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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Patrick writes

It is said rather cynically that the reason that the harp is one of the most important Irish symbols is that if you want to get anything done you need to be able to 'pull a few strings'. In this era of openness and political correctness we would never dream of using influence for any purpose. The whole idea of an inside track is highly repulsive to us!

Well, when it comes to God he does have an inside track, and those who are on that are the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized of our society. If these are maltreated in any way, then we can be certain that we incur God's most severe anger.

"You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I will hear their cry, my anger will flare..." (Exodus 22, today's first reading).

God's word speaks volumes to us at this time.

Patrick Webb

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

**Pope John Paul announces
Year of the Rosary**

To celebrate the start of his 25th Year as Pope, the Holy Father has decreed October 2002 – October 2003 as the Year of the Rosary.

He has also decreed five additional Mysteries of the Rosary called Mysteries of Light or Luminous Mysteries. They are related to five significant moments in the public life of our Lord. They are:

1. **Christ's Baptism in the Jordan**
2. **His First Miracle at the wedding in Cana**
3. **His proclamation of the Kingdom of God with his call to conversion.**
4. **His Transfiguration.**
5. **His Institution of the Blessed Eucharist.**

This is the first change in over 1,000 years. The Pope said the aim was to give the Rosary fresh life and so enkindle renewed interest in its place in Christian spirituality as a true door to the contemplation of Christ. He hoped it would help Catholics to grow in understanding of the Gospel and to conform their lives ever more fully to Christ.



Thank You

Many people have commented on the lovely cover on the Mission Sunday bulletin. All thanks to Carmel O'Shea.



QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. I prefer to bypass the saints and go straight to God in my prayer. Am I missing anything?

A. We venerate saints for many reasons. We see the greatness of God's grace manifested in their holy lives. They show us what human nature is capable of with the help of God's grace. When on earth they helped people and they still continue to add their prayers to ours. They do not take us away from God but accompany us on our pilgrimage to God. Many people feel more inspired and stronger in their company.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

THE GOLDEN RULE

Different versions of the Golden Rule of love of neighbour are to be found in various world religions:

- Do not do to others what would earn pain if done to you (Hinduism);
- Regard your neighbour's gain as your gain, your neighbour's loss as your own loss (Taoism);
- Do to others whatever you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12).

At the time of Christ, obedience to the law of God involved 248 commands and 365 prohibitions. For Christ, the greatest of these is to devote one's energies to loving God, doing God's will each day. The second, love of neighbour, flows from the greatest.

Love of neighbour is an essential part of loving God. If anyone says that he loves God, and hates his brother or sister, he is a liar (1 John 4:20).

This love of neighbour, be it friend or stranger, widow or orphan, rich or poor, must be expressed in a practical way. We live out each present moment as an opportunity of helping those in need with a kind word or deed. Whatever you did to one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did to me (Matthew 25:40). Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable.

Fr. Ed Grimes CSSp



WITH ALL MY HEART

May I love the Lord my God
with all my heart and soul,
with all my mind and strength
and my neighbour as myself.



Feast of All Saints

Next Friday 1st November is the feast of All Saints and a holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Masses on Friday at 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Novena for Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd is the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Each priest will start a Novena of Masses on that day and will continue until 10th for all the dead on our November list. Envelopes and prayer cards available in the church. Please place your completed envelope in the box at the altar rails before the start of November.

Evening Mass

From 1st to 8th November at 7.30 p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday, 1st November is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on usual days.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place next Friday 1st November from 1.00 to 7.30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at Masses next weekend.

Arthritis Foundation of Ireland

Lecture on Osteoporosis at the Kingsley Hotel at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 5th November. Speaker Dr. Mark Phelan, Consultant Rheumatologist. Admission free, all welcome.

**Bishopstown Senior Social Centre
Wilton Park House**

Mondays: Relaxation & gentle exercises.
Classes full.

Tuesdays: Cards, 45
New members welcome.

Wednesdays: Alternative Therapy with Kieran continuing.

All sessions start at 2.30 p.m. and include cuppa and chat. Charge €2.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass and Holy Hour at St. Maries of the Isle at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 28th October. Priest - Fr. John McCarthy, Fermoy.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 3rd November

First Reading:

Mal.1:14-2;8-10. A warning for priests and other religious leaders that God is angry with those who stray.

Psalm 130

Second Reading:

1 Th.2:7-9,13. Paul reminds the people of Salonika of his work in their midst, and commends their faith.

Gospel:

Mt.23:1-12. Jesus attacks the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his time.

