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OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**

*writes*

May the Lord give eternal peace to all who died in this week's violence. We sympathise with the bereaved, the injured, the traumatised and we pray the Spirit of God may strengthen, heal and restore them.

Superpowers focus on retaliation. Followers of Jesus focus on changing hearts by healing wounds through love and by building peace through justice. Our challenge, now as always, individually and as little communities, is to seek out ways of building reservoirs of trust that overflow to saturate a wider world with goodness.

Every terrorist is formed in a family, a neighbourhood, a peer group, as well as by a network of experiences, endured or enjoyed. Bullying on the small stage of our ordinary lives and terrorism on the world stage result from myriad of behaviours, absorbed and imitated, accepted and approved, by significant players in the young person's life. "Bullying works around here" can blossom into "terrorism pays internationally".

Jesus lived differently. His life story offers a different vision of being human. Self-interest is not the focus of life. Life is fulfilled by living as a community where the talented and the strong are concerned for the less gifted and the weak. In such a vision there is no place for retaliation in our own lives. Jesus absorbed violence rather than passing it on. This creative love is what we recall and share in each time we celebrate the Eucharist as a community of believers. The words of rebuke and confrontation must be spoken, but always spoken in love. This is the crunch difference. The violent must be enabled to choose another route. The wounded must be healed by kind gentleness rather than fuelled with revenge. Such attitudes can change the world.

The temptation of our time is to be lulled into believing that we, the little people, do not make a difference. We do. We do it together through the power of Jesus.

Take courage. Invite the Spirit of God to inspire us to be instruments of his peace through what we say and do. Now is our time. This is our world.

**Please take a copy of  
the Bulletin home  
or give it to a  
friend or neighbour.**

**Have A Priest In Your Family  
It Only Costs £2 a Week**

This is a message from Latin America where many good, deserving, qualified boys lack the necessary means and cannot give their vocation a try. And this is where you come in! Are you willing to give financial assistance to help a young man realise his dream?

Adopt one of these young men, and have your priest who will pray for you daily, correspond with you regularly and whose priesthood studies you can help to pay for, with as little as £2 a week; the boy himself pays a little and we complete the cost of his board and tuition and other expenses with donations from our benefactors. Persons of means may prefer a pledge of £1000 which gives a participation in all his training.

Your contribution will mean another priest for God, your priest, and you will share in the blessings of the work you make possible. Our missionaries are your ambassadors to the poor. Have a share of the church's missionary merits. Write to us for more information. Fr. John Porter, Don Bosco College, Box 2303, Quito, Ecuador - S.A. Donations appreciated c/o Bank of Ireland, Tallagh, Dublin.

**BIBLE CORNER**

**New Boy on the Block**

Parents, teachers, sports coaches and many others can be a little obsessed with their protégées. St. Paul was no exception. Early in his missionary journeys, Paul met young Timothy who showed promise and tenacity for missionary work. Having taught him the knowledge and skills, Paul sent Timothy out on his own to preach and take charge of young churches. Obviously, Paul felt the young man needed continuing guidance and inspiration and wrote to Timothy at least twice. The first letter begins in today's Mass and will continue to be read over the coming Sundays. The introduction focuses very much on Paul himself and what the Lord has done for him. Read the whole letter in your Bible.



**New Provincial**

Fr. Fachtna O'Driscoll, S.M.A., has been elected Provincial Superior of the Society of the African Missions. He will remain in office for six years. Fr. Fachtna studied at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for a B.A., B.D. He worked in Nigeria from 1979 until 1986 and went on to further studies in Boston in 1988.

Fr. Fachtna led our Jubilee Triduum in November 1999. Arising from this Triduum, the parish formed a Faith in Action group with Fr. Fachtna's help. Our initial project supported Trócaire's campaign for 2000, *Land for All*, highlighted by Fr., Brian Holmes, C.Ss.R., and later Fr. Fachtna led us in very informative reflections about Refugees and Asylum seekers.

Two of Fr. Fachtna's relations are parishioners, his aunt Kitty Connor, The Belfry, Model Farm Road, and his cousin Sr. Brendan, St. Catherine's Convent, Bishopstown Avenue.

We congratulate Fr. Fachtna on his new role and we wish him every blessing and success.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; he was zealous; he was authoritative. He was doing what he had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult, and wonder. Such is a vocation.

