



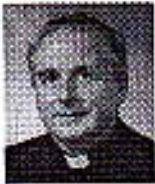
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writes

NEW BEGINNINGS

September is both harvest time and seed sowing time in nature. I was reminded of this lately when I came across a small Mountain Ash (Rowan) sapling growing in a mountainside crevice far from any other trees. The seed for this plant had probably been carried by a bird harvesting ripe autumn berries for food. Even though dropped in a most inhospitable environment, the fertile seed had germinated and was thriving on a rocky cliff face. Its bird sower is totally unaware of the wonder of its sowing.

Life can be like that too. A seed of kindness, of love, of faith often seems to be unappreciated, ignored, lost, but yet, it can germinate, take root and blossom in the most unlikely life situation.

Our call is to harvest but not to hoard the blessings of life. Part of the harvesting is time spent daily in prayer to tune in with God and to his gifts. Then, nurtured by his love, we bring the seeds of his care to even the harshest crevices of life and entrust the next harvest to Him. Harvesters, seed

sowers, such is our calling:

*"We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise."
Romero.*



Back to School



Bishopstown Senior Social Centre

Weekly activities have resumed.

Mon and Thurs: Relaxation and gentle exercises with Hosannah Driver.

Tues: Cards - 45 - beginners welcome. Coaching by Jack O'Connell and Haulie Lynch.

Wed: Varied activities.

New Activity - Computer coaching for "The Petrified" on Tuesdays and Thursdays in new computer room.

New Seniors especially welcome. €2 per session (includes cuppa and chat.) Queries anytime to Roger Coughlan at 086 3866975.



Rest in Peace

Eamonn Mansfield, of Farranlea Grove, died on 5th July after a long illness patiently borne, and was laid to rest in his beloved Ardmore, after Mass celebrated on 8th July by his son, Fr. Declan. Possessed of a deep faith, and a courtesy which seemed inherent in his nature, he was a gentle, self-effacing man, and kindly neighbour. He loved the language and traditions of his native Déisce, and taught Irish to students of the V.E.C. for many years. A keen gardener, and a craftsman by instinct, he was willing to try his hand at anything, and the Offertory tributes at his funeral Mass bore witness to his talents. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go to his wife Madeline, his sons, Fr. Declan and Joe, his daughter-in-law Julie, grandsons Billy and Kevin, and the wider circle of his family, friends and neighbours. I bPárrthas na nGrás go raibh sé.

Richard Hogan, College Road, died at the Bon Secours Hospital on 29th June. He has spent a good part of the past year as a patient there. Incidentally, Richard's brother, the late Monsignor John Hogan, served as a chaplain in the hospital for many years. Richard had a long and varied career in business. He also found time to represent the College Road area on our Pastoral Council for a number of years, and took an active and helpful interest in our parish activities. He was pre-deceased by his wife Grace and son Eddie. We extend the sympathy of our community to his family - Alex, John, Dick, Niamh and Mary, his sister Ann, grandchildren, and wider family and friends.

Vivian Foley, Wilton Gardens, died very unexpectedly at home on the morning of 30th June. His sudden death shocked not only his family and friends, but a very wide circle of people, as he died during a telephone interview on radio about car safety on the roads, a topic that concerned him greatly and to which he had contributed enormously in latter years. He was enthusiastic about every aspect of life and the opportunities it brings us. His own life was a tapestry of interests and skills, academic, technical and social. A long-time teacher with the County V.E.C., Vivian had gone on to lecture at C.I.T. He had served the wider community in many ways including being a civil defence warden. But the focus and joy of his life was his home and family. He shared with them his vision that perfection is to be found in the small things of life, but perfection is no small thing. To his wife Kathleen, his daughter Anne, sons Andrew, Ken and Vivian, together with their wives, beloved grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and a very wide circle of relatives, colleagues and friends, we extend our deepest sympathies. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a anam dílis.

W E O F F E R O U R S Y M P A T H Y T O

We offer our sincere sympathy to
MARY WALL, Wilton Gardens, on the
death of her mother, Mary Lucey.
To BRIDGETTE FITZGERALD, Kenley
Drive, on the death of her mother,
Margot Enright.