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A Great Gathering of God's People
To Praise, Pray, Listen, and Share
Receive
Forgiveness and Healing,
and
Build the City of God

At

SMA Hall Wilton Cork

November

Friday 15th. 8pm to 10pm
Saturday 16th. 10am to 6pm
Sunday 17th. 11am to 6pm

The Gathering will be Opened
by

Most Rev. John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross

Main Speakers:

Most Rev. Robert Rivas OP

Bishop of Kingston, St Vincent
and the Grenadines
He has spoken at many
conferences for priests and laity

Frances Hogan

Internationally recognized as
A scripture scholar.
She has given talks worldwide.
Published books and tapes

Coffee and tea available
Please come on time



Congratulations to the following parishioners who were married recently: GRACE O'CONNELL, 20 Wilton Gardens, who married Damien Callinan, Ennis and Tralee.

LISA HALL, Bishopstown Avenue, who married Todd Sanders, London and California.

November 4th

Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo

St. Charles was nephew of Pope Pius IV, and while still a young man was made Cardinal Archbishop of Milan. He devoted himself entirely to the reformation of the Church: he held Synods, built colleges, reformed communities, restored ecclesiastical discipline, cared for the poor and plague-stricken. He was the perfect pastor. He died in 1584.

Eyes to see

Lord, purge our eyes to see
within the seed a tree,
within the glowing egg a bird,
within the shroud a butterfly.
Till, taught by such we see
beyond all creatures, thee
and hearken to thy tender word
and hear its 'Fear not; it is I.'

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI, NINETEENTH CENTURY



LIFE SITUATIONS CAN BECOME OUR SPIRITUALITY

A spiritual life is not necessarily a successful life. Just staying alive can be about as much as many people can manage – working to make ends meet, living with chronic illness, coping with a drug-addicted child, struggling with disappointment.

Spirituality doesn't have to be tidy or end in the perfect personality. It doesn't have to produce a fine-tuned body and a stress-free lifestyle. It doesn't have to be publishable.

Often the effort we make to deal with pressing life situations becomes our spirituality. It is the toughest achievement. In our daily struggles we discover the grace to get on with life even at its most difficult.

We don't have to cross the Sahara on a bike or swim up the Amazon to discover new depths in ourselves. The raw material for a tough grounded spirituality is already given me.

*Fr. John Newman
Intercom*

*Nothing would be
done at all
if a man waited
till he could
do it so well
that no one
could find
fault with it.*

John Henry Newman



Bible Corner



Wearing public signs of religious affiliation has become less fashionable in our society. The Sacred Heart emblem of the pioneer pin is fast becoming a rarity.

The Scribes and Pharisees had no such reluctance about the wearing of religious emblems. Indeed, their outward religious fervour drew a scathing censure from the Lord because their life style did not match their outward show, which included the wearing of phylacteries and tassels, as we read in this weekend's gospels.

Phylacteries were small boxes worn on the left wrist and on the forehead and they contained short scripture readings, for example chapter 13 of the Book of Exodus, reminding the Jews of their liberation from Egypt. The tassels were sewn on the hem of the cloak at the corners as reminders of the Law. The longer the tassels, the more devout the wearer. Small wonder the Lord lost his patience with exterior show when there was no conversion of heart to match it.

THANK YOU

Our special thanks is due to the art teacher at Mount Mercy College, Valeric Walsh Jolley who, together with her two star students, Leigh Mulcahy and Elena Phillips, prepared the scroll of the Dead List for November.



NOTICE BOARD

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED
DURING THE YEAR**

Our traditional annual Mass for parishioners who died since November 2001 will be celebrated on Friday 15th 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



Women and Heart Disease

The Irish Heart foundation is organising a public lecture at the Imperial Hotel on Thursday 7th November at 8 p.m. The lecture will be given by Dr. Fennell, Consultant Cardiologist. Admission free. All are welcome.

Cork Institute of Technology

A Parents' Evening will be held on 6th November at the college. The evening will include an information session covering issues relevant to parents including CAO application, course structure at CIT, supports, services and facilities for students. There will also be an Exhibition where parents can discuss course queries directly with staff of the various departments.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Please collect your new rota now available on the altar rails.

N.B. When approaching the altar to distribute Holy Communion, please come forward promptly at the Sign of Peace.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Monthly meeting will take place next Thursday 7th at 8.00 p.m. in C.P. Centre.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 10th November

First Reading:

Wis.6:12-16. Wisdom is a gift freely given to those who seek it. And wisdom never disappoints.

Psalms 62

Second Reading:

1 Th.4:13-18. We're assured that we needn't grieve over the dead like people with no hope.

Gospel:

Mt.25:1-13. A warning against complacency: we need to be ready, to 'stay awake'.

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