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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

MORE THINGS ARE WROUGHT BY PRAYER.....

"Lord increase our Faith". These are the opening words of this Sunday's gospel. It's a prayer that finds an authentic echo in the hearts of us all. In our day to day living we rarely appreciate the precious gift God has given us in our Faith – and how foolish, for our own sakes, we can be when we throw it overboard. This fact was brought home to me very clearly when I met an old friend last summer.

He wanted to discuss a serious problem in his life. Before we started he made it very clear he did not want any sermon from me – nor any appeal to religious values – just reason, and common sense, and nothing more. He is a very intelligent man, an honours graduate from U.C.C. who had done very well for himself by standards of the world. But, as his colleagues in the world of high finance point out, money can buy you anything except happiness.

Anyhow, this problem arose in his personal life. He could see no sense in

seeking a solution in God, or in prayer, or anything to do with religion. Instead he went to psychics, or fortune tellers here and abroad. They gladly took his money, and apparently told him many things they thought he would like to hear. The trouble was nothing turned out quite as they said. It was all so sad. It does show how naïve we can be when we put our trust in man, or woman, rather than God.

A grain of authentic faith can achieve wonderful results – the Lord Himself has said so. The very things we thought impossible can be achieved when we pray and put our trust in God. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Auntie E. Lorraine

Local Schools

Congratulations to the following students of Mount Mercy College and Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh to whom U.C.C. Entrance Scholarships have been awarded:

Elaine Margaret Dewhurst
Sarah Moran
Peter Michael Bourke
Raphael Laurence Hurley
Scamus Paul Kelly
Edmond Peter Long
Kevin Daniel O'Grady

What is a Grandmother?

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls best.

A grandpa is a man grandma. He goes for walks with boys and talks about fishing and stuff.

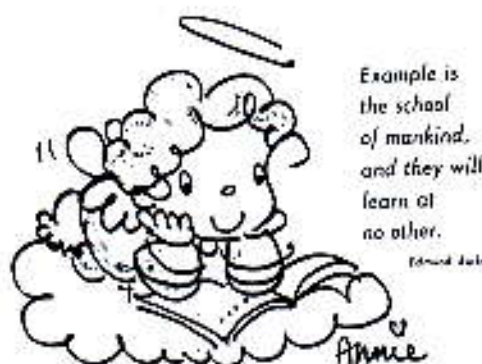
Grandmas don't have anything to do except to be there. Grandmas drive you to the supermarket where the pretend horse is and they have lots of coins ready. Or if they take you for walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. Grandmas never say "hurry up".

Sometimes grandmas are fat, but not too fat to tie kids' shoes. Grandmas wear glasses and they can take their teeth and gums out.

They answer questions like "Why do dogs hate cats?" and "How come God isn't married?"

When they read to us they don't mind if it's the same story again. Everybody should try to have a grandma, especially if you don't have a T.V. because grandmas are the only grown-ups who have got time.

- Composed by a girl aged seven



FAITH IN ACTION- AN URGENT APPEAL

On 17 May Fr. Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly (55) was arrested as he prepared to say Mass in An Truyen church in central Vietnam. Official reports say that Fr. Ly had "caused public disorder, incited believers to cause unrest and spread propoganda against the government."

His real "crimes" are the following:

- He has been a tireless advocate of greater religious freedom in Vietnam for all faiths including Buddhists, Catholics and Protestants.
- He has been a consistent critic of government policy.
- He has also publicly supported local villagers in a land dispute with the authorities.

This is the third time that Fr. Ly has been arrested. He was previously held without trial in 1977-78 and then sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in 1983, again on account of his peaceful dissenting views.

Will you write today to the Vietnamese authorities calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly? Address letters and postcards to
Prime Minister Phan Van Khai,
Office of the Prime Minister,
Hoang Hoa Tham,
Ha Noi,
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married in September:

- MAEVE KIELY, 29 Highfield Lawn, who married Kevin Hayes, Tullamore.
 CLAIRE MURPHY, Wilton Avenue, who married John Murnane, Ballyneety.
 SUZANNE MURPHY, Model Farm Road, who married Martin Kelleher, White's Cross.
 SINEAD BULLMAN, 80 Leedale, who married Paul Hayes, Bakers Road.
 SUSAN KEENAN, 15 The Grove, who married Donal O'Riordan, South Douglas Road.

Bible Corner



Wrestler with God

This weekend, the reader may have difficulty with the author's name Habakkuk, but the issue he writes about passes a crucial question for many of us again and again in life. He challenges God to explain why He does not punish evil immediately. Instead, God seems to allow tyranny full rein. In Sunday's reading, we have Habakkuk putting his complaint strongly; you will have to search out your bible for the Lord's reply to him. It is worth reading.

TOGETHER IN HOPE

*Extracts from Jean Vanier's message
after the American tragedy.*

We are all in a state of shock after the attack in the United States. It reveals once again the terrible vulnerability of our world and of each one of our lives. Many of us are living in countries where we have felt secure. Suddenly our security and our vision of life have been shaken. How hurt we all are and how fearful we are for the future

Our world seems to be going mad. There are some winners in the realm of money, power and success. There are also many more losers and even more victims of injustice throughout the world. I also think of those in many places of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who have been living for such a long time in extreme poverty, violence, conflict, civil wars;

in refugee camps, oppression. We are being together in the insecurity of our times, but also in our hope.

Yes, our hope is in God. Our hope is in our love for one another. Our hope is in our friendship with those who are weak and/or in need. Let us not succumb to panic or to revolt or to vengeance, but live in faith. We have all been called by God to be witnesses of love. There is a danger of an eruption of new forms of racism and divisions. Let us all hold hands with all those in pain, grief and fear throughout the world. Let us be "oned" in prayer. Let us remember that each and every gesture of kindness and tenderness, done in humility and with trust, brings unity to the world and breaks the chain of violence.



NOTICE BOARD

Pastoral Council and Associated Committees

Reminder of follow-up meeting on Tuesday 9th at 8.00 p.m. in the Crypt.

Art Classes for Senior Citizens

Will commence on Thursday 11th September at 2.30 p.m. in the Crypt. Seniors from all areas of the parish very welcome.

Alzheimer Society (Cork Branch)

Carers support meeting on Monday 8th in Jurys Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

Bishopstown ICA Guild

Meeting in the SMA Hall Wilton on Thursday 11th October at 8 p.m. Talk on Gardening.

TAKE NOTE

St. Vincent de Paul

Those who were unable to attend the promotion night in Doughcloyne, are most welcome at the Shandon Court Hotel at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 11th October.



Catechism Group

The series has begun on Wednesday nights in the C.P. Centre at 8.00 p.m. For more information please phone 4542022.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th October

First Reading:

2 Kings 5:14-17. The healing of the leper Naaman and his decision to commit himself to the God of Israel.

Psalm 97:

Salvation is available to all the peoples of the earth.

Second Reading:

2 Tim 2:8-13. Contains a short summary of the good news.

Gospel:

Luke 17:11-19. The story of the healing of ten lepers and the return of just one to say 'thanks'.

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