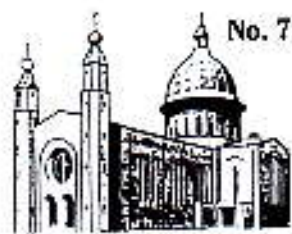




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OUR  
**PARISH  
PRIEST**

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September began on an upbeat note for me. It was not just the sunshine even though it, too, helped. The vibrant congregation last Sunday was very encouraging. Interspersed among the regular congregation were more young families looking refreshed after their summer exploits and making a new beginning at weekly worship together here. Scattered around the church were people from other countries who have come to live and work here. We welcome them, especially as their presence with us at Sunday Mass is a blessing which reminds us that we are all one family, God's people on planet earth. It reminds us, too, of our responsibility to create a welcoming prayerful community, not just for our immigrants but for one another. Our weekly Eucharist is a cornerstone of faith-filled and fruitful friendship with the Lord and with each other.

As September marks new beginnings in so many areas of life, it must also be an occasion for focusing again on our Sunday Mass. It may be a time to invite a family member to rejoin us regularly and to facilitate such a return. It may be the occasion for a renewed effort to arrive on time or earlier to attune ourselves to hear God's word. It may be

a time to guide the young in their understanding and love of their faith heritage. Maybe, the opportunity is to develop our own appreciation of God's gift of himself to us.

Opportunities for new beginnings are neglected to our cost. This time of year is such an opportunity on many fronts in personal relationships as well as in our relationship with God. Hopefully, we will make the most of the opportunity.

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

#### **First Reading:**

Sir.27:33-28:9. Both the First Reading and Gospel invite us to be merciful and forgiving to each other, as God is towards us.

#### **Psalm 102**

#### **Second Reading:**

Rom.14:7-9. Paul tells us the good news that whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

#### **Gospel:**

Mt.18:21-35. The Gospel has a sting in the tail: if we fail in forgiveness, we risk being judged according to our own standards.

## 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Our sanctuary shrine this weekend  
highlights

**REMEMBERING:** We entrust to the Lord those who died.

**HOPE:** Our hope is in the Risen Jesus, praying that his Spirit may change and guide all hearts.

**PEACE:** As our world tethers on the brink of another major war, we plead to the Lord for peace.

"Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you.

Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom."

## September 11

A mistake a lot of preachers make is to think that they've been anointed, not appointed.



*For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.*

2 TIMOTHY 1:11



**Your  
measure  
will be  
measured  
out to  
you**

The postman was everybody's friend. He fetched groceries for older people, listened to people's problems, had time for anyone in need. He even had time to listen to the complaints of the rich man in the large house at the edge of the village. The postman died, and was followed not long afterwards by the rich man.

When the rich man arrived at heaven's gate, St. Peter welcomed him and they set off through beautiful countryside. As they passed one lovely house and garden, St. Peter said, "You'll remember the postman. He lives there, you must visit him sometime." The rich man wanted to know how his postman could afford such a fine place. "He sent up lots of material," said St. Peter. "The house and garden represent all the kind words and thoughtfulness of his life."

They journeyed on, and eventually came to a run-down, dingy, little ill-kept dwelling. "Here you are," said St. Peter. The rich man was horrified. "I can't possibly live here," he said. "Sorry about that," said St. Peter, "but it's all we could manage with the material you sent up."



Denis Kerins, Wilton Gardens, died unexpectedly but peacefully on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Though a Corkman by adoption of over 50 years, he never lost his ties with his native Kerry roots as was witnessed by the large contingent from the Kingdom at his removal and funeral. Well represented there too were very many of his former nursing colleagues from Our Lady's Hospital, among whom Denis's professional competence, his integrity and his kindness are well remembered as well as his dedicated and generous service to his colleagues in their work situation. A devoted family man, a kind unassuming neighbour, a long-time member of the Franciscan Third Order, a life-long Pioneer and a true gentleman, he will be greatly missed. To his wife Eileen, son Donnacha, his brother, sisters and wider family, we offer our sincerest sympathies. Fé choimirce Mhuire go raibh sé.

