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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

NOVEMBER - A TIME TO LINK WITH THOSE WHO HAVE GONE

Halloween time and 1st November is a mixture of fun and fear, of separation and communion, of pagan rituals and Christian prayer. As a celebration, it began for our Celtic ancestors as the final clan gathering of the year before the onset of winter with its hardship and death, with the fear that Spring might not bring new life quickly enough. It was a time to link with those who had gone before them, interceding with the kindly ones and appeasing the malevolent. The weather often conspired with the shortening day to deepen the anxiety and to heighten the need to party in case this was the end. Above all, for our pagan yet religious ancestors, it was a community time, a time for mutual support, a time for reflection on our future destiny.

The arrival of Christianity with its message of resurrection brought a sea change to this festival though, of course, the pagan elements never died

and, indeed, have revived in our time. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that those who have gone before us are now safe in the heart of God, saints but still our brothers and sisters linked by blood and faith. In heaven and on earth, we are the communion of the saints. We celebrate it especially this November.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. My understanding is that we will be judged on how we behave in this life. What is the point, then, in praying for the dead? It is too late to undo any wrongs they have done.

A. Purgatory is not so much a place of punishment as a process of growth in the journey of the soul to God. The residue of earthly imperfection impedes one's reception of the beatific vision. It is purged away. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, our prayers are accepted by God for the benefit of others.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap
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"Let Us Build the City of God"

Emmas Men's Charismatic Fellowship Cork

Invites All

Individuals and Groups
Women and Men
Young and not so young

To

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 Frances Hogan

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

Internationally recognized as
A scripturist 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, Valerie 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.

Psalm 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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