 A1's and 2 A2's each, and Jenny Kennefick, Leah Kennedy and Eimear O'Callaghan with 6 A's each. Comhghardeas leo go léir.



We extend our sincere sympathy to MAURA CANTY, Lima Lawn, on the death of her son-in-law, Michael Carter. To MAURA BRODERICK and Family, Lima Lawn, on the death of her husband Bob.

To Kathy Spilsbury, Bishopstown Avenue West, on the death of her mother.

To MAUREEN MULLINS, Leesdale, and ROSARIE LEHANE, Parkway, on the death of their mother.

FOR REFLECTION

Take a few moments today to thank God for his generosity. Thank him especially for necessities such as a roof over your head, food on your table, or clothes on your back, because many people in the world today do not have these things.

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NOTICE BOARD

Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will not be distributed to the homes this month. The distribution will resume 21st October.

Friendship Club

Will recommence on Monday 17th September at 2.30 p.m.

Alzheimer Society Cork Branch

Carers' support meeting on Monday 10th September in Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m. Please note change of address and telephone number: Unit 2, N.O.F. Commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road. Tel. 4391690, fax 4391693.

Ladies, why not join the "A" Alzheimer Society Team at the Cork Evening Echo Ladies' Mini Marathon on Sunday 16th September. For your sponsorship card and free T-shirt, phone 4391690.

Return to Education for Adults

Coláiste Siofáin Naofa: Public meeting on Thursday 6th September at 10.30 a.m. Computers, Junior & Leaving Cert. Tuition mornings only, ideally suited to people with children in school.

Bishopstown Community School: Enrolment for evening courses on Wednesday 12th from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. Information evening and enrolment for E.C.D.L. on Monday 10th at 7.00 p.m.

Cork Youth 2000 Retreat

Carmelite College, Castlemartyr, 21st-23rd September. Theme: *Who Do You Say I Am?* Information contact June, Lisa or Annette at 4505072, or David at 087-6492875.

Arthritis Foundation of Ireland

Forthcoming lectures to be held at Jury's Hotel at 8 p.m.:

Thursday 27th September - *New Treatments for Arthritis*, speaker Dr. Muriel Soden.

Thursday 15th November - *Osteoporosis*, speaker Dr. Brian Mulcahy.

Tuesday 11th December *What are the Different Rheumatic Complaints*, speaker Dr. Mark Phelan.

Admission free, all welcome.



Tuesday Coffee Morning

Coffee morning will resume in C.P. Centre after 10.00 Mass on Tuesday 11th September. Thank you to Mary, May and Dorothy for keeping this sociable event going.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 16 September

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14. God relents in response to pleas for leniency.

Psalms 50: We ask for God's mercy, as prodigals turning to our loving Father.

Second Reading: 1 Tim.1:12-17. Paul insists that Jesus came into the world to save sinners, people like Paul himself.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32. A series of stories that show God stretching out a hand to sinners.