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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr Patrick writes

So much of our lives work on a system of reward and merit. High grades in the Leaving Cert. entitle one to a wider choice of courses at university. You can earn bonus points by being faithful to supermarkets. We feel satisfied about this, it is as it should be! However, our faith **does not work** in this way. We are not rewarded with Christ's love because we are good, neither are we punished (in this life) because we are bad. Christ loves us as we are, without condition. Why is this so? I'm not really sure, God alone knows. Yet, it is the basis of our faith. Zacchaeus discovered this when he met Christ. Only then was he inspired to change his way of life. Thus, because he was loved by God, then he became good. How different are God's ways to ours. Good News for sinners!

Patrick Walsh

Mass for those who died during the past year

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2000 will be celebrated on Monday 12th November at 7.30 p.m.

Families and friends of the bereaved are especially invited to attend.

During Mass, as each name is called, a family member will be invited to bring a lighting candle to our November shrine.

All parishioners are invited.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 11th November

First Reading:

2 Mac.7:1-2, 9-14. The story of a woman and her sons whose faith in the resurrection gave them the strength to endure martyrdom.

Psalms 16:

The Lord hears our prayers, and when we die brings us to the sight of glory.

Second Reading:

2 Thess.2:16-3:5. Paul's letter to the Christians of Thessalonica was written to reassure and encourage them.

Gospel:

Lk.20:27-38. Jesus' answer to people who doubted the resurrection of the dead.



Rest in Peace

James McIntosh, Kenley Circle, died on 25th October at home in the care of his wife and family. Even though he came to live here many years ago, he retained his links with the North Parish through the Sick Poor Society, where he was a faithful member until the society there died some time ago. The large attendance of Northsiders at both his removal and funeral Mass showed how much his service there was appreciated. Here he was appreciated as a family man, a kindly neighbour, a regular collector at 10.30 Sunday Mass. Devoted to the Eucharist himself, he would have appreciated the attendance of so many neighbours and friends at his Saturday morning funeral Mass and at his burial in Kilcrumper Cemetery. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his wife Eilken, daughter Finola, son James and to the wider circle of family and friends. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dilis.

The unexpected death of Brian Hopkins at Rosewood, Ballincollig, on 27th October shocked his devoted family and his wide circle of friends and neighbours. Brian was a special person, he made friends wherever he went. As a member of the Legion of Mary he was involved with the sale of the Catholic Papers and his devotion to this was exceptional. He was an avid supporter of Manchester United, and all who knew

him shared his excitement about his recent trip to Old Trafford, provided by his affectionate family. Brian had an amazing memory for dates and events, and this was recalled by many of the large gathering who attended the Rosary at the home of Patricia and Sean, and also at the Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sisters Marian, Barbara and Patricia, his brothers Dermot, Eric and David, also his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and his many relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.



We offer our sincere sympathy to DR. SHAYRON O'SULLIVAN, Kenley Crescent, on the death of her father.

"Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago the Church celebrated World Life Day, an occasion which brought to my mind the following reflections.

For three hundred years, to be a Christian was by definition to be a conscientious objector to military service. This was one of the causes of the persecutions against Christians in the Roman Empire.

In the name of protecting the lives of one human group, war deems valid the destruction of the lives of the members of another human group. War gives priority value to some lives.

For seventeen hundred years, on both sides of countless wars, human beings have carried out the violent destruction of other human beings with the blessing of their respective churches.

Why, in the face of this absurdity, doesn't the Church declare war on war and campaign for the abolition of armies, which are the instrument of war, and for the abolition of the manufacture of weapons, which are the instruments of armies?

It has taken nearly two millennia for the Church to declare its total opposition to slavery. Will it take as long again for it to state its opposition to war and to the civil and state institutions and the non-inclusive world view that perpetuate it?

If, when we read Jesus' admonition to Peter at Gethsemane, we replaced "sword" by its modern equivalents of cluster bombs, chemical, biological, nuclear or even propaganda weapons, would we hear more clearly His word of life, of a weapon-less life? Would it encourage us to attempt to translate that word into our country's legal and constitutional framework? Perhaps it is only an unarmed life that is capable of both justice and peace.

Sincerely,
Madelaine McNamara

Dear Editor,

For garden birds and songs in Winter all you need is to get a hanging bird basket, fill with nuts (obtainable in shopping centres), hang on high bush or tree branch in middle of garden or hedge, not too near the house, plus a dish of water, and you have *The Sound of Music* - singing birds.

J.F.

Bible Corner



Quiz contestants would have little difficulty in identifying Gandhi with India, Napoleon with France, Washington with the U.S.A. Each is a key figure in the history of his own people. Similarly, Abram, later called Abraham is the cornerstone of Hebrew history and our own salvation story. He was a nomad, a wandering Aramean who answered God's call to leave his own country and people on God's promise that he would be father of a great Hebrew people. The promise seemed hollow when he was over 100 years old before his son Isaac was born and, even then, he was asked to sacrifice this son. Isaac however survived and passed on the mantle to Jacob. The one true God is described in the Bible as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Such a pedigree is regarded as fundamental, not only to our religious story but to the history of Islam which also traces its roots back to Abraham. Indeed, in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus points out that Zacchaeus deserves salvation because he is a son of Abraham, a sure title to God's love.



New beginnings at Sacred Heart

"When God wants something done...

He gives growth, strength and fruitfulness."

(Fr. Jules Chevalier, founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)

...and so it was that on the 18th August last MSCs, friends, benefactors and parishioners gathered with Bishop Buckley and the Lord Mayor to celebrate the Blessing and Opening of Sacred Heart Centre and Residence. This special occasion saw the culmination of years of planning and fund raising. It is a new chapter in the story of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Cork.

Fr. Ciarán MacCarthaigh, MSC, Provincial Leader, led a joyful Liturgy of Thanksgiving and then joined with his MSC community to host a lunch for 500 well wishers.

Dyke House has seen many changes in its long history. Originally a private residence built in 1725, it became the first home of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Ireland. MSC Frs. Richard Scriven, Michael Carrick and Jack Shanahan, who still reside in the house, came as students in 1927 thus creating a direct link between 2001 and the very early days of this historic house. Dyke House was demolished due to structural weakness making way for the fine building now standing on the site.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart look forward with joy and hope to all that having such a Centre in the area of Sacred Heart Church means. Their hope and prayer is that Sacred Heart Centre will reflect the vision of their founder and become the heart of the community in the area.

Ministers of the Word

Reminder of Meeting of Sunday and Daily Readers on Tuesday next 6th November in the Crypt at 8 p.m.
Some new rotas remaining to be collected in Sacristy.

Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota ready for collection at altar rails this weekend. Please collect your copy.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Day of Prayer on Sunday 25th November at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, 9.30-5.30 p.m. including Mass. Cost £15. Contact Jackie at 4541144 after 7.00 p.m.

Parents Evening

At the Information Technology Centre, C.I.T. on Thursday 8th November, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The evening will include an information session on issues relevant to parents of senior cycle students including CAO application, and an exhibition of CIT full-time courses. Further information from Mary Pat O'Connor at 4326804. e-mail: mpoconnor@cit.ie

Oíche Rásaíochta (Race Night)

At Bishopstown G.A.A. Pavilion on Friday 9th November at 8 p.m. in aid of Scoil Uí Riada. Fáilte roimh cách.

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Meeting at S.M.A. Wilton on Thursday 8 p.m. Evening with the Gramophone Circle.

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