Disability Information Awareness Week

If you or someone you know has a disability, don't hesitate to contact Cork City Citizens Information Service to check out the support and information resources available to you. Confidential Helpline 4277377.



Evening Classes

Bishopstown Community School enrolment on Wed. 10th September, 7.00-8.30 p.m. and thereafter daily from 10.30 to 4.30 until Tues. 16th. All courses commence on 22nd September. Enquiries to Catherine at 4869310.

Cork Institute of Technology registration from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. 8th/9th September. Further information 4326577/6536 or e-mail adulted@cit.ie.

Colaiste Stiofain Naofa information available from Mary Scriven at 4961020.



Christ the King Church

Liam Lawton and Lorica in concert on Saturday 27th September at 8 p.m. Tickets €15 available at Turner's Cross parish office 4312465, Pro Musica 4271659 and Veritas 4251255. Proceeds in aid of restoration fund.

Bible Corner



The three great religious leaders of the Hebrew people were Abraham, Moses and Jacob. So it was to be expected that Jacob became a very popular name, with most families having a Jacob among them. In Greek, the name became Jakobos and in English became James. So, among the twelve apostles of Jesus it is not surprising that there were two named James. One of these was chosen as a disciple by Jesus together with his brother John when they were fishing with their father Zebedee, and whose mother approached Jesus looking for the top jobs for her boys. The other apostle, James, is described as a son of Alphaeus.

Then, there was James, a cousin of the Lord, who became leader of the young Church in Jerusalem and who was the one to whom Peter sent word immediately when he was miraculously released from prison. "Go tell James and the brethren." This was the James who vigorously defended Paul's practice of admitting Gentiles to the Church. James was martyred for his faith. It may have been one of these three named James who wrote the letter from which this weekend's second reading is taken. We do not know for certain.

For us the crucial point is not the author but the content of the message, which is a very challenging one. Faith in the Lord Jesus is vitally important, but it must be lived out in practice through recognising that nobody is insignificant in God's eyes, but each has been chosen "to be rich in faith and to be an heir to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him."



For Your Diary

Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 8th September in Parish Centre at 8.10 p.m.

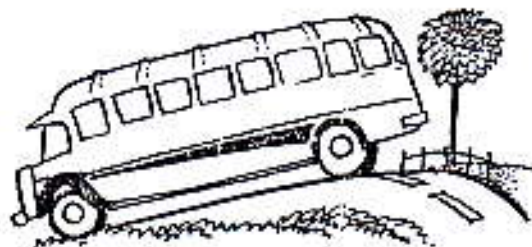


Tuesday Coffee Morning

Resumes on Tuesday 9th September. We welcome new and old friends.

Bishopstown G.A.A. Club

Sports Complex. Autumn/winter rates. Peak (after 5 p.m.) €35. Off-peak €25. Bookings phone Conor at 086 3743752.



C.I.E. Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 14th September. Details from John C Hennessy at 4506976.

N.A.O.M.I.

Information on pre-marriage courses, natural family planning, achieving a pregnancy, menopause counselling at 36 Washington Street, tel. 4272213, Tuesday to Friday.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

087 - 251 9940

Padre Pio Annual Novena

At the Church of the Most Holy Trinity from 15th to 23rd September daily at 10.00 and 7.30 p.m. Masses.

Get Involved!

Street Children of Calcutta

You can help by taking part in the Evening Echo Women's mini-marathon in aid of the Hope Foundation, which takes place on 21st September. Further information from Liza at 4292990 or e-mail admin@hopcfoundation.info.

Meeting

Bishopstown I.C.A.

Meetings resume on Thursdays 11th September at SMA Hall, Wilton.

God's Word

Readings for Sunday 14th September

First Reading:

Num. 21:4-9. Isaiah promises that when the Messiah comes, the deaf will hear and the dumb will speak.

Psalm 77

Second Reading:

Phil.2:6-11. James complains of class distinction at religious services.

Gospel:

Jn.3:13-17. Through Jesus' healing ministry, the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

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