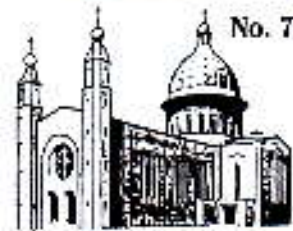




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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



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OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

Reaction to the Book of Estimates has dominated the chat shows and the media generally over the last week. The forthcoming Budget and Finance Bill will hugely influence the social fabric of our country for the coming years. Medical card hopefuls, potential house buyers, poorly housed school children, long listed hospital patients, community scheme workers and other vulnerable groups seem likely to suffer most from the cutbacks.

Is there an alternative? Are there extravagancies that could be postponed? Would the ordinary more comfortable among us really object to an increase in taxes to take the less fortunate over the hump? Have the Irish people got too selfish to suffer a little pain to help our less well off brothers and sisters? I think not. Many of us still have a memory of when we were less well off ourselves. Such an awareness keeps us tuned to the deserving needs of others. We still have a strong sense that we travel the road of life together, not alone.

How do we make our views known? Certainly, not by remaining silent. For example, do public representatives know

that we would accept more taxes to pay for a better health service for all?

Of course, I may be wrong. Maybe, followers of Jesus would not be willing to shoulder the extra taxation burden to share our country's wealth more equitably. Surely, that could not be true. Or could it?

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 1 December

First Reading:

Is.63:16-17. Isaiah regrets that God's people stray, but affirms that God is the potter, and we the work of his hand.

Psalm 79

Second Reading:

Cor.1:3-9. Paul thanks God for the graces received by the Christians in Corinth, and prays that they will remain steady.

Gospel:

Mk.13:33-37. Be on your guard, says Jesus, because the Master may come unexpectedly.

Funeral and Burial Costs

It was once said that it is hard to do well that which we can do but seldom. You cannot practise beforehand for funeral and burial, but when the time comes it will not come as a shock if this little article is considered and retained for the day. Listed are all the procedures and expenses usually involved in regard to the funeral and the burial. It is hoped that the details given will be of some benefit and guidance, so that one can condition oneself to the high costs involved.

All the prices listed have been obtained from Funeral Undertakers and must be paid at the time of the funeral. If a family wishes to

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(Government Buildings), Ballinalee Road, Longford (tel. 043-45211), or your local Social Security Office. The bereavement grant booklet SW 47 is available at the parish office.

Your undertaker will liaise with the graves superintendent who will arrange the grave opening, and with the parish priest and sacristan regarding receiving of the deceased and Mass times, etc. It is important to note there are no funeral services held on a Sunday, but on all other weekdays and Saturday morning. A booklet giving details of the funeral Liturgy is available from undertakers.

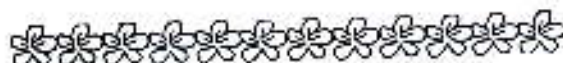
Undertakers provide what is termed a pre-need service. This entails all funeral and financial arrangements made with the undertaker well in advance of need. Undertakers will give full details on this arrangement.

Purchases of grave space:	€900
Grave opening:	€200
Purchase of headstone incl. inscription and erection	€1200
(If foundations for headstone are not in place there will be an additional charge.)	
Average funeral cost for medium priced coffin (€800) and all funeral directors' services incl. embalming, use of funeral home, removal and funeral:	€2500
Providing organist and singer (average)	€200
Offerings to clergy and sacristan	€140
Death notices (max. 2)	€250
Floral tributes	€200
Gratuities	€50
Average cost of cremation, incl. coffin (cheap), arranging all certification, doctors' fees, cremation fees, use of hearse to removal and funeral to Dublin	€3000
Memoriam cards	€100

Note: Excluding cost of grave space, headstone, the average cost of funeral and burial amounts to €3000.

SHEPHERDS FOR ONE ANOTHER

The image of God as a shepherd, which is found in both readings this Sunday, is one of the favourite pictures of God in the Scriptures. As shepherd he takes responsibility for each one entrusted to his care. In today's gospel he invites each of his followers to be shepherds for one another as they prepare for his coming. The quality of that shepherding will be evident in the particular care that is exercised for the weak and vulnerable, the little ones.





