

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Back row L. to R:* Dean O'Connor, John Hall, Denis Keily, Dick Cross,  
Fr. Tom Clancy, P.P., Donal Shanahan, Fr. Patrick Walsh.

*Front Row L. to R:* Rowena O'Sullivan, Helena Dennehy, Pádraig Ó Riordáin (Chairperson),  
Irene Connolly, Pat O'Leary, Margaret O'Mahony.

*Missing from photo:* Seamus Murphy (Secretary), Máiread de Bhaldraithe.



## *Rest in Peace* ✱

Fr. Bernie Murphy, C.S.S.P., R.I.P. – The Lough and Wilton Gardens. Those who knew Fr. Bernie in his native Cork probably remember him best as an outstanding athlete and hurler with the North Mon. The Barrs Club, and Cork Seniors. In Nigeria and Brazil he will be remembered as an outstanding missionary and “father figure” especially among the teeming millions of Sao Paulo, where he ministered for the past thirty years, and long beyond the normal age for retirement. He loved his work, he loved his people, and he loved his Lord. The quite extraordinary love and dedication shown him by his people, especially when he fell ill, beggars description. His superiors brought him back to Dublin just a few days before Christmas, and he died on 12<sup>th</sup> January. His funeral Mass at Rockwell College was attended by many relatives and friends from Cork, notably a large contingent of his friends in the G.A.A. and Barrs Club. His brothers Al and Stephen, his sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces may well remember him with pride, as they mourn his leaving us. May his generous soul rest in peace, and reap the reward of his faithful dedication.



*“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of  
your faithful  
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.”*

If, dear reader, you have read so far, reflect with me on this message at the start of 2002 – hopefully, it will inspire us to better things.

Jim Dineen, Merlyn Lawn, Bishopstown, was in failing health for the past few months, and died peacefully at St. Patrick’s Hospital on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Jim was a native of the Boherbue area in North Cork, but came to live and work in the city many years ago. He was a very successful businessman, engaged mostly in real estate. He returned to North Cork for his final resting place, and was buried in Kiskearn on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. We extend the sympathy of the community to his dear wife Sheila, his brothers, nephews and nieces, and his many relatives and friends.

## Bible Corner

### Letter Writer Extraordinary

The cost of posting a letter looks set to rise. I do not know what it cost St. Paul to send his letters, but he certainly got value for money, as his letters are being read worldwide today almost two thousand years later. He used his letters to send greetings as well as words of reprimand and encouragement. He used them to teach and to explain his evolving vision of Jesus Christ as Saviour. It seems that no matter how long he spent teaching and preaching in any one place, there was always some new insight that he wanted to share with them after he left them. This was certainly true of the people of Corinth, a seaport of some ill-repute as well as trading prominence where he had spent a couple of years. The fledgling Christian community there was a mixture of convert Jews and of cosmopolitan believers gathered from several cultures and strata of society.

We will be reading from his first letter to this motley group over the next four weekends.





FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

**THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS  
CHRIST - OLD, YET EVER NEW**

As I wrote this heading for my little piece for the Bulletin, I felt like Michael Collins after he signed the Treaty and wrote to a friend, "I have just signed my own death warrant". Not that anybody would want to shoot me for what I write here - but I fear that nobody will want to read what I write, and my message will die from ignorance. Of course, I myself might well listen prayerfully to what I preach to others, and that in itself is worth while. Here are just four points which I consider vitally important in living out my daily life as a follower of Christ.

1. Every day I need to recall the good News that God loves me - just as I am, personally and unconditionally.
2. I am a sinner, indeed we all are. (For some reason I'm better at seeing the faults in others than myself). But the fact is - I do need a Saviour - and I have Him in Jesus Christ.
3. Thanks be to God who has saved me from the consequences of my own selfishness and failures.
- 4) I might add: Jesus will never force Himself on me. "Behold I stand at the door and knock." He is gentle and non-intrusive.

**Bible Study**

**Matthew's Gospel**

**Tuesday 22nd January**

**8.00 p.m.**

**C.P. Centre**

The gospel emphasises the teachings of Jesus more than his miracles, meshing together his origins and his destiny. To explore Matthew's gospel a small group of readers and others interested has begun to meet for an hour or so, once or twice a month. The next meeting is on next Tuesday January 22nd in the C.P. Centre. Fr. Tom Clancy will lead the group at the moment. All are very welcome. Please bring a Bible or a New Testament, if convenient.

*Final instalment on ANGELS in next week's Bulletin*

**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to the following pupils of Mount Mercy College who won awards at the recent ESAT Young Scientist Exhibition 2002:

Laura Hurley, Junior Cert. who was named as Individual Runner-Up for her Musical Theory Clock. Her project was entitled "Z12 Analysis of Musical Pieces".

Clare Cooney, 1<sup>st</sup> year, who won the Junior Individual Display with her project "Visible Pollution in an Urban River."

Jennifer O'Leary, Emma Fanning and Nicole Roche who were highly commended for their entry "Measurement of Changes in Antibiotic Resistance by Sequence Comparison".

Very well done to all.





### **Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle**

We shall resume our monthly recitals next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3.00 p.m. in the Crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Michael Cotter will give the recital, and everyone is welcome.

### **Living a Grace-Filled Life**

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter invite you to join them in a day of reflection and prayer on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 10.00 to 6.00 p.m. in Ennismore. Details from Mrs. Jean McKeown at 4545093.

### **Rehab Walks**

To Santiago de Compostela (June) and Brazil (Sept.). Volunteers needed for both sponsored walks in aid of people with disabilities. Details from Maureen Lawrence at 087-2206679.

### **The Joy of Creation**

Upton Flower Festival will hold an exhibit based on biblical themes at St. Patrick's Church, Upton on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, opening at 7.30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> with Charles Wilkins, on Saturday from 12 noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 6 p.m. All proceeds in aid of Innishannon Church Restoration.

### **I.S.P.C.C.**

Volunteers are currently being recruited in the following services: Childline, Steps, C.R.I.B. and Leanbh. If you are interested please contact Joanne at 4962949 for an application form. An information evening will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m. in 12 Mary Street.

### **FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

The Pope has invited many religious leaders to join him on Friday next at Assisi to pray for peace throughout the world. We can join our prayer with theirs especially on Friday next.

*Lord, make each one of us instruments of your peace.*

### **THANK YOU**

The collection box for the needy at the Crib over Christmas yielded almost £900 for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Much of this money was dropped in by young children. We pray that this experience of generous giving at a young age may enrich their lives always.

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### **God's Word**

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#### **Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **First Reading:**

Is.8:23-9:3. A prophecy of the time when the light of the world is to come, a prophecy we see fulfilled in Jesus.

#### **Psalms 26**

#### **Second Reading:**

1 Cor. 1:10-13,17. An appeal for believers to be united.

#### **Gospel:**

Mt.4:12-23. The Gospel tells how, at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus visited places on the fringes of Israel, as the prophet Isaiah had foretold.

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