Catherine Horgan, formerly of Mount Carmel Magazine Road, died peacefully on 1st July at Monfield Nursing Home where she had gone to live some years ago following a stroke. In her 96<sup>th</sup> year, she had lived a long and fulfilled life. An outstanding hockey player in her earlier days, she developed many great friendships that remained strong throughout her life. Predeceased by her husband Bill some 25 years ago, she retained a keen interest in and deep love for her family through to her grandchildren. She was blessed with a great granddaughter Isobel shortly before her death. To her son Noel, daughters Helen (O'Flynn) and Margo (Waldron), her grandchildren and the wider family circle, we extend our sincerest sympathies.



## A PRISONER'S LETTER

In the time of Jesus, Palestine was a province in the Roman Empire. However, it resisted integration into the system through its vibrant nationalism and resilient religion. Still, many Jews made their way to Rome. It was the centre of power, political and commercial. Some of the migrant Jews were believers in Jesus and brought the faith with them, winning new converts among the native Romans themselves. It was to these infant and isolated congregations that Paul wrote his letter, being at the time a prisoner himself in Rome. This weekend's extract gives very direct coherent advice about how to live the faith in a hostile environment.

*"Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments."*

*Your neighbor*



*as yourself*



**Pastoral Council**

Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September in C.P. Centre at 8.00 p.m.

**Bulletins to the Homes**

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

**Coffee Morning**

Will resume on Tuesday next 10<sup>th</sup> September. Hope to see you all again.

**St. Padre Pio**

Annual Novena at Holy Trinity Church, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, commencing 7.30 Mass Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Daily at 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

**Book Sale**

At St. Fin Barre's Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. in aid of Multi-Ethnic Ministry, Cork.

**Could You Foster a Teenager?**

People urgently needed to care for young people aged 12 years and over. The needs are varied and the Fostering Resource Unit is looking to recruit flexible, adaptable and understanding individuals and families from all walks of life. A preparation course and fostering assessment are provided. Further information from Teenage Fostering, Fostering Resource Unit, Southern Health Board, St. Finbarr's Hospital, tel. 4923025.

**Alzheimer Society**

Carers' support meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Jurys Hotel 8 p.m.  
Cork Evening Echo Ladies' Mini Marathon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Ladies, why not join the "A" Alzheimer Society Team. For your sponsorship card and free T-shirt phone 4391690/1/2.

Parish e-mail address:  
[holyspiritparish@eircom.net](mailto:holyspiritparish@eircom.net)

**Wanted**

For Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania, rosary beads, Catholic newspapers, videos, magazines, etc. Send direct to Tom Wall, Ballinookera, Whitegate, Midleton, tel. 4661552.

**Stoning to Death of Nigerian Woman**

Amnesty International have organised an online petition against the sentence to death by stoning of a Nigerian woman (Amina Lawal) convicted of adultery, which you can sign online and have sent to the President of Nigeria. <http://www.mertonai.org/amina/>

**Evening Classes**

At Bishopstown Community School. Enrolment for ECDL Computer Course on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7 p.m. Open night and enrolment for all other courses on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and daily 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Tel. 4544311.

**Short Term Courses at UCC**

Commencing first week in October, Permaculture, Rome, Creative Writing, The American Experience, Russia, Waste Challenge, etc. Details from Mr. Donal Counihan, tel 4904717/4704708, email: [s.bermingham@ucc.ie](mailto:s.bermingham@ucc.ie)

**Bishopstown ICA**

Meetings resume on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at the SMA Centre, Wilton at 8 p.m. New members welcome

**MOUNT MERCY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate students of 2002 who achieved excellent results - 20% achieving over 500 points. A special well done to our Head Girl, Dana Kelleher who got 6 A1's and an A2 in Higher Level subjects, giving her maximum points. Comhghairdeas Dana.