— Rockford Vocation Center



## Rest In Peace

Betty Kelleher, Laburnum Park, died on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Betty was one of these gentle and caring people who was always concerned for the welfare of others. In fact, most of us did not realize she was seriously ill herself, as she had gone for some months to care for a brother and sister who had fallen ill. Betty was a much loved member of the Parish Friendship Club and Gramophone Circle, and she was always there to help at the Mass for the sick in the Crypt. We extend the sympathy of our community to her brothers and sisters, especially Fr. Pat, Parish Priest of Sneem, a former volunteer priest with the Cork Mission in Peru, and a regular visitor to Laburnum Park. Betty was buried with her late husband, Dan, in Millstreet.

Henry Oliver, Liam Lynch Park, died on 8<sup>th</sup> August aged 49 years after a long illness. During this time he was looked after selflessly by his mother Philomena and his brother Timmy, who spared no effort to give Henry the best quality of life possible. Henry worked for a time at the Railway Station. He always had an interest in anything mechanical including motor bikes and cars. He was also very interested in sport and even in illness, he continued to enjoy a wide variety of sport on television. He died peacefully at his home. We offer our deepest sympathy to his mother and brother, and also to his relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to TRUDY FAHY, Magazine Road, on the death of her mother.

Siobhan Crowley, Wilton Gardens, died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on 19<sup>th</sup> August after a fulfilled and happy life of more than four score years. Having begun married life in Ballineen, her husband Denis and herself came to Wilton in 1962, where they reared their family of three daughters and four sons. Together with all the family, Siobhan was keenly involved in all aspects of neighbourhood life being a committee member of Bishopstown G.A.A. as well as an active member of the parish Legion of Mary. The large gathering of friends and neighbours for the Rosary at her wake in Wilton Gardens was testimony to the affectionate respect in which she was held. A widow since 1986, she continued to be a focal point of family life enriching her 23 grandchildren with her great love. Indeed, over a dozen of her granddaughters formed a beautiful choir for her funeral Mass. She will be remembered for her love of family, her appreciation of friends and her devotion to the faith. To her children Mary, Áine, Joan, Denis, Tim, Michael and John, to their spouses and children, as well as to her brothers, Dan Joe and Richie, we extend our deepest sympathies. Fé choimíre Mhuire, go raibh sí.

Early Sunday morning on 19<sup>th</sup> August, Pauline Desmond died at her home in Bendemeer Park in the presence of her family. She was ninety years and bore her infirmity with patience and courage, never losing pleasure in her garden or her love of animals. She greeted anyone who called, with her beautiful smile. Her dignity and graciousness were an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a most kind and caring neighbour and will be missed. Her husband Maurice predeceased her. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family Ronnie, Maurice, Paul, Martina, Judith, her sister, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.



**Help Needed**

Retired couple, Wilton Road, need help with housekeeping – light duties – no cooking, 4-6 hours per week, times flexible. Phone Mary at 087-4170263.

**Bishopstown I.C.A.**

Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September in S.M.A. Hall Wilton at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**"Theatre of Life"**

Irish Floral Artists National Show 2001 at Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 9.00 to 6.00 and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00 to 3.30 p.m. Adm. £3 at door.

**Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

Our monthly recital will resume on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3 p.m. in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross. Pat Lemasney will give the recital and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Post Leaving Cert. Courses**

For adults and long-term unemployed, at St. John's Central College, Sawmill Street. For information phone 4276410

**Appeal!**

Have you got 3 hours a week? Like to help others? Help needed in Enable Ireland Shop (formerly Cerebral Palsy), 39 Princes Street. Please call Maura at 4278280.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 23 September**

**First Reading:**

Amos 8:4-7. A warning to treat others justly.

**Psalm 112:**

Praise God, who is on the side of the poor.

**Second Reading:**

1 Timothy 2:1-8. Paul reminds us to offer prayers for everyone.

**Gospel:**

Luke 16:1-13. We cannot be slaves both of God and money.

**Altar Servers**

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to become Altar Servers please contact Mercedes Cunningham at 4544113. Training will start on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 1.00 – 2.00 p.m. in the church. Please come along.

**Friendship Club**

Starting again this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 p.m.

**Light Out Of Darkness**

Is a gentle human-spiritual growth course which allows us get to know God as a true friend. Interested? You are very welcome to attend our information night on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road at 8.00 p.m.

**Coffee Morning**

At St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 to 12 noon. Proceeds will go to Marymount Hospice.

**Naionra Naomh Therese Bishopstown**

Now enrolling children aged 2½ to 4 years for September 2001. Fully approved by the childcare department of the Southern Health Board and sanctioned for grant approval by the childcare division of the Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. Please contact Angela at 4867733 on 086-8114319 anytime.

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