Rest in Peace

The death of Peig Lyons, late of Wilton Gardens, took place on 13th November at Madonna House, Ballincollig, where she had been well cared for during the last few years of her life. Peig, who originally came from Bantry, set up home with her late husband Jerry and they were among the early residents of Wilton Gardens. She was a woman of deep faith and had great devotion to Our Lady, especially Our Lady of Lourdes. She went to Lourdes on a number of occasions. She was a gentle person, a good friend and a good neighbour to those with whom she came in contact. We offer our sympathy to her daughter Elizabeth, granddaughter Laura, son-in-law Ronan, and to her sister Eileen. May she rest in peace.

THE LIGHT WITHIN

GUIDED ADVENT PRAYER

by

FR. DONAGH O'SHEA O.P.

"WHY WAIT?"

Wednesday 4th December 1.10 - 1.30 pm

Snack and chat afterwards

Church of the Holy Spirit
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Bible Corner



KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus began his public preaching with the ringing words: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." The notion of 'kingdom of God' or 'kingdom of heaven' is sometimes difficult to grasp. Part of our trouble is the cultural and temporal shift from the near East of two thousand years ago to our day.

The phrase 'kingdom of heaven' or 'the rule of God' is a kind of phrase in code for all that is best in the God-human relationship, in this world and in the next. As preached by Jesus, the kingdom is how we live our ordinary lives, but also what we look forward to in our future lives. According to Jesus, God's rule lies hidden and very often undetected in our world but it will, like a seed, explode into full life when we return to God. The preface of this weekend's Mass puts it well:

"A kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bishopstown young hurlers on their impressive win over Glen Rovers in Cork County Under 16 Championship last weekend.

Inspired by centre back, parishioner Shane O'Neill of Court Cairn, the whole team acquitted themselves with distinction.



NOTICE BOARD

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass and Holy Hour in St. Maries of the Isle on Monday 25th at 7.30 p.m. Priest - Fr. John O'Donovan, C.C. Ballincollig.

St. Finbarr's Hurling & Football Club

Annual Mass for living and deceased members will be celebrated at the Club on Monday 25th at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Parents in Marital Breakdown

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre will hold a course on Thursday 12th December, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. This course is an educational seminar for separating parents. For further details or to book a place, please contact 4275678.

Trócaire Celebration

A thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Buckley in the North Cathedral on Thursday 5th December at 10.00 a.m. to mark Trócaire's 10th anniversary in Cork. All are welcome.

Fund Raising Event

In aid of Millbrook Hospital and Bandon Day Care Centre at D.J. Murphys, Bridepark Cottage, Killumney, Ovens, on Thurs. 28th /Fri. 29th November, 6.00-10.00 p.m. and Sat. 30th /Sun. 1st, 12 noon to 10.00 p.m. Refreshments, raffle, Christmas sales, Adm. €5.

Arthritis Foundation of Ireland

The role of physiotherapy in the management of arthritis will be discussed on Tuesday 3rd December at the Kingsley Hotel at 8 p.m. Speakers Ms. Breda Kenny and Ms. Siobhan Egan, Chartered Physiotherapists. Adm. free, all welcome.

Chernobyl Cause

Christmas Fair at Cork Opera House this Sunday 24th at 12 noon. Sale will include fashion, crystal, pottery, painting, etc.

Christmas Baking Demonstration

Held in aid of the Carers' Association at Silversprings Hotel Conference Centre on Tuesday 26th at 8 p.m. tickets €10.

Christmas Craft Fair

In aid of the L'Arche Community on Sunday 8th at the L'Arche Community in Togher - Santa grotto, raffle, carols, etc. All welcome, no entry charge.

MOUNT MERCY NEWS

Congratulations to Dana Kelleher, Head Girl, Leaving Certificate 2002, who was awarded a U.C.C. scholarship based on her outstanding results, and is now studying Civil Engineering.

Comhghairdeas Dana.

Please Vote!

In last week's Bulletin the success of Meadhbh O'Sullivan in the *European Day of Disabled People Art Competition* was highlighted. Help her become the European winner by voting at www.eddp.org. The website is open until 1st December.

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