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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Patrick writes

I would like to ask a question. What is it about our society just now that every institution in it is under such scrutiny? Various offices of the government, politicians, church leaders, the Gardaí, the F.A.I. and the Windsors all have big questions hanging over them. There is a tribunal for almost everything. What is this saying about our society? Is it that we are now better people than those who went before us, more moral, more determined to do what is right? Is it the case that our ancestors were too afraid to question the most venerable institutions of the land? Is our society better now, more accountable and open? Or, is our society more media driven? Are we slaves to the business of 'blame and shame'? Is the selling of newspapers all that counts? In the Vatican Council, the church felt that it had a responsibility to read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the gospel (*gaudium et spes*). I feel we all have this duty to think and reflect on society and on where it is going. Perhaps you have some insight. What do you think? Let us know.

SHOPPING IN THE REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

- Have you checked that the Christmas cards you send are
 - religious in theme
 - made in Ireland and
 - sold in aid of charity?

- Instead of expensive presents why not agree to exchange small gifts and spend the money on gift tokens from Trócaire and Concern, which will help poor families and communities in the Developing World.
 - * With Trócaire €15 will provide a school book for ten children; €20 a grove of apple and pear trees, while €150 will give an artificial limb to one of the 80,000 Angolans maimed by land mines. Contact Trócaire, 9 Cook Street (021-427 5622), Veritas or the Body Shop for details of the full range.
 - * Concern's gifts include four mosquito nets for a malaria-stricken family (€30) or clean water for a whole community by digging a well (€100). Telephone: 1850 480 680

- You can also shop on line: www.trocaire.org; www.concern.ie

- Finally, why not give a donation in the name of a friend or relative to the St. Vincent de Paul special Christmas collection?

Congratulations

To Meadhbh O'Sullivan, Mount Eden, a 2nd year pupil at Mount Mercy College, who was chosen as winner of the *European Day of Disabled People Competition*. Almost 9000 young people from across Europe entered the competition and over 300 drawings were received from Ireland.

Meadhbh's drawing was chosen for its artistic merit and for the positive message it gave about disabled people. Her prize is a trip to Brussels with two guests for the awards ceremony on Monday 2nd December. The drawing will be used for one of the 15 official European Year of People with Disabilities postcards and e-cards, and will appear on the Irish Times on 3rd December.

The overall European winner will be decided by a public vote online at www.eddp.org on Monday 18th November. Please vote and support her.

Well done, Meadhbh.

An Evening with Cara

Concert at St. Francis Church on Sunday 24th November at 8 p.m. in aid of Marymount Hospice, featuring Cara O'Sullivan, Sonya Keogh, St. Francis Choir and Togher children's choir. Tickets €13 available from Marymount, St. Francis Church or Pro Musica. Why not give Cara's CD as a gift for Christmas, called *CARADIVA* retailing at €22, all proceeds to Marymount.

Sanctuaries for Children

Imagine what it's like to be a parent in Palestine right now. Your husband hasn't worked in two years; hunger and sickness are rampant; your young children are traumatised; water and sewerage systems are destroyed; the ground shakes with the arrival of tanks once more.

The Refugee Trust plans to set up 20 "Sanctuaries for Children" in Jenin, Bethlehem, Gaza and Ramallah. We simply want to give any child made homeless by conflict a safe place to go from morning to evening.

A place to eat. A place to play. A place to be a child again. Perhaps you have been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land or feel passionately about the plight of its people.

If you would like to help us create a space, where the seeds of hope and peace can begin to grow, please contact us at:

**Refugee Trust International,
73A Blessington Street, Dublin 7
Tel. 01-8820108/9
e-mail refugeetrust@eircom.net.**

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to
LABOUR COLLEGE, [redacted] la
Park, [redacted] la
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Wedding Announcements

We like to congratulate any of our parishioners who have got married. To facilitate this, it would be a help if you could let us know about recent marriages, as some would have taken place in churches other than our own.

