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## OUR PARISH PRIEST

writes

As I write, the horrific media pictures of the Twin Towers are being paralleled by pictures of the devastation in refugee camps near the borders of Afghanistan and throughout that impoverished and desolate country. More and more people are asking how can bombing these defenceless poor Afghans lead to peace. Yet, there must be a response to terrorism, it is argued. The crunch question is what should that response be.

As followers of Jesus, we have a responsibility to make our views known to leaders who speak and act in our name. Otherwise, we will be like the householder in this weekend's gospel who did nothing wrong except ignore the plight of the poor at his front gate. Modern communications bring the whole world not only to our front gates but into our living rooms and kitchens. Ours is an awesome responsibility to build a world of justice and peace for all peoples, especially for the children of the world.

Our opportunities are many. For a start, we can reflect on selfishness and injustices that evoke violence close to home and even in the home. We can

ignore our part in them and hope they will go away. They will not. Or, we can work constructively to remedy real grievances, to heal hurts and bind up hearts that are broken.

On the wider front, our many aid organisations courageously and generously take any help we choose to give into the most needy and dangerous areas of the world. We are indebted to them for alerting us to our obligations as well as for their caring of our needy brothers and sisters on the ground. Somebody in the family must do it. They do it heroically.

How has September 2001 touched your life, your loved ones, your home and our world? If it leaves our minds, hearts and hopes untouched, we can hardly claim to be followers of Jesus.

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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

1<sup>st</sup> October: Therese of Lisieux



Marie Françoise Therese Martin died at the Carmel of Lisieux on 30 September 1897 at the age of twenty-four. She was canonised in 1925 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. She is the patron of missions, florists, aviators and France. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, was published one year after her death. Millions of copies have been sold and it has been translated into over fifty languages.

Her life was a prayer and her prayer was love. Perhaps her deathbed conversation with her sister Celine is the best illustration of this:

*"What are you doing? You ought to try to sleep."*

*"I cannot. I am praying."*

*"What are you saying to Jesus?"*

*"I say nothing... I just love Him."*

Saints never grow old.  
They never become figures of the past,  
men and women of 'yesterday'.  
On the contrary, they are always  
men and women of the future,  
witnesses of the world to come.

Pope John Paul II – Lisieux, 1980.



## Rest in Peace

The unexpected death of Martin Finn, Farranlea Road, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at an early age, shocked his wide circle of friends and neighbours. Martin was an avid supporter of Arsenal, having lived near Highbury Stadium for some years. He also had a passion for all contact games. He was a popular and esteemed member of Karwig Wines Company. The large attendance at his funeral bore testimony to his kindness and neighbourliness. Fr. John O'Brien, S.M.A. who celebrated the Requiem Mass, spoke of Martin's great sense of humour, his tremendous love of music and above all as a devoted family man. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Myra, daughter Anna, his step-mother Mary and to his relatives and friends. Fe choimirce Mhuire, go raibh se.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

**Francis Quilligan**  
**Caoimhe Helen Nolan**  
**Éabha Maria O'Leary**  
**Luke Christopher O'Regan-Scannell**  
**Jamie David O'Sullivan**  
**Katelynn Alana Daly**  
**Gary Timothy O'Shea**  
**Alice Kay O'Leary**  
**Henry Thomas Flynn**  
**Egan Anthony Murphy**  
**Shauna Bernadette Finnegan**  
**Megan Valerie Murphy**



# Mission Alive!

*a festival of mission*



At the RDS, Dublin 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October. The festival will be an interactive experience. Visitors will engage with missionaries and people from different cultures and languages across the five continents where Irish missionaries and volunteers work and will be a journey into the world of mission with all its excitement, charm and vitality as well as its poverty, struggle and challenge. It will present concerns and values important to the missionary and some of the issues facing people from other cultures who come to live in Ireland. Hear about work of missionaries abroad. world debt, child soldiers, human rights, care of the environment, youth in Latin America, HIV/AIDS, migrants and minorities. See timber frame building, thatched roundhouse, stilt house, yurt, geodesic dome, tin shack, straw bale building, trees and shrubs from all over the world, world market and universal street. See craft workers in action. Experience "keeping watch and keeping the home fire burning". A sacred place, listen to languages, music and dance sounds and smells from around the world. For more details please call the Irish Missionary Union, at 01-4965433.

## Bible Corner



### The Fictional Lazarus

There are two men named Lazarus mentioned in the gospels. The real one was a brother of Martha and Mary. Apart from the apostles, he may have been Jesus' closest friend. At least, it was in his house Jesus took refuge when he was on the run. He was also the one Jesus raised from the dead. He is not the one spoken of in this weekend's gospel. In fact, this weekend's star is purely fictional. Jesus had a point to make and composed a story to carry the message. In the story, Lazarus is the one for whom things come good at the end, but the kernel of the story is not about him at all. It is about a successful rich man who blew everything through being blinded by his comforts. Lazarus was blessed despite his hardships.



We offer our sincere sympathy to MARIAN O'SULLIVAN, Leesdale, on the death of her father.  
To RUTH O'MAHONY, Kenley, on the death of her mother.  
To AIDA O'SULLIVAN, Bishopscourt, and EDWIN CUSSEN, Wilton Avenue, on the death of their brother.



**NOTICE BOARD**

**Bulletin Folders**

New Rota is now available in C.P. Centre.

**First Friday**

Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The monthly collection will take place next weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Society is currently promoting a recruitment drive for more volunteers. Information nights will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Doughcloyne Hotel at 8.00 p.m., and on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Shandon Court Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the C.P. Centre at 8.00 p.m.

**Alzheimer Society Cork Branch**

A table quiz will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m. in the Deanrock, Togher. Further details contact Sarah or Kit at 4323525.

**Help Needed**

Woodleigh Park/Highfield. Lady required to look after four children in their home two days a week. Three of the children will be in school within 100 metres of the house. Please telephone 4342006.

**Keep an eye on Face Up**

[www.faceup.ic](http://www.faceup.ic)

This is the online presence of *Face Up* magazine, the monthly magazine for teenagers who want something deeper. Published by Redemptorist Publications, the magazine was launched last January and is aimed at 14 to 18-year-olds.

On the site you will find some articles from the current issue along with an advice column. You can also have your say by submitting your comments and thoughts via email. The archive section will hold material from previous issues and contact addresses, email and telephone numbers for the magazine are provided.

**God's Word**

**Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**First Reading:**

1ab.1:2-3,2:2-4. In difficult times, faithfulness sustains people.

**Psalms 94:**

Listen to God's voice! Harden not your hearts!

**Second Reading:**

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14. The Spirit is powerfully present with us.

**Gospel:**

Luke 17:5-10. The importance of having faith.

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