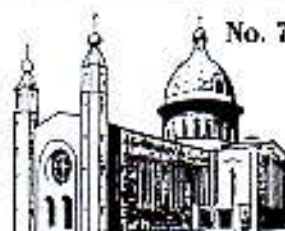


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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

What is the Weight of One Mass?

A cousin of mine told the following true story during my recent holidays. One day many years ago in a little town in Luxembourg, a Captain of the Forest Guards was in deep conversation with the local butcher when an elderly little woman entered the shop. The butcher asked the little old lady what she wanted. "Only a little meat," she replied – and added – "I'm sorry, I have no money, but I'll hear Mass for you." "Alright then," said the butcher, "you go and hear Mass for me, and when you come back I'll give you as much as the Mass is worth." She left, and the two men, who were both very indifferent about religion began to scoff at the old lady's answer.

She returned later and the butcher wrote on a slip of paper, 'I heard Mass for you', placed it on the scales with a tiny bone on the other side. Nothing happened. Then he placed a fair-sized piece of meat, but the slip of paper still outweighed it. Both men were beginning to feel a little ashamed of their mockery. The butcher placed a large piece of meat on the scales, but the slip

of paper still outweighed it. Exasperated, the butcher examined the scales, but found nothing wrong. Then and there he promised to give the little lady a daily ration of meat.

The Captain left the shop a changed man and became an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit, the other a Father of the Sacred Heart – Fr. Stanislaus, SS.CC. Fr. Stanislaus, who had originally told this story, finished by saying: "I am the religious of the Sacred Heart, and the Captain was my father."

Aunt E. Kennedy

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 6th October

First Reading:

Is.5:1-7.

Psalm 79

Second Reading:

Phil.4:6-9

Gospel:

Mt.21:33-43.

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Rest in Peace

Rosemary O'Donnell, Bishopstown Avenue West, died peacefully at Marymount on 25th July. She had been ill for a considerable time, but in spite of that she retained her pleasant and optimistic outlook through it all. Rose was a native of Co. Clare and proud of it. She had lived in Cork for many years and in her younger days did trojan work for youth as an active member of Ógra. Canon Donal Linehan recalled her extraordinary dedication to this work in his homily at her Requiem Mass, and indeed several members of that movement attended. Apart from her husband and family, her other great interest was the game of bridge, and she forged many lasting friendships through her involvement in this pastime. To her husband Conal, son Alan, daughters Helen, Maeve and Rosemary, her sister Mary, sons-in-law and grandchildren we extend sincere sympathy.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. Does this *Power to Change* campaign mean that we must give up our tradition devotions? I feel we have lost a lot from the old days.

A. Hold on to any devotion, exercise or prayer that you have found helpful. But be open to ideas that will help you grow in your knowledge and love of God. Avail of any programme that will lead you to a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. His message comes down to us in the Gospel and living tradition. The more we know about Jesus, the more we will want to know.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Mary McEnri (nee O'Shea) Model Farm Road, died peacefully after a short illness at Marymount on 27th August. She was predeceased by her husband Karl several years ago. A long-time and involved parishioner, she was helping with the parish bulletin up to her last illness. A kindly and sociable lady, she will be missed not only by family and neighbours, but by a wide circle of friends from Fountainstown, bridge and golf. Her brother, Fr. Michael O'Shea, O.F.M. returned from South Africa to celebrate her funeral Mass where he was joined by several concelebrant cousins from home and abroad. To her sons Michael, John, Brian and Joseph, to her daughters-in-law and grandchildren, to her brother Fr. Michael and to her wider family and friends, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Fé choimirce Mhuire, go rabh si.



School
Mass

LOCAL SCHOOLS

On Wednesday 25th September, staff and students of Mount Mercy College celebrated the Opening School Mass here in our Church. The Mass was celebrated by the school's chaplain Fr. Patrick Walsh, C.C. and the theme of this year's Mass was *Celebrate Life*. The pupils participated through prayer, readings, music and song.



LETTERS

A Coffee Morning

Last Tuesday a lovely coffee morning was held at 59 Wilton Gardens by our dear neighbour Ruth Walsh, a comparative newcomer to our Gardens. She sure laid it on and took in €400 for the Hospice.

Everyone enjoyed the gathering and Ruth spared nothing. May I say, as a senior citizen, I was unable to attend, sent my humble offering and am pleased to say Ruth sent me a plate of lovely home-made cakes – a choice variety. I did appreciate that and must congratulate her on the effort.

She has done several coffee mornings before, but I feel it's time she got a mention in our Bulletin.

Name and address with Editor

'Lovely is the Lough' Exhibition

Some places are best described by certain words. 'Heaven's Reflex' seems perfect for Killarney. 'Glorious' is the word for Glengarriff. 'Golden' are the sands of Dunquin.

With us who have known the Lough of Cork for a lifetime the key word would be 'Lovely'. We have come here as child, youth and adult to fish, to skate, to hurl, to walk, to plan, to hope, to pray and now in the autumn of our days we

can gaze on the grandeur of sward and tree, leaf and bark, swan and duck that Father Time has brought to maturity.

The mind enriched with the memories of so many events will have an occasion to relive and refresh at the 'Lovely is the Lough' Exhibition of photographs and pictures at the Scout Hall, Lough Church Grounds, Lough Road, from 5th to 13th October.

Looking forward to meeting you there.

Richard Henchion
Organising Committee

Bible Corner



"The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord. The Church never ceases to partake of the Bread of Life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ. For since the Scriptures are inspired by God and committed to writing once and for all time, they present God's own Word in an unalterable form and they make the voice of the Holy Spirit sound again and again in the words of the prophets and the apostles. It follows that all the preaching of the Church as indeed, the entire Christian religion should be nourished and ruled by sacred Scripture."

Vatican II



NOTICE BOARD

First Friday

Next Friday, 4th October, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will take place next Friday from 10.30 to 7.30 p.m. followed by Mass.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting next Thursday 3rd October in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass and Holy Hour in St. Marie's of the Isle on Monday 30th September at 7.30 p.m. Priest: Fr. Jeremiah Cremin.

Stroke Victims

A public lecture to help stroke victims, their families and carers will be held next Saturday, 5th October in Jurys Hotel from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The function room is wheelchair accessible. Details from the Irish Heart Foundation at 4505822.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

Next Sunday 6th October Bishopstown senior footballers take on the reigning champions, Nemo Rangers, in the final of the Cork County Senior Football Championship. This is a huge occasion for the club and indeed for all of Bishopstown. Your support at Páirc Uí Caoimh would be appreciated.

Coeliac Society of Ireland

The Southern Branch will hold a meeting in the SMA Centre, Wilton on Tuesday 1st October at 8.00 p.m.

Thank You

A very sincere thank you to each one who helped and patronised the coffee morning held at St. Joseph's in aid of Marymount Hospice. The proceeds amounted to €500. Well done!

All Night Vigil

Vigil of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held in the South Presentation Convent Chapel, Douglas Street, on the First Friday and First Saturday, 4th/5th October, 10.00p.m. to 7.00 a.m.

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels

Cooks urgently required. If you can spare **two hours** of one morning every three weeks, please contact Pat at 4545790 between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m.

HOPE Foundation

An exhibition of artwork, paintings and flower craft will be held on 26th October at Ardfallen, Douglas Road. All proceeds will go to people in great need, including street children in Calcutta who are cared for by the HOPE Foundation. The organisers are looking for items to sell - collection can be arranged. Please contact Rene 4358273 or Elma 4357708, or donations welcome at HOPE office, 4292990. Viewing from 3.30 with auction commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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