Mission Awareness

Every year a missionary representative comes to the weekend Masses to speak about the work of one particular missionary group. The visit is intended to remind us of our duty as followers of Jesus to help in worldwide missionary activity. This year it is the turn of Our Lady of the Apostles missionary sisters, known to us as the Ardfoy nuns. Sr. Mairead Hickey will talk at the 6.15, 10.30 and 12.15 Masses. There will not be any special collection in connection with the visit.

Day of Prayer

At St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, on Sunday 8th December, 9.00 to 6.00 p.m. Cost €20 includes lunch, tea/coffee. Day will include confessions and Mass. Closing date for those wishing to attend is 1st December. Tel. Jackie at 4541144 after 6.30 p.m.

Irish Heart Foundation

Professor Richard Mulcahy will give a public lecture on "The Importance of Exercise in Relation to Coronary Heart Disease" at the Metropole Hotel on Thursday 28th November at 8 p.m. Admission free, all welcome.

Innishannon Creates It

On Saturday 30th and Sunday 1st December from 11.00 to 7 p.m. an exhibition and sale will be held in Innishannon House Hotel. Lace, painting, patchwork, beeswax candles, crochet, and many more creations available. All proceeds to Church Restoration Fund.

Bible Corner



MASTER CRAFTSMAN

Jesus was the storyteller par excellence and the parables are the cornerstones of the strategy. Parables were a new style of teaching story for those actually listening to Jesus, but they quickly realised that each parable had one focus, and that many of the other details are not relevant to the central message.

This weekend we have one of the crisis parables. Jesus is targeting the religious leaders, Pharisees and Scribes. They had been entrusted with the gift of the word of God. This gift was intended to inspire a better lifestyle for all. These leaders had failed to deliver and, instead, settled for their own salvation as they saw it, through a myriad of religious observances without any concern for the wider community. Jesus was warning them of the folly of their ways and that the time of reckoning was imminent.

It is a warning now for all of us with the opportunities, talents and blessings we have been given, intended to benefit the whole community.

Crypt Renovations

The Crypt is due to be refurbished in January/February. All the usual activities will be suspended for those two months. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Autumn/Christmas Dues

Over the next week, dues envelopes will be delivered to the homes of the parish through the courteous cooperation of our distributors. These Dues, which are collected twice in the year, are the main income of the priests of the parish. If you do not receive an envelope, please let us know, or contribute directly if you wish. Your continuing support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Ministers of the Word

All readers are invited to a meeting in the C.P. Centre on Thursday 28th November at 8 p.m. Please note date. Other details to follow. New rota will be available at all Masses next weekend.

St. Anne's Adoption Society

Annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

C.I.T. Open Day

Careers Exhibition on Friday 22nd November from 9.30 to 4.30 p.m. with a series of information sessions and demonstrations.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Once again may we appeal for donations to our fuel fund to help the needy of the parish. Our priests or any member of the conference will gladly forward gifts. Many thanks.

Lough Church Restoration Fund

A concert entitled "Your Favourite Melodies" will take place in the Lough Church at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 23rd November with The City of Cork Male Voice Choir, The Chorus of Opera Cork, The Unity Singers from Kilkenny, with guest soloists Sonya Keogh, mezzo-soprano and Pat Hegarty, baritone. Ticket €10 on sale at Lough Credit Union, the Lough Sacristy, Fr. John Newman (4222758) or at the door on the night.

Cork Branch Alzheimer's Society

Volunteers required to help at our Day Care Centre at Coffa House in Church Street. If you can help please ring Nurse Peggie Scriven at 4343225.



TAKE NOTE

Baile'n Easpaig Gramophone Circle

Our final recital for 2002 will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday next 20th November in the crypt of our church at Dennehy's Cross, when Seamus Murphy will provide an afternoon of delightful music. Do not miss this great occasion.

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holvspiritparish@eircom.net

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 24th November

First Reading:

Ex.34:11-12,15-17. Our King is like a shepherd who minds all the sheep, particularly those in special need.

Psalm 22

Second Reading:

1 Cor.15:20-26,28. As king, Christ has conquered all, even death itself.

Gospel:

Mt.25:31-46. Our king will reward those who look after people